



# THE KINGSMEN

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Head: Old Boys' Association

## The President's Report

Dear Fellow Old Boys

Well it is hard to believe that the 75th Reunion has been and gone and in some ways is now a distant memory. It was great to be involved in what everybody described as a great event and I hope those who attended enjoyed the programme and the catch up with old school buddies. To see the Edgar Centre full on the Saturday with over 500 Old Boys and wives/partners was a great spectacle. I would like to thank all those that attended and who were part of a very historical occasion of a great School.

My thanks to those who were part of the Committee and in particular to John Barr who chaired the 75th Reunion Committee. If I start naming those who were part of the massive organisation behind the celebrations I am bound to miss someone out so I will resist that temptation. Everybody did their bit and their contribution was borne out by the success of the celebrations. We have ended up on the right side of the ledger which was also a big plus and the Committee has decided to repay the Association for the cost of the watches which were presented to the recipients of the Wall of Fame.

Otherwise the year has been business as usual with the numbers of members holding well. We picked up some

new members from the reunion and we encourage all Old Boys to join up and receive the *Kingsmen* as part of their subscription. We will also hold a Dinner again this year and the Annual General meeting is scheduled for April. The school remains in good heart and according to our correspondent on the ground (Fox Larkins) this year's 3rd form intake has been one of the biggest yet. No doubt the new Rector Dan Reddiex has had a big hand in getting the numbers up.

As I put pen to paper to complete this report we are hearing of the tragic events in Christchurch (again) and our thoughts go out to the whole of Christchurch and especially our Old Boys and their families in the Canterbury region. We trust that you will all come through this without too much heartache and distress. The September quake was notable for the absence of the loss of life but this latest disaster just defies belief. If any Old Boys in Christchurch need help from us in the rest of New Zealand you know we are here for you.

Kind regards

Doug Jackson (1960–63)  
PRESIDENT



### Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Wednesday 13th April 2011 in the School Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

Graham Dalton (1945–48) will talk about the association of King's High School pupils in the earlier days with the Andersons Bay Sea Scouts. In the late 1940s a group nearly all from King's took the M.V. "Alert" up the coast of New Zealand.

#### 75th REUNION

DVD's of the weekend are available to those who paid registrations to the reunion for \$10 postage paid, and others \$20.

Please forward to the Association C/o Doug Jackson, 170 School Road, RD2, Mosgiel, 9092 or credit Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin Branch a/c 02-0900-0062936-000. Email: jackson3@pcconnect.co.nz. Please note details slightly different from those shown in the Reunion publication.

## Financial Report

There was a large deficit in 2010 of \$8,125 brought about by one off exceptional items of expenditure. They were the Wall of Fame and gifts to those honoured totalling \$7,105, and the extra publication covering the Reunion of \$2,651. Also as can be seen from the comparisons below other expenditure has increased the last 2 years.

Our major item of expenditure for many years has been the *Kingsmen* which was \$8,533 in 2010 covering production, printing, envelopes, postage and the Statement of Accuracy to qualify for bulk discount posting. From the 1st October 2010 the bulk rate for a C5 (50% A4 size) envelope is under 49 cents

compared with \$1.20 ordinary post, which on 850 three times a year, after SOA charge means a saving of \$1,490.

Really it has been our increasing membership which has covered all bar the exceptional items the last 3 years. If new items of exceptional expenditure are committed subscriptions will have to be increased.

At 31/12/10 we had \$18,647 with the bank, less Sundry Creditors of \$2,536, being mainly the 75th publication. The Subscriptions in Advance of \$6,525 covers Membership for Life having been paid.

## Summary of Income and Expenditure

Since subscriptions increased to \$20 pa.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Income					
Subscriptions	\$15233	\$15510	\$17275	\$19855	(a)
Other	\$1166	\$1609	\$1470	\$909	
Exceptional		\$1175			
	<b>\$16399</b>	<b>\$18294</b>	<b>\$18465</b>	<b>\$20764</b>	
Expenditure					
Kingsmen	\$6771	\$8143	\$7786	\$8533	
Other	\$4442	\$4693	\$7555	\$10600	(c)
Exceptional		\$6398	\$6935	\$9756	(b)
	<b>\$11213</b>	<b>\$19234</b>	<b>\$22276</b>	<b>\$28889</b>	
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$5186</b>	<b>(\$940)</b>	<b>(\$3811)</b>	<b>(\$8125)</b>	

(a) Increasing membership

(b) 2008	Archive room	\$6398
2009	Archive room	\$5480
	Flagpole and flags	\$1455
2010	Wall of Fame	\$7105
	Reunion Publication	\$2651

(c) Other regular expenditure had been consistently between \$4-5000 for several years until 2008. It has increased substantially with the website 2009 \$1371, 2010 \$2632 and restoring historical items 2009 \$1196, 2010 \$1182, but other regular expenses increased last year (register of ex-pupils, school scholarships and prizes).



Again we wish to thank those who have firstly supplied copies of their class photos as requested in the September 2010 *Kingsmen*, and by direct contact, but we are still short of 1955 Form 3D and 1956 Form 3A. Secondly we thank those for indentifying boys but here again there are many gaps shown as ????

It is very unfortunate that there are no photos in the school archives, and strange that for instance, we can only locate 13

for the 18 classes of 1956, especially when framed photos were around the walls.

We hope that you can still supply copies, and names. Also please advise if you disagree.

1. For preference forward to our P.O. Box 163, Dunedin 9054, a photo, if you do not require it, with those named as far as possible.

or

2. A good photocopy

or

3. Email a photocopy to: [office@kingshigh.school.nz](mailto:office@kingshigh.school.nz) (but state for "Old Boys Assn")

## 1955 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3A Form Photo

*Back Row:* Michael Cunningham, John McMillan, Neil Reddington, Richard McDonald, Peter Dingwall, Daniel Brent ?, Bob Strong  
*Second Back Row:* Bill Thompson, Keith Silver, ????, Gordon Randle, Cliff Mould, Kim Morrison, ????, Craig Hunter ?  
*Second Front Row:* David Jones, Ray Bennetts, Bill Wilson, Ted McDougall, Ian Farrant, Jim Stenhouse, Mr Arthur Donovan  
*Front Row:* John Matheson ?, Brian Keen ?. Brent Torrance, David Notman, Alistair Liddell? Doug Vaudrey, Lance Brown  
 On roll but not named in photo: Errol Ball, Alan Caudwell, Ken Davidson, Les Dickie, Neville Idour, Norman Robinson.  
 Two in the photo have not been identified whilst four are not certain.



### 3B Form Photo

*Back Row:* Robin Douglas, Noel Bradshaw, Murray Todd, Bevan Arnott, Barry McKay, Colin Nicholls, Bruce Douglas  
*Second Back Row:* Jack Dodds, Colin Gough, Ross Simons, Graeme Ballantyne, John Miller, Richard Cavanagh, Peter Lintern  
*Middle Row:* John Ward (slightly forward), Brian Crosby, Peter Bryant, Ian Smith, George Grellet, Ashley Ford, David Ingram, Mr Alister Price  
*Second Front Row:* Bruce Hormann, Graeme Brown, Ian Gamble, Bill Mason, Keith Campbell  
*Front Row:* Bill Hosiet, Trevor Johnstone, Malcolm Douglas, Bill Stewart, Murray Crosland, Roger Fogo, Ian Lennon  
 All present and named.



### 3C Form Photo

*Back Row:* Roger Aitken (slightly forward), Stan Hughes, Norman Paterson, Dennis Aiken, ????, ????, Tom Warner, Bill Smith (slightly forward)  
*Second Back Row:* Ron Inglis, ????, Errol Scott, Roland Rowlatt, ????, Graeme Shiefflbien  
*Middle Row:* ????, ????, Ross Gourley, ????, Dave Boucher, ????  
*Second Front Row:* John Cole (standing tall, ????, Bryan Burt, Steven Turner, Peter Loughton, ????, Roy Bremner, Peter Olsen, Mr Neil Howard  
*Front Row:* Graeme Borley, ????, Hugh Morrison, Digby Flockton, Andrew Botting, ????  
 Class roll = 34 less named 22 = 12 not named (John Bradbury, Les Duncan, Alex Johnston, Doug Jordan, Malcolm McDonald, Peter MacDougall, Ross Mercer, Ernest Penny, Clark Simmonds, Murray Smith, Stephen Stiles, Roger Thomson)

### 1956 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3L Form Photo

*Back Row:* David Brown, Phillip Thomason, Colin Emslie, Richard Solomon, Neville Bingham, Robert Stewart, Neil Gilmore  
*Third Row:* Alex Chang, George McLeod, Russell Pellowe, Stephen Kidd, Denis Outram, Jim Benzoni, Peter Forbes, Neil McLean, Barry Lino  
*Second Row:* Peter Buckley, Roger Dunbar, John Harraway, Mr Cliff Betts, Neil Jowsey, Ian Jefferson, Murray Fletcher  
*Front Row:* John Yeoman, Jim Olsen, Richard Maddren, Bernard Thornton, Lindsay Brown, Denis Raines, Trevor Robertson  
 All present and named.



