



# THE KINGSMEN

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## The President's Report

Dear Fellow Old Boys,

This year has been reasonably quiet but there is still plenty going on in the background. A very successful Dinner was held in October after the August date had to be postponed because of the weather. Unfortunately the later date meant that Jeff Robson was the only one of the "Wall of Fame" recipients that could attend. It was with some sadness that one of the other recipients Sir Frank Holmes passed away late last year. However it was some consolation that he was given the honour prior to his death and by all accounts was very appreciative of being named as one of the recipients. Malcolm Templeton was the third recipient and it is hoped that further Old Boys will be added to the "Wall" annually.

The School continues to go from strength to strength and it was great to see the 3rd Form (if anybody can understand what that means now) intake this year was in excess of 220 which was the highest for some decades. This speaks volumes of the high regard that the School is held in, in Dunedin education circles. I have had the pleasure of attending the Senior prize giving over the last few years and the calibre of boys leaving the School is testament to the quality of leadership

in the School. On a sadder note the possible demise of the Otago Rugby Union sent shivers through the rugby world and we think back on the number of first class Otago Rugby players that Kings High School has produced. We hope that all the issues can be resolved and that the Otago Rugby team can still remain part of the ambitions of our School players to aspire to.

Finally my thanks to the Committee for their input during the year and to Hugh Kidd and Bob Glass for their sterling effort in producing the *Kingsmen* time after time and for the excellent tit bits that are produced on the Old Boys of our School. A plea however for some 'younger' members to join our Committee to carry the objects of the Association through for many years ahead as some of us are not getting any younger. "The Fox" and I will be 88 by the time the 100th celebrations come around and we will have trouble getting our mobility scooters along to meetings!!!

Our sincere thanks go to Dan Reddix for his support during the year and our best wishes go to the School for successful and fruitful year ahead.

Kind regards  
Doug Jackson (1960–63) PRESIDENT

### Financial Report

There was a small deficit in 2011 of \$298, despite subscriptions received being substantially down upon 2010. The large increase in 2010 was helped greatly by the interest created by the 75th Reunion.

After many years of increasing membership net numbers decreased with an unfortunate number of deaths, resignations and lapsed memberships.

On the other hand after 3 years of exceptional expenditure/ Archive room, Flagpole and flags. Wall of Fame itself, Reunion publication) amounting to \$23,089 and deficits for those years of \$12,876, 2011 figures were more on a regular basis.

At the 31/12/11 we had \$17,146 in the bank less Sundry Creditors of \$742. The Subscriptions in Advance of \$7,130 covers Membership for Life having been paid.



### Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Thursday 26th April in the School Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

The Rector Dan Raddix will be the speaker this year.

## The School

1. As is stated in the President's Report the School has had its highest 3rd Form (Year 9) intake for many years.

More than over 220 were enrolled which is about the third largest number in the school's history and the largest for well over a decade. In 2010 it was 146, which increased substantially to 197 last year.

This is all the more meritorious when the changing years are taken into account. They are, that when the school rolls were previously high the numbers in our catchment area were high, with virtually half the numbers about 100, coming from Macandrew Intermediate.

Apart from Macandrew Intermediate, primary schools in our southern area have decreased in rolls and the number of schools. To illustrate this Corstorphine, Tomahawk and Waldronville Schools closed in 2010 and Ocean View in 2008. This year Forbury Primary and Macandrew Intermediate have merged to be called Bathgate Park School with a projected roll of 130 and maximum of 250. Caversham, Calton Hill and College Street Schools are merging to form Carisbrook School with a projected roll of 394.

Thus boys have come from outside what was considered in past years our area.

*2011 year 9 intake below.*



2. NCEA

Below is a comparison of the 2011 School NCEA percentages with National figures. Since inception they have improved to be the highest in the three levels last year.

	K.H.S. 2011	National Average 2011	National Boys 2011 all schools
NCEA Level 1	93.2%	76.0%	72.3%
NCEA Level 2	90.8%	81.1%	77.0%
NCEA Level 3	82.4%	74.3%	69.1%

*See back page for "Stop Press"*

3. Winter Interschool 2012 Dates

Shirley Boys at Christchurch 1st May.

This Interschool has not occurred for several years although summer games have been played.

Waitaki Boys in Dunedin 15th May.

Southland Boys at Invercargill 6th June.

Otago Boys hosted by King's 28th June with 1st XV rugby to be played at the Stadium.

4. Sports Council Fundraiser

The King's High School Sports Council is running its annual Golf Tournament on Friday 20th April at the St Clair Golf Club. 1.30 start. Ambrose format.

Hole sponsorship \$500 includes a team entry.

Team entry \$250.

As this is the major fundraiser for the year they are looking for Hole sponsors, Team entries, prizes and donations.

All enquiries to [greg.johnson@anz.com](mailto:greg.johnson@anz.com) or 027 446 7680.

5. Charitable Trust

To give to the Trust, offer your help, receive a bequest booklet, or just discuss the subject, here's our contact details.

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## Memories

### The Basket Bomb

No names although the incident was known by many of the time. Also this is not for the reading of those of school age as their fathers, grandfathers, or even great grandfathers would not have been involved in such activities.

This writer was present when two classmates from the late 1930s met once again near the end of last year and this story was related. They were definitely not the culprits.

One of those meeting, whilst on holiday in Australia in 2011 had a stroke and landed up in hospital. During his recovery he wrote about the episode of "the Basket bomb."

It must have been about the 5th November and one boy brought this firework into their class room. Another decided to light it but what to do then? Throw it into the nearest desk into which books etc were kept in those days.

Of course what happened next was a loud bang, the ink well shot out with ink hitting the wall, the desk lid went up on its hinges, and contents of a poor classmate ruined.

Our ex-pupil writing the story had run for the exit but tripped over the floor beading at the door, whilst others following fell over him. Our writer looked back and saw his visitor of 2011, still sitting at his desk, but having gone white displaying freckles not seen before.

Quick thinking was displayed by obtaining a map to cover the ink stains on the wall, but this did not save the situation. Boys from other classes appeared to view the catastrophe.

It was not revealed as to what happened to the culprits but Windsor Wood who was the Form Master was very upset. Also another source thought that one of the culprits later had a stint in