### 3B Form Photo

*Back Row:* Jeff Todd, Grant Hedges, Malcolm Arnold, Mike Ravenwood, Brian Finn, Howard Reilly, Bruce Deuchrass  
*Second Back Row:* Ian Drake John McLean, Ken Ward, Michael Whitehead, Anthony Bell, Harry Price, Garry Maher, Graeme Brown, Alec Martin  
*Second Front Row:* Bill Arnold, Peter Mulqueen, Selwyn Inglis, Mr Adam Coxon, Gary Inglis, Murray Martin, Wayne McCausland  
*Front Row:* Ron Wilson, Keith Souness, Paul Stuart, John Riach, Richard Rimmer  
 All present and named.



### 3C Form Photo

*Back Row:* John Milburn, ????, ????, ????, Ron Reed, Trevor Mason, Bill Clapperton  
*Third Row:* Roger Mackie, Bill Lough, Geoff Flockton, Lee Whitrow, Warwick Brook, Stuart Cochrane, Russell Gault, Roy Wassell, Russell Duell  
*Second Row:* Keith Williamson, Alan McKenzie, Eddie O'Brien, Mr Alister Price, Peter Montgomery, ????, Russell Stephens  
*Front Row:* ????, Bill McCabe, Geoff Duncan, Garney Dodds  
 On roll but not named in photo: Ian Bichan, Gerald Hill, Russell McClue, Malcolm McLaren, Warren Redshaw, Edward Stephens, Stuart White



### 3D Form Photo

*Back Row:* ????, Douglas Robertson, Ian Haigh, ????, ????, ????

*Third Row:* Brian Todd, Russell Nieper, ????, ????, ????, Jimmy Wong, Evan Jones, Neville Allpress, Lennox Edmunds

*Second Row:* Bob Brown, Tony Rehu, Wing Sue, Mr Rae FAMILTON, Barry Garland, Graeme Eccles, Russell Brooks

*Front Row:* ????, John Stiles, Jim Callaghan, Winston Watt

On roll but not named in photo: Derek Beynon, Murray Findlay, Robert Fitzpatrick, Francis Hancock, Brian Haworth, Neville King, Glenn Marshall, Brian Patchett, Roger Robertson, Gordon Te Au, Wesley Thomas

### Missing

Once again wish to thank those who responded to our requests for information concerning those Old Boys for whom we had no details.

Of the 1953 intake, Roy Harbour now lives in Nerrina Vic, but Peter Burrige died in Blenheim in 1976, and Richard Davies in Nelson in 1977.

Of the 1954 intake, Kenneth Edlin lives in Portarlington, Vic; Barry Hunter in Cooktown, Qld; Graham Mitchell in Perth, WA; and George Williams in Christchurch.

Of the 1955 intake, John Bowen lives in Sunny Bank Hills, Qld; Lance Brown in Kalgoorlie, WA; David Ingram in Camberwell, Vic; Brian Muntz in Medowie, NSW; Martin Penrose in Lower Hutt, and Roland Rowlatt in Picnic Point, NSW; while Steve Stiles (for many years in Bristol, Eng, but now of Dunedin) and Brent Torrance (Sunshine Coast, Qld) both attended the 75th Reunion to prove that they were still alive!

Included in this *Kingsmen* are some photos of the 1956 intake, which with later inclusions numbered 148, of whom 23 are known to have died. The circumstances of the following 26 are unknown to us: Neville William Allpress, Alistair Edward Batchelor (came in 1958, was with NZ Police in North Shore), James Allan Bisset, Peter John Buckley (was a medical doctor in New York), Stuart *Douglas* Cochrane (Dargaville?), Robert William Fisk (Whitby?), Murray James Hastie (was

St Leonards), Brian Maurice Haworth, Ronald John Hunter (Judea, Tauranga?), Stuart Geoffrey Jones (was St Kilda, now Paraparaumu?), Neil Gordon Jowsey, Barry Frederick Lino, Russell Alexander Lloyd McClue (was Hamilton, bro. David in Akld), Eric *Malcolm* McLaren (was Mosgiel, now Tauranga?), Garrick Robert Maher, Murray Albert Martin (Papanui?), John *Stuart* Miller (came in 1957, Mangere? Kelston?), Geoffrey John Murray, Anthony Keri Rehu, Roger William Robertson (Napier?), Paul George James Stuart, (was Styx, Christchurch), Gordon William Theodore Te Au, Wesley James Thomas (bro. of Bruce), Lee Desmond Whitrow (was Concord, then Wakari, son Karl in Rotorua), Jimmy Wong, and Bernard Stanley Woolford.

### Memories

#### 1. *Carisbrook*

Although not specifically relating to King's High School, going to, and even participating in some sport on Carisbrook has been part of life for many who went to the School. Also it is in our area of Dunedin.

With the final fate of Carisbrook unknown many memories have been dusted off and recalled, as an anonymous Old Boy from up north has done below.

I have so many Carisbrook memories—here's a few of the early ones.

- first went there to watch Otago play Southland in 1954, before my 8th birthday;
- the following February, saw the MCC bowling New Zealand out for 125 on a sunny February afternoon in 1955, with Bert Sutcliffe last out for 74;
- went with Dad to a rugby test for the first time in winter 1955 to see NZ beat Australia 8–0 ... can you name the centre who dropped a goal for us?—doubt if any centre has done that since!
- ran after Messrs Moir and McGregor to get their autographs after the close of play on the first day of the test against the West Indies in 1956—NZ all out for about 76—then I tripped and fell, grazed my knee and primary teacher Moir gave me a ride home with my heroes!! I still have the autograph book. Years later, Alex and I were paired together in a golf tournament in Tarras. He was not a well man, but was delightful company.
- My brother and I queued for hours—as one did in those days—to get into the All Blacks vs Springboks test in 1956. We got in about 9.30am, stood at the Railway workshop end behind the goalposts, froze for hours before the game, and really only remember Ron Jarden intercepting when a Bok try looked certain ... he scored at the Rose Stand corner, and Carisbrook went berserk. NZ 10, SA 6.
- Took my scorebook to watch all the Plunket Shield cricket at Carisbrook in 1956–7 and 1957–58. Saw Bob Blair and BD Morrison (whom I later played against in senior reserve cricket in the Hutt Valley) bowl Otago out for 34, then WS Haig bowled 14 consecutive maiden overs of his dry offspin for us, but we still lost. JR Reid was living in Oamaru and playing for Otago in those days—saw him smash about 40 off ND before a big aggressive quickie called DB Clarke bowled him. A meeting of two giants of NZ sport.
- I was selling pies for Don Dennis the day in 1957 we lost the Ranfurly Shield to Taranaki. Who would have thought that Carisbrook would pass away before the Log 0 Wood came back to see her?
- Played schoolboy cricket for the Carisbrook Club around this time on a special little pitch in the scoreboard corner. At the end of one game, a boy from a visiting team had an epileptic fit. We all thought he was dead and ran for help. Have never been so pleased as I was to see that guy sitting up when we returned with adult help.
- You'll like this one—Ron Neilson and I kept scorebooks for the Bert Sutcliffe benefit match in April 1961. Felt so important!
- Fast forward to '63 when I got to play rugby there for the first time—for KHS 1st XV vs Pirates, in the curtain-raiser for the Otago vs England game. We won.
- 1965—saw my classmate and 1st XV teammate Evan Taylor play his first game for Otago, and later that year, Otago pushed the Boks close, with Evan one of the stars.
- Same year, stood in persistent drizzle on the famous terrace with Warren Shirley to see the ABs beat the Boks 13–3.
- 1966, got promoted to the Zingari seniors and played against Varsity A in the main game. Thought I was Christmas, even though we lost. Later that year, I got a special regrade from the ORFU to the Zingari Senior Reserve side (with whom I'd played the first half of the season), and became (arguably!) the first man to play prop and fullback on Carisbrook in the same season! The regrade was to enable me to play against Taieri in the final of the Gallaway Trophy. We won, and during our celebrations into the small hours of the morning, England beat Germany to win the 1966 World Cup.

- For the record, I scored two tries at Carisbrook, both in the first half of the same game in 1967. If you can find anyone else who remembers that, I'll be amazed ... But I kept the clippings. Not a fat file.
- During my short stint teaching at King's in Feb 1968, I walked with Clive Geary over to Carisbrook in the KHS lunchbreak to watch Dowling and Murray open the batting in the NZ vs India test. Both became work colleagues of mine—Bags was my boss at Naenae College in the early 80s and Dows became Bursar at College House during my brief stint as Principal there. Both fine men.  
Enough. Why is my short-term memory not as good as that?

The Editor's first games as a spectator after school, and on a Saturday with my father were ones still quoted in history.

The very first time at Carisbrook was in 1945 when Otago played a strong Australian cricket team with Walter Hadlee scoring 198 for us.

Then in 1947 seeing most of Bert Sutcliffe's 197 for Otago against the MCC.

In 1947 sitting on the grass in front of the Terrace watching the much quoted mid week Ranfurly Shield game when Otago were down at half time against Auckland, but came back a different team in the second half to win 18–12.

## 2. *Memories of Chisholm's King's and its Green Fields* By the Hon Hugh Templeton (1945–47)

*"We live by Memories"*

Our "Man of Authority" must be the one abiding memory of the first generation of *Kingsmen*: "The Beak" Surrounding "the Beak" in any memory must be the green, poplar lined playing fields of King's. Once they inspired me to a poem for Popeye Chisman's magazine.

The playing fields of Eton allegedly won the battle of Waterloo. Dudley Chisholm's Poplar lined playing fields made King's. How extraordinary for a school founded only in 1936 to have such beautiful grounds. Once he had the whole school clean out the grass around them. The Beak retired with a credit of a plantation of poplars. Perhaps like Bernard Shaw he knew "trees are older and wiser than man".

King's was named for King George V and his jubilee year. At the older King's lying in state in Westminster Hall, an Otago Rhodes scholar Geoff Cox observed: "The crowds passing by the bier were mourning both the Old King and the war they sensed looming". Two monstrous great wars shaped the effortless, easy, natural authority that built King's. His authority encouraged service as a pupil, as a player, as a cadet and occasionally as a prefect.

65 years on the greatest honour was, that man of authority, naming one as Head Prefect. A green youngster barely senses what authority is about, the more so in following a great Head Prefect of effortless authority. Ian Murdoch had been Head Prefect for the founding two years. "Frank" (Lester) Taylor deservedly emulated that founding record. In 1945 and 1946 my vivid memories are of Frank on the Hall stage telling us what was what, leading the school haka, facing down a bully on the Green Island trains, and coming off the scrum to break the spirit of OBHS in our annual School game. On the lower ground he moved on the blind and took the gap to score under the posts. Frank was one of those rare beings, a philosopher who should have gone into politics.

My warm intellectual memories are of the calibre of the Chisholm era teachers—the Howards and Ensors who taught Malcolm Templeton—and the O J Beggs, Frosty Frasers, Curly Richards, Sahara Ted Hayes, and Popeye Chismans and specially the great Bill Mayhew who taught a 6A history class of four: a Moderator of the Presbyterian church, the Very Rev John Murray; a Fellow of Linacre, Colin Newbury; Ian Page a much loved master of Kings and then (like the great Basil Howard) Otago University Liaison officer. Among them the Musketeers of the 1947 Upper Sixth took a record three National Scholarships. The memorials may record a scholastic achievement Curly Richards certainly referred to with pride at the 50th Jubilee. But is there a memorial to Bill Mayhew? As a master of eloquent influence he featured with Ian Page and Reg Graham in being mentioned at the 75th. Should we not use the tribute of our musketeer poet, Colin Newbury (who was at school with our greatest poet James K Baxter, so fittingly remembered at the 75th) as a memorial to Bill Mayhew who “opened the gates of cities and taught us to sift wisdom” ....

#### TRIBUTE TO A TEACHER

*Who died young, still working  
Among ungrateful classrooms. Those  
Who have cause to remember are all living,  
And are glad for preservation from pedantry,  
For the safe journey past mirages  
In the desert that is academic history,  
Where he found them oases, conjured all  
Nations who camped there, was familiar  
With their people, their rise and fall.  
Who pointed us to so many roads he could  
Never travel, opened the gates of cities  
Whose stones and heritage he understood  
And wisely taught us how to sift  
Their wisdom, leaving us a watchful deference  
To the judgments of age. It is a rare gift.*

Colin Newbury, 1956  
(K.H.S., 1943–1947)

W. R. (Bill) Mayhew (staff 1945–54) died aged 38 years in 1954.

3. A recent Email comment by Hugh Templeton (1945–47) to Warwick Larkins (1960–63) on the subject of Cricket advised how he had been trying to teach his grandchildren the old 1936–40 Tainui Tip and Run as promoted by Otago Rep Jock McMullan a prominent primary Principal of the day. Hugh further went on that the children still tried to hit the ball as far as possible making it a difficult day in the field for him.

We recalled Ted Badcock and Roger Blunt, George Dickinson, Vern McArley, Alex Moir, Les Groves, Doug Morrison, Ced Elmes, Lankford Smith and the Watson Brothers (Albert, Lesley, Eric and Len)

Rugby also came up with Rex Orr being a fellow Gore High School pupil. In 1947 Hugh broke his collarbone early in a club game (King’s won 77–nil) and was out for the rest of the season—he fainted and can remember Bill Mayhew taking him to hospital. Vic Cavanagh, and Charlie Saxton, were both remembered fondly with the 1947 Otago v Auckland at Carisbrook cherished. Ron Elvidge and Jimmy Kearney impressed greatly that day.

But sport was not all that was recalled. I advised how I had once met Norman Shelton a National Party Cabinet

Minister under Keith Holyoake and that his 3 nephews had all attended King’s—Warwick Shelton Harford (1946–49), Graeme Shelton Harford (1949–52), Byron Shelton Harford (1951–54) and currently one of Graeme and Jenny Harford’s (former King’s Librarian) daughters Jo was on the teaching staff of King’s. Hugh advised that Norman Shelton was an excellent man and a great Minister of Customs and that on Norman’s last night in parliament they had shared a few wee drams.

## Activities Around the Country

### Dunedin

1. *Annual Meeting and Social*

Just another reminder of the above to be held Wednesday 13th April in the School Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

2. *Lawn Bowls*

The annual bowls match has been arranged for Wednesday 6th April meet 1pm commencing play by 1.30pm at Balmacewan Bowling Club, 31 Balmacewan Road, Maori Hill.

Any Association member who wishes to play please contact Noel Hudson 454 4449.

3. *Football*

The annual football game between the school 1st XI and the Old Boys was played at De Carle Park on Thursday September 9 in cold and windy conditions.

With seven current National or Southern League players, plus a NZ Futsal international the Old Boys were always going to dominate. The 1st XI supported by Tony Martin and Rector Dan Reddiex, plus outstanding efforts from Jake Jackson and Taylor McCormack, were always competitive and never gave up against quicker and technically slightly better players. The score was a 9–4 victory for the Old Boys. Thanks to Jim Muir and Tony Martin for organising the expupils squad. Players were as follows:

Anthony (Tony) Martin (1982–87), Peter Ritchie (1972–75), Geoff Rodden (1974–78), Jim Muir (1960–64), Tim Horner (1998–2000), Riki Childley (1994–98), Andrew Coburn (1993–97), Richard Smith (1997), Tom Connor (2002–07), Ben Connor (2005–09), Tim Dunn (2004–08), Michael Sannum (2003–07), Justin Flaws (1994–98), Luke Herden (1991–96 and Captain 2010 North Otago rugby team).

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

1. *Report from Grahame Howley*

Following on from our successful lunch gathering held in July at the Bays Club, another luncheon was held at the same venue on Thursday 25 November.

On this occasion 27 members attended and 24 apologies were received. Most members were contacted by email and just a few telephone calls had to be made. There are about 35 non-members of the Association on our books and we only contacted those who had attended functions in the past or who had indicated an interest. Three members from “across the bridge” also attended.

Those who had attended the 75th Reunion could be heard recounting their time down at the reunion and those that they had met and many experiences were recalled while they were at school.

The Reverend Rodney Duncan (63–67) said grace and a minutes silence was also observed to respect the passing of John Dykes (47–50) who had been at our July meeting.



Our thanks go to John Somerville who had again arranged for us to be hosted at the Bays Club and who had taken care of the seating arrangements and who provided each member present with a permanent nametag. Our thanks also go to Bill Templeton (47-49) who again captured the gathering with his camera. It is our intention to hold a further function in March or April.



Four who commenced in 1947 Form 3L when they met up again at the July 2010 luncheon—Martin McClatchy, Bill Templeton, the late John Dykes and Roger McMillan.

## 2. *Contacts*

John Somerville (1950–54) 51 John Downs Drive, Browns Bay 0630. Email: tonyjaw@xtra.co.nz  
 Grahame Howley (1951–53) 12 Stanaway Street, Hillcrest 0627  
 Email: ghowley@ihug.co.nz

## **Nelson**

### 1. *Contacts*

Kevin St John (1957–62) 19 Bryant Road, Brightwater 7022. Email: kgstjohn@xtra.co.nz  
 Jan Reddington wife of Eddie Reddington (1952–54)  
 7 Somerset Terrace, Stoke 7011. Email: edjanr@xtra.co.nz

## **Christchurch**

### 1. *Contacts*

Chairman: Murray Dunbar (1953–57) 38 Colombo Street, Lower Cashmere, Christchurch 8022.  
 Email: rmdunbar@clear.net.nz  
 Phone: 03 960 3770  
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Secretary: Ian Gamble (1955–58) PO Box 5178, Papanui, Christchurch 8542.  
 Email: meadowpark@xtra.co.nz

Treasurer: Alan Malcolmson (1971–75) 10 Parkham Drive, Burnside, Christchurch 8053.  
 Email: amalcolmson@foodstuffs-si.co.nz

Database: Alister Campbell (1949–53) PO Box 52, Lincoln 7640. Email: alandpat@xtra.co.nz

## **Wellington**

1. The 12th Annual Meeting of the Wellington Branch was held at Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington on Thursday 17 November.

32 people attended—26 members, 4 partners, 1 Queen's High Old Girl, and Mr Dan Reddiex, the guest speaker. 21 apologies were recorded. John Hedge presented his Chairman's Report noting that 2010 had been a difficult year for a lot of people, particularly those in Christchurch. He also mentioned that he would like to see the Wellington Branch grow in numbers, and this may be possible by embracing new technologies such as Facebook. John added that the committee was pleased to receive a list of those old boys who attended the highly successful 2010 Reunion in Dunedin.

Following adoption of Brian Farrant's Treasurer Report, the following officers were elected:

Chairman: John Hedge (1966–70)

Secretary: Evan Black (1954–57)

Treasurer: Brian Farrant (1952–55)

Committee: Laurie Davies (1942–45, Staff 1955–58)  
 Chris Lusk (1957–60)  
 Alex Ross (1942–46)  
 Laurence Voight (1973–76)  
 Mike McGimpsey (1966–70)  
 Mike Thompson (1969–73)  
 Stephen Clarke (1982–86)  
 Dennis Thompson (1966–70)

In addition to Adam Coxon (Staff 1955–61) serves as an ex officio committee.

## 2. *Contacts*

Chairman: John Hedge (1966–70) PO Box 10694, Wellington 6143  
 Email: johnhedge@paradise.net.nz

Secretary: Evan Black (1954–57) 40 Gloaming Hill Road, Titahi Bay Porirua 5022

Treasurer: Brian Farrant (1952–55) 19B Kowhai Street, Eastbourne 5013.  
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## **The School**

Term 1	Tuesday 1 February–Friday 15 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May–Friday 15 July
Term 3	Monday 1 August–Friday 7 October
Term 4	Tuesday 25 October–Tuesday 13 December

## **Charitable Trust**

Association members and those who attended the Reunion will be aware that this was launched at the 75th. Details were supplied in the Reunion issue of the *Kingsmen*; in a prospectus (available from the school), and a letter.

This is not the best time for appeals but please do not forget the school.

Please send to King's High School, 270 Bayview Road, Dunedin 9012.

## Honours

As has become the norm, King's was well-represented in the New Year Honours list, with three recipients:

J. W. (John) Holdsworth (1957–58) was made an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to business and to the community. A Wellington resident, and Executive Chairman of Datacom, he has since 1988 built-up this outsourcing group from a medium-sized enterprise to become NZ's largest privately owned IT company, with revenues of more than \$700 million a year, and employing more than 3000 staff (half in NZ). As well as establishing a community and social responsibility programme at Datacom, John has served for many years on the national executive of IHC New Zealand and has been a key fundraiser for Special Olympics NZ. He maintains an active role in business outside Datacom, owning 35% of NZ Post, and investing in various start-up companies, yet manages to keep a relatively low profile.

L. J. (Lindsay) Brown (1956–60) was made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to the community. A chartered accountant with Deloitte, he was a partner for 30 years and managing partner for 10 years in their Dunedin office, and he served on the University of Otago Council for 16 years, 5 of them as Chancellor. In the past he has chaired University of Otago Holdings, Southern Community Laboratories, and the Otago-Southland division of the Cancer Society (while sitting on the national board); was a director of Dunedin International Airport, Pyne Gould Guinness, and Reid Farmers; and was treasurer of the KHSOBA. Currently he chairs Otago Innovation, Technology Holdings, Foodeo Group, Zelko NZ, and the Mornington Primary Health Trust; is a director of Mercy Hospital, and a member of the Ashburn Clinic's Trust Board. He was awarded an honorary LLD in recognition of his service to Otago University, is a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants, and was recently created a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Directors. He has always chosen to serve in order to give something back to Dunedin and Otago, rather than to gain personally as a result of his efforts.

C. R. (Charles) Stewart (1948–49) and his wife Judith were each awarded a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to youth. Formerly farming at Pleasant Valley near Geraldine, they have lived in Timaru for many years, and have fostered some 60 children (from newborn to teenagers) in 37 years. On many occasions they have taken in young people for whom the authorities have not been able to find carers, and they have devoted their home, time, money, and effort to rehabilitation, with the aim of providing as normal a life as possible, and to never give up. To achieve this they have had to be incredibly flexible, tolerant, and understanding, and to love them in spite of everything. Some, usually males, stay for long periods of time. Both recipients paid tribute to the police, and to Child Youth and Family for their support.

Also honoured was Alison Holst, CBE, QSM who was made a Dame Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (DNZM) for services to food industry: she is the wife of P. E. (Peter) Holst (1951–55) who enjoyed a distinguished medical career. Formerly living in Wellington, but now on the Hibiscus Coast at Orewa, Dame Alison was also being honoured for her charity work, having raised more than \$4 million for schools, churches, plunket groups, kindergartens and playcentres, mainly through cooking demonstrations which have drawn crowds of up to 700. Since she published her first cookery

book in 1966, each encouraging the cooking of healthy and reasonably priced family meals, more than 4 million of her books have been sold, and this year she will publish her 100th book, written in combination with son Simon.

A. J. (John) Campbell (1952–56) was recently rewarded for 31 years of service to the Dunedin in RSA with life membership. He spent 20 years in the NZ Army, being appointed the first Hon Colonel of the NZ Army Logistic Regiment, and spending five years as a trustee on the Board of Governors of the QE II Memorial National Army. In Dunedin John served as a member of the Montecillo Veterans' Home and Hospital Committee, was appointed to the National Patriotic Canteen Funds Board, was a foundation trustee of the Montecillo Trust, and was elected to the Dunedin RSA Executive, serving as Vice President and latterly President. He became District President of the Otago-Southland RSA, and ultimately the first National President of the Royal NZ RSA elected from the South Island.

## Community Service

Many Old Boys put their names forward at local body election time, but it is difficult to trace them all, not all are successful, and some successful candidates may have been overlooked. However, we can record the following successes:

### Wellington Regional Council

C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61)

### Otago Regional Council

S. (Sam) Neill (Board of Governors 1983–87)

### Dunedin City Council

J. T. Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–89, Board of Trustees 1989–94)

### Waimate District Council

M. M. (Matt) Henderson (Deputy Rector 1982–85)

### Otago Peninsula Community Board

E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66)

### Saddle Hill Community Board

K. T. (Keith) McFadyen (1977–81)

J. C. W. (John) Moyle (1984–88)

S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97)

## Cultural Affairs

M. L. (Michael) Andrewes (1957–61) was once again musical director when the Really Authentic Gilbert and Sullivan Performance Trust presented *The Gondoliers*, the 11th opera in its ongoing series. The *ODT* reviewer claimed that the plot was set in Vienna!

*Truth* was the tough, vulgar, weekly tabloid newspaper which revolutionised the local newspaper industry when it was launched in 1905, aiming a core diet of sex, crime, radical politics and random muckraking directly at the masses. By the middle of the century, it was a media giant, claiming a weekly readership of one million, while pioneering investigative journalism, and the publication of salacious celebrity gossip, current mainstays of modern journalism. A remarkable cast of journalists and contributors include Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Sir Bernard Feryberg, Sir Robert Muldoon, Robin Hyde, Maurice Shadbolt, and David Low. The most significant postwar editor was R. S. (Russell) Gault (1956–59) who occupied the position from 1968–70 and again from 1975–82. After brief stints with the *ODT* and the London *Guardian* while still a teenager, he served for several years in army public relations

with the British forces in Malaysia. Aspects of Russell's rather unusual and controversial journalistic career are detailed in a history by Redmer Yska, who was awarded a National Library Research Fellowship in 2008 to write *Truth: the Rise and Fall of the People's Paper*. Russell died in Johannesburg in 1991, and *Truth* ceased publication in 2009.

High Country artist N. D. (Norman) Sinclair (1964–66) recently staged an exhibition in Wanaka of his understated scenes of rural NZ life. A reviewer has compared his watercolours with those of Peter McIntyre for his “use of colour, the deft drips and splashes that made the older artist so appealing.”

L. (Logan) Sisley (1986–90) is exhibition curator at Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane, Dublin, where he organises temporary exhibitions and the editing of catalogues. He also works part-time with Studio 468, an artist's studio in a community centre, about which he edited a book.

K. J. (John) Toomer (1970–73) recently exhibited a wide range of works inspired by older and often dilapidated buildings of the interior South Island. The ephemeral nature of human interaction with the land is contrasted with the seemingly eternal nature of the surrounding countryside.

Back by popular demand after a sellout 2009 season, the Star Regent Variety Concert at the Glenroy Auditorium in November featured “Swing with the Rat Pack 2”—timeless melodies by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis junior. The production was backed by a 25 piece “big band” supplied by St Kilda Brass, and S. D. (Stuart) Walker (1969–72) on piano. Stuart had been the pianist for the Church Service at he 75th Reunion.

When an arsonist burnt down the Stavely Building on the corner of Jetty and Bond Streets, the Dunedin Ballet School which occupied the top floor was rendered homeless, and moved temporarily to the Macandrew Intermediate School Hall while seeking a more permanent location. To the rescue came Virginia Theis, a local schoolteacher and parent of a former ballet school pupil, who purchased the former Masonic Lodge in Shore St (opposite Bayfield High School) using the inheritance she had received from her father, businessman J. (Jim) Wren (1939–41). Renovated with help from parents, the building will be leased to the ballet school on a permanent basis. Virginia said that her father gave a lot to the community during his lifetime, and she could almost hear him saying “Go for it.”

## Business Sector

In December, the *ODT* ran a series of articles featuring Southern Entrepreneurs, one being B. E. (Barrie) Neilson (1961–64) who was interviewed while visiting Dunedin for the 75th Reunion. Like Bill Sykes in the musical *Oliver* he started small: as an Andersons Bay milk boy for the father of his great friend B. J. (Bruce) Callister (1960–64) who unknowingly instilled an early work discipline into him before he joined the work force. After a brief flirt with insurance, Barrie was lured by higher wages to work in a local woolstore, and then at Methven's, the bathroom appliance manufacturer where he was exposed to the wonders of engineering, casting, fitting, and turning, and he became a “blue collar man!” By this time he had discovered motorcycles, and having been lured southwards by high wages in the freezing industry, he was drawn into motorcycle racing at the Teretonga racetrack and on Oreti Beach, culminating in podium appearances in both the 1974 NZ Junior and Senior Grands Prix. While immensely

enjoying his success, he appreciated that the next step up was beyond his budget, so accepted the offer of a friend to “sail anywhere that was warm, had plenty of beer, and the girls didn't wear much,” sold his seven motorcycles, and with just a carrybag sailed from Bluff up the eastern coast of NZ, reaching Sydney a year later. There an OE beckoned, and he travelled to Europe via the Trans Siberian railway; in the UK he secured a job as a pool attendant at an up-market hotel (he possessed a bronze medallion) before setting up a more lucrative enterprise providing swimming lessons for women and children. A brief flirt with a ferro-cement boat which he fitted out and sailed ended disastrously, so he applied for a job as an engineer with the Flotilla Sailing Club in Greece, and as he had by then gained certificates in coastal, offshore, and ocean navigation at night school soon became a flotilla skipper, with his wife Heidi (a sometime customer) as flotilla hostess. But with the company in difficulties, Barrie was offered the chance to run the UK end of the business and gradually buy into it; through sheer hard work, savvy marketing, and the loyalty of his employees (many of them Kiwis on their OE who possessed excellent trade skills) the Neilsons have built-up their London-based and renamed “Sailing Holidays” into the largest flotilla yacht operation in the Greek Islands. They own more than 180 yachts ranging from couples-friendly 27 footers, through family-sized 30–33ft options to 36–50ft craft catering for groups of up to 10 crew members. Offering week or fortnightly self-skippering or island-hopping holidays, the company employs more than 100 staff during the peak May–October period, and caters for more than 8,000 clients.

As a result of changes at the *ODT*, Simon Cunliffe has been promoted to deputy editor (news), and will be acting editor in the absence of the incumbent. He is the son of T. M. S. (Max) Cunliffe (1941–43) of Nelson, and the father of T. M. (Tom) Cunliffe (2003) and F. S. (Finnian) Cunliffe (2003–05). B. A. E. (Barry) Stewart (1971–75) has been promoted to deputy editor (production).

After serving for three years in the NZ army, B. J. (Brent) Torrance (1955–58) tentatively entered the commercial world by gaining sales and marketing experience with three companies exporting to the Pacific and to Australia, which gave him an insight into the possibilities. In 1969 he established B. J. Torrance and Associates Pty Ltd in Sydney to acquire and subdivide land for residential and lifestyle properties: this became a national organisation with offices from Hobart to Cairns employing 186 sales staff, and expanded to Honolulu, San Francisco and Fort Lauderdale in the USA. For five years the company was retained by Australia's biggest resort development, the Kooralbyn Country Club in SE Queensland, to supervise the establishment of their airport, rodeo and equestrian centre, polo grounds, race track, tennis centre and sailing lakes. In 1976 the Australian property business was sold, and the US companies reduced to that at Fort Lauderdale which concentrated on the Florida condominium market. A telephone and marketing company was established which in 1978 was invited by Bell Telephone to co-author the first publication to expound the skills of telesales and develop an ethical code of conduct for this fledgling industry; 5 million copies of this booklet being distributed. After liquidating the property company because of changes in interstate regulations, and selling the telesales company, while on a sports trip to Jamaica Brent met Claire from Guernsey (Channel Islands), an orthoptist at the university hospital and they travelled throughout Europe and the US before deciding to establish a market development business in Hong Kong in 1980: Seamount Holdings Group. This group of seven companies

acquired the rights to a variety of products, including engine oil additives, speciality cements, small business telephone systems, and telephone call-costing equipment, which were marketed throughout the Far East, Australia, and the USA. The various divisional companies were sold in 1987 and the holding company liquidated—property interests in Fiji having become of little value following a military coup. Moving to the UK, Brent became a business development/management consultant, undertaking assignments in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, and NZ. A breeder company was acquired from British Aerospace that had developed a wireless telephone system to supply cost-effective rural and remote community communication: while Telstra rejected the concept, the Chinese government purchased it in 1994. He then established Connexions Plc, a telecommunication services marketing company operating in the UK and Low Countries which when sold in 1999, employed 46. Retirement to the Sunshine Coast in Australia where he renovated a home soon palled, and for two years he operated a tourist boating venture offering high-speed thrill rides. Meanwhile his wife had been successfully managing a retail art gallery, and in 2007 they established a competitive art gallery of their own in Mooloolaba which represents 28 nationally known artists and sculptors, and is a significant presence in the SE Queensland art market. An active Rotarian, Brent and Claire, regularly visit family and friends throughout NZ, where from previous marriages he has two sons, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild, as well as a son in Australia.

### Bits and Pieces

S. J. L. (Stu) Thorne (1960–64) is a long-serving conservationist who started working for the former Dept of Lands and Surveys some 40 years ago, based at Mt Cook. Three years later he shifted to Wanaka and spent the rest of his working life among the mountains and valleys of Mt Aspiring National Park, initially as ranger within the huts and tracks programme—replacing and renovating huts and helping construct walking tracks. After some 12 years he began working within DoC's fledgling biodiversity programme, and has since headed the breeding, recovery, and re-establishment programmes of several native species around Wanaka. The highlight has been the Lake Wanaka islands buff weka breeding programme, but he has also been monitoring the presence of Otago grand skinks, kea, black robins, and native bats. Alongside this biodiversity work, he has been an educational advisor, publicising DoC's conservation to schoolchildren. Because of his encyclopaedic knowledge of Mt Aspiring National Park, he spent 35 years as voluntary advisor to Wanaka Search and Rescue. He has also visited Antarctica eight times on DoC work. Recently retired, he and his wife spent a six-month voluntary sojourn on Raoul Island in the Kermadec archipelago, carrying out DoC services such as monitoring the weather station, maintaining the ecosystem of the island and its surrounding marine reserve, and setting up a weeding programme to help re-establish native vegetation. On their return, they planned to spend more time together caravanning, tramping, and fishing.

A. J. G. (Allan) Ward (1947–49) who died in May 2010 worked for Alex Campbell Menswear for 59 years: “a constant in the lives of four generations.” As current store-owner L. W. (Lindsay) Campbell (1971–75) went on to say: “Allan had irrepressible enthusiasm, energy and passion, he was very competitive .... Over the years he developed a huge knowledge and excellent skills in display, ticket writing, and of course salesmanship .... He was an excellent teacher of the trade .... He also taught by

example. But above all he taught service.” He was a shareholder in the business, and for a short period managing director. Allan was also highly active in the community: he sang baritone in the Wakari church choir; he gave life-long service to the scouting movement, for which he was awarded a Silver Tui in recognition; and served on the South Dunedin Business Association. He dedicated much of his life to serving Dunedin through the Rotary Club of St Kilda, although preferring to be a background worker, was a stalwart of both Interact and Rotoract, and was a member of the Centurion programme which donates money to the Rotary Foundation to assist in humanitarian programmes throughout the world: in 1994 he was awarded a Paul Harris Foundation Award for his services to youth. Latterly his passion outside of work was travel, and to pay for this was why he was still working full-time at aged 76: he had planned to visit Hong Kong last July.

Dr G. R. (Ross) Notman (1965–69) Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Otago and Director of the Centre for Education Leadership and Administration was last year awarded a \$5000 Fulbright Travel Grant to address American audiences in Indiana and Alaska about innovative school leadership programmes for rural principals in NZ. Ross has been involved in education for some 35 years as a teacher, deputy principal, school management adviser, teacher educator, and educational leadership researcher, and is the NZ director of an international school principalship project involving 14 other countries.

Golden weddings have recently been celebrated by B. J. (Brian) Coull (1946–47) and his wife Rosalyn of East Taieri, L. A. (Les) Green (1951–54, Bandmaster 1961–62) and his wife Maureen of Dunedin, A. J. (John) Campbell (1952–56) and his wife Beth of Dunedin, and E. G. (George) Dryden (1949–51) and his wife Beverly of Timaru.

While at King's J. C. (John) Martin (1947–49), who died in January, soon revealed that he had inherited the family talent for woodworking, which he maintained throughout his life. However it was the development of the speedway at Tahuna Park which determined his career, for he was to be found there on a regular basis sweeping the track between races and showing such an interest in the motorbikes and their engines that he was offered an apprenticeship with J and AP Scott, an engineering and automotive firm, and so left school midway through the year. After qualifying, he worked there as a maintenance engineer for many years, and subsequently for D. C. Ross Ltd, Tractor Workshops, J. C. Williamson and Son, and H. E. Shacklock (which merged with Fisher and Paykel) where he was responsible for the selection, mentoring, and assessment of apprentices until his retirement. From his savings as an apprentice he purchased his first motorcycle, a 1928 350cc Velocette for the princely sum of £28/10/-, and joined the Otago Motorcycle Club in 1952. He competed in many events: reliability trials, off-road competitions, circuit racing, beach racing, and speed events, but it was firstly in hill climbs (notably at Bethunes Gully) and then in the quarter mile and flying mile events that he found his niche using his engineering skills to increase the motive power of his 650cc Triumph. He and legendary Burt Munro were keen and friendly adversaries, and of the seven times they raced, John won three—he often visited Burt in his famous shed in Invercargill. On January 31, 1973 at a club sprint and riding his by now 750cc Triumph, John set a NZ record of 11.99 seconds—the first time that 12 seconds had been broken at that class level. In 1975 at his last competitive event, he achieved a speed of 152.98mph, a NZ record for a quarter mile sprint. He was honoured with Life

Membership of the OMC later in the decade, and his bike was on display until recently at the Otago Settlers Museum. He became a long-serving member of the Otago Settlers Association, and was latterly their representative in the Dunedin Gasworks Museum Trust Board: his woodworking skills coming to fruition with his last piece—a donation box modelled on a gasometer (all his woodwork was meticulously

designed and fabricated at home on an ordinary lathe and a milling machine). He also joined the Andersons Bay Probus Club, being responsible for organising their monthly trips. Quiet and unassuming John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and a good friend to many!



1975 Standing ¼ mile sprint on his 650 Triumph (supercharged)—Fryatt Street, Dunedin. Speed reached 152.58 mph.

This 1955 photograph (right) shows D. H. (David) White (1954–58) leading an ATC platoon in his less hirsute days (like Barnacle Bill he hasn't shaved for 40 years!) and before he was promoted to the rank of flight-sergeant. He is flanked on the right by P. A. (Peter) Reeve (1954–55), a retired accountant now living in Waikouaiti, and on the left by an unidentified corporal (possibly from the 1953 intake?).

David graduated M.Agr.Sci. from Lincoln College in 1965 and after a year at Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre near Hamilton (where he met his beloved Clare) spent the early part of 1967 with the first Australian and New Zealand universities' student tour of the People's Republic of China during the Cultural Revolution. Later in 1967 he began 21 years with the Victorian Department of Agriculture, initially in northern Victoria advising sheep and wool producers and conducting on-farm research. He completed a Grad.Dip.Elec. Comp. part-time at the Bendigo Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in 1975 from the University of New South Wales in association with CSIRO Plant Industry in Canberra. He then transferred to the Animal Research Institute at Werribee (SW of Melbourne) where he and his team developed new ways of analysing agricultural production systems. In 1988 David moved to Canberra as a Senior Principal Research Scientist in the Australian Bureau of Resource Sciences (now ABARES), advising the Australian government on assessing and managing climate variability and drought, and leading a national research

program to address such issues. He retired from the public service in late 1996 to undertake a wide range of consulting activities for mostly State and Federal agencies over the next decade, as well as work in China and southern Africa. He has been awarded a Fellowship of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology, and the Biennial Medal (General Systems) of the Modelling & Simulation Society of



Australia & New Zealand. David and Clare (who became a Director of the Australian Research Council), are now retired on the South Coast of New South Wales just north Batemans Bay.

David feels that it is now safe to acknowledge that he was a nephew of W. (Bill) Lang (1948–61) who was the Rector during his time at King's. His brother D. J. (Donald) White (1962–66) remained in Dunedin where he has operated the Dunedin Stamp Centre on the corner of George and Hanover Streets for many years—upstairs from Bob Shepherd Menswear, also operated for many years by R. F. (Robert) Shepherd (1960–63).

S. J. (Scott) Nicholson (2003–05), a plumber, recently represented Otago/Southland at the National Worldskills competition at Christchurch Polytechnic.

M. A. (Margaret) Hay retired at the end of 2010. Coming to King's in 1984 from previous positions at the University of Otago, she served as secretary to three Rectors and one Principal. She has also been secretary to the Board of Trustees since its inception in 1989. Virtually nothing remains of the school she first worked in, while as for technology, Margaret initially had only a typewriter to help her. Her efficiency and support of staff has been legendary, and she has remained professional and completely unflappable at all times. She and her husband Ray have joined the drift to Wanaka.

M. F. (Merv) Bradley (1943–44), who died on New Year's Day 2010, left King's (and working class Caversham) when his father shifted to Poverty Bay, and finished his secondary school education at (then) Gisborne High School. After training at Wellington Teachers' College, he returned to the Gisborne area for a 44 year teaching career; at Manutuke, Makauri, Mangapara, Central, and Wainui Beach schools, and principal at Awapuni and Cobham schools. He is remembered for how passionately he told stories, rather than adhere to the more formal textbooks, to help with learning. A car accident brought his teaching career to an abrupt close, but allowed him to indulge in "bush carpentry, drama and opera, Lions, U3A, and especially travel: he gave illustrated talks on his experiences to rest home patients. A noted cat-lover, he once took out a newspaper advt to record the death of a favourite cat, while his personalised number plates bore the word "Katz." However, he was probably best known in Gisborne for the many letters and articles published in the *Gisborne Herald* for some 36 years, which displayed his depth of knowledge, his commitment to social justice, and the breadth of his interests. He continued to write until the end: his two latest articles being published on the two days before his death.

Between 1964 and 1971, five young men were victims of a shark attack: possibly by a single rogue shark. The first three attacks proved fatal: L. F. (Les) Jordan (1957–61) at St Clair in 1964, Bill Black at St Kilda in 1967, and G. J. (Graham) Hitt (1958–62) at Aramoana in 1968; while the two who survived were G. G. (Gary) Barton (1969) at St Clair in 1969, and a Bayfield schoolboy, Barry Watkins, at St Clair in 1971. Nowadays a stone and tile layer in Levin, Barry has never forgotten his near brush with death (his surfboard was bitten in half), and to mark the 40th anniversary of his survival in March he has offered to pay for a black marble slab to be erected on the Esplanade to commemorate those who died. Since those days shark-nets have been installed annually at local beaches, but as they have never caught a dangerous shark, by sheer coincidence their value is currently being debated by the DCC.

RNZAF Squadron Leader S. G. (Stephen) Hall (1983–86)

was back in NZ on special leave from Afghanistan to spend Christmas with his family and terminally ill father in Mosgiel. He is currently working in Bamiyan with the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT).

S. P. (Sam) Heenan (1992–96) left school to become a chef, and this has morphed into the perfect occupation. After three years of putting food together on a plate, he became fascinated with the science of food, so to learn more he enrolled at Otago University for a B.Sc Hons degree in food science. Truly hooked, he carried on and completed a PhD on the topic of understanding consumer perceptions of fresh-baked flavour. This led to employment as a research scientist with Fonterra investigating the sensory perception of food, whereby he was able to apply what he had learned from his studies in a commercial environment. However, while undertaking his PhD studies, he became involved in tutoring and teaching, and enjoyed seeing others obtaining goals, so he applied for a lectureship in food sensory science at Otago University, and has found that his industry experience is helpful when discussing research with food companies, and when planning his teaching. His job requires good communication skills, patience, a desire to work with others, perseverance when carrying out experiments and interpreting data, a good understanding of the pure sciences and how apply them to food, and an understanding of statistics, human behaviour and psychology when relating the scientific data to people's enjoyment. Apart from his lecturing and teaching responsibilities, Sam is involved in commercial and government-funded research projects that

## Obituaries

- M. R. (Ross) Neilson (1936–37) of Melbourne, died at Bendigo, Vic, 24.8.10  
R. J. (Russell) Brinsdon (1953–55) died at Christchurch 3.9.10  
S. L. (Steve) Peat (1971–73) killed at Palmerston 4.9.10  
H. V. (Vince) Richards (1941) of Bluff, died at Invercargill 4.9.10  
H. P. (Howard) McGrouther (1960–62) died at Harington Point 6.9.10  
E. J. (Evan) Wilson (1953–55) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 24.9.10  
J. S. (John) Dykes (1947–50) died at Whangaparaoa 11.10.10  
W. J. B. (Barry) Inglis (1949–51) died at Dunedin 11.10.10  
R. K. (Ronald) Huntley (1953–55) died at Oamaru 22.10.10  
R. L. (Ray) Simpson (1947–49) died at Christchurch 2.11.10  
D. (Dave) Cunningham (1938–41) died at Dunedin 4.11.10  
G. W. (Garth) Hames (1951–54) died at Christchurch 6.11.10  
W. J. (Bill) Patrick (1948–49) died at Dunedin 11.11.10  
J. J. (James) Marlow (1992–94) died at Edinburgh 16.11.10  
D. H. (Dave) Lunam (1963–64) died at Christchurch 1.12.10  
S. R. (Shaun) Walsh (1992–94) died at Dunedin 2.12.10  
J. D. (John) Brocket (1957–58) of Oxford, died at Christchurch 19.12.10  
J. (John) Werges (1945–48) of Cromwell, died at Clyde 31.12.10  
J. C. (John) Martin (1947–49) died at Dunedin 12.1.11  
R. A. (Ron) Neilson (1959–63) of Lovells Flat, died at Dunedin 23.1.11  
E. M. (Miles) Middlemass (1958–62) died at Wellington 3.2.11  
W. J. B. (John) Wilson (Staff 1958–64) of Rangiora, died at Christchurch 6.2.11  
C. P. C. (Peter) Evans (1961–65) died at Auckland 10.2.11

involve relating flavour to the human sensory perception of wine, cheese, apples, and baked foods, and also carries out consumer studies investigating the sensory perception of food quality and preferences. He has had the opportunity to work with national and international organisations on food flavour and sensory perceptions, and is currently collaborating with an Italian research institute. As he works on a diverse range of projects, and teaches different groups of students, job variation is excellent, and best of all Sam gets to share his knowledge and help others learn.

R. J. (Russell) Brinsdon (1953–55) who died in Christchurch in September was an important figure in the Otago racing industry for twenty years. A rugby-playing boxer and pipeband drummer, his first job after leaving school was as a stock agent, first in Balcultha, then in Tapanui. He then became a stipendiary steward in Christchurch with the NZ Trotting Conference (nowadays Harness Racing NZ), before switching to handicapping, registration, and other administrative tasks. Back in Dunedin he was secretary (i.e., chief executive) of the Otago Racing Club, which expanded to being secretary of the Beaumont and Waikouaiti Clubs, and race-day secretary at Cromwell and Tapanui. While it was acknowledged that Russell had an unsurpassed knowledge of the racing industry, he had to cope with acute financial pressures that were facing much of the industry, yet he still found time to be president of the Mosgiel Rotary Club, and secretary of the Taieri Wrestling Club. In 1990 he and his wife travelled extensively overseas for two years, working while in England for a time, but on their return, suitable work was difficult to find in Dunedin, so they shifted to Christchurch and operated a dairy in Merivale for six years. Meanwhile, their passion for travel led them to set up a business, the “Out and About Club” for senior citizens, which organised tours around NZ, and to Norfolk Island and Australia. Latterly Russell was a selector for the Elmwood Bowling Club, tending their gardens in his retirement: a gardening perfectionist: he owned an outstanding bonsai collection.

## Sporting Triumphs

### New Zealand Sports Representatives

In addition to the list published in the *Kingsmen* June 2010 further research has revealed the following representation at senior adult level. This brings our NZ Representation to 79.

Blair Martin      Cross Country 1998, 2000 World Cross Country Champs  
Road Racing 1997, 1999 Chiba Eikden Road Relay

Andrew Newton Surf Lifesaving 2010

Ben Smith        Rugby 7's 2010

Daniel Tarapi    Softball 2010

S. J. (Steve) Brocklebank (1968–73) has been appointed to the board of the Academy of Sport South Island. Formerly chairman of the now defunct Otago Rebels franchise, he is on the board of the Sassenachs Rugby Club, and the St Clair Golf Club. The managing director of Price Waterhouse Cooper in Dunedin, he is chairman of the 4 Trades Apprenticeship Trust, and the Certified Builders Apprenticeship Scholarship Trust. Steve's skills in governance and accounting will be of particular value to the Academy.

### Athletics

D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) obviously couldn't wait to break into senior ranks, and is already the Otago title holder in the 800m, 1500m, 3000m and 5000m events!

The Caversham Club finished sixth in the Men's A grade section at the NZ road relay championships at Inglewood in October. It had the biggest age range of all teams, from 53 year old G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) to 19 year old R. J. (Robert) Brown (2004–08), others in the eight-man team including T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06), L. C. I. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06) and Daniel Balchin.

### Bowls

You can't keep a good man down: K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) had been dropped from the Dunedin team after being a key member for 28 years, but was recalled when one of the original selections became unavailable because of work commitments.

### Bridge

J. B. (Jared) Fudge (2001–05) with four others was a member of an Otago youth team which defeated Australia at the NZ National Congress in Hamilton in October. That same team, with the addition of N. J. (Nick) Bailey (2001–05) and one other won the youth section of the interprovincial teams' championship for Otago for the first time since 2003.

### Cricket

N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) and B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) are currently members of the NZ team competing for the World Cup in one-day cricket in the Indian sub-continent.

At the NZ Cricket Awards, Brendon won the Walter Hadlee Trophy for one-day batting, the J. R. Reid Best All rounder Trophy, and the Fans Choice for outstanding individual performance by scoring 116 not out in the Twenty 20 match against Australia.

Nathan joined his younger brother in the lucrative Indian Premier League when Pune signed him up for \$US 100,000 (Brendon is having to make do at Kochi on \$US 625,000!). However, he has not forgotten that he and Brendon honed their considerable talents at King's, and in September launched a cricket academy at the school, not only “to give a little back to the school but also [to] get something ready for after cricket. You can't play cricket for ever and it is a matter of trying to get something behind me.” Pupils will learn about strength and conditioning, nutrition, game strategy and sports psychology.

In December with encouragement from the OCA, the *ODT* invited 16 “selectors,” who included S. M. (Steve) Davie (1970–74), W. N. ((Warwick) Larkins (1960–63), and W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69) to “select” a Best XI, based on each player's contribution to Otago in first-class cricket. In batting order the “team” was Glenn Turner, Bert Sutcliffe, Craig Cumming, K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979–82), Roger Blunt, John Reid, W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69) captain, Neil Mallender, Alex Moir, Frank Cameron, Stephen Boock, Gren Alabaster (12th man).

In January, the *ODT* ran a series entitled “Legends of Summer.” One of those featured was B. D. (Barry) Milburn (1957), who represented NZ in the drawn test series against the West Indies in 1969, (Gary Sobers was his first victim!) and in 11 matches on the tour of England, India, and Pakistan later that year. Unfortunately for Barry, a mindset of the time was changing from selecting specialist wicketkeepers to preferring wicketkeepers-batsman, and he was up against the late Ken Wadsworth (for NZ) and Warren Lees (for Otago as well as NZ)—for six seasons in the 1970s his appearances were limited to playing club cricket for Taieri (he ran a butchery in Mosgiel) for whom he played 102 senior matches, and for Otago B. Recalled in 1980 when Lees was in Oz with the NZ

team, and at age 37, he was sent in as a nightwatchman against Wellington, and in the searing heat at Alexandra next day compiled a maiden first-class century 103 (his previous highest score was 36 and he had never scored a century at any level!). Barry captained Otago in 1982–83, where his rapport with players ensured a happy team: he was genuinely pleased with the success of others. His glove work was always immaculate, accomplished and often brilliant, and he played 60 matches for Otago between 1963 and 1983.

### Cycling

G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–89), aged 38 and a previous bronze medallist, at his fourth Commonwealth Games covered himself with glory (and dust!) in the baking heat at Delhi by leading from the front for two hours in the 168km race in a gallant attempt to tire Australian sprinters—ultimately this helped Hayden Roulston secure the silver medal. Despite being reeled in by the bunch, he held on for 30km to finish eighth in what he suspects will be his last major race in national colours.

### Football

A. D. (Andy) Coburn (1993–97), T. C. (Tim) Horner (1998–2000), T. (Tom) Connor (2002–06), and H. J. (Hayden) Gunn (2003–07) played for Otago United, which was coached by M. W. (Malcolm) Fleming (1983–85). Andy, who played his 100th national league match during the season, has been an ever-present member of Otago selections since a teenager, and was last year selected for a NZ All Stars team to play against the All-Whites in preparation for their unbeaten record at the World Cup in South Africa, which led them to be named “Team of the Year” at the Halberg Awards.

### Golf

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) has had a particularly good year: as No. 1 he scorched around the Paraparumu course with a barrage of birdies to defeat two of NZ’s top golfers and secure a bronze medal for Otago: its best performance in a decade. He was also a runaway inaugural winner of Golf Otago’s order of merit: his 142.3 points gained from the major events of the season being well clear of his nearest rival on 87.9.

D. W. (Dave) McFarlane (1948–53), a retired surveyor and stalwart of the Queen’s Park Club in Invercargill is aiming for his seventh hole-in-one. Since 1983 he has achieved this feat at every par-three hole at the park. In his younger days he played off a 6 handicap, but these days “struggles around on a 24.” He plays at the club on a weekly basis, and still manages to hit the flag on occasion.

### Otago Peninsula Challenge

P. J. (Peter) Notman (1973–77) is one of the organisers of this event, which is certainly no cake walk. Walkers cover 15km, runners 23km, and mountain bikers either 23km or 43km of the hilly terrain. For walkers, runners, and short course bikers the highest climb is some 90m, but for long course bikers it is 360m. This year’s challenge put four participants into hospital with neck injuries, suspected spinal injuries, dehydration, and severe heat exhaustion!

### Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04), B. J. (Brayden) Mitchell (2003–06) and recently specialist coach T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) have been playing for the Highlanders this season. Brayden’s debut was fairly short-lived: subbed on for the last few minutes, he was unaware of the referee’s final warning and was sin-binned at virtually the first ruck!

L. M. (Luke) Herden (1991–96) made a huge contribution when captaining North Otago, enabling the team to win the Meads Cup and Second Division Championship.

Cromwell businessman S. B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70) has been appointed to review the operations of Rugby Southland, which last season reported debts of \$700,000, with no ability to pay. Previously chief executive of Combined Rural Traders (CRT), he is a director of NZ Cricket, and a past chairman of the OCA. He has been heavily involved in bringing Rugby World Cup matches to the southern region, and in the “Spin it Wide” marketing campaign. His job is not solely to cut costs, but to review and identify revenue prospects, and he will undertake a governance review and look at the future staffing structure of Rugby Southland.

Former Otago coach A. W. (Alan) Stevens (1947–49) replaced retiring C. H. H. (Cyril) Brocklebank (1940–43) as patron of the Southern Rugby Football Club at the recent AGM, while W. T. (Bill) Somerville (1963–67) remains as president for a fourth year.

### “Sevens”

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) is the first from King’s to represent NZ and by playing the full 20 minutes of the final, helped ensure that he became our first Commonwealth Games gold medallist.

### Softball

A move to Wellington paid off for D. R. T. (Daniel) Tarapi (1999–2003) when he was selected as an outfielder for NZ in the test series in Sydney in December. He first played for Otago when he was 13, and made junior Black Sox, teams. He impressed in the Wellington team which won the national title last season.

### Surf Lifesaving

St Clair club members R. N. (Richard) Murray (1980–83) and A. B. (Antony) Mason (1984–88) have been given Surf Lifesaving NZ awards, a year after receiving Otago Surf Lifesaving Association distinguished service awards. Richard has been St Clair club captain, club president SLA examiner, and junior surf club co-ordinator, while Antony has been club coach, junior surf club co-ordinator, and club chairman.

J. A. L. (James) Coombes (1996–2000) and H. (Heath) Ratten (2000–04) won the 41st annual 5km round White Island race on their double surf ski. S. T. (Sam) McCutcheon (2003–07) won the board event.

St Clair finished fifth at the national pool championships in Wellington: R. C. (Rhys) Applegarth (2004–08) winning two silver medals and one bronze.

### Water Polo

It has been learned that I. M. (Ian) Brown (1961–64) was captain when he represented NZ in the 1970s.

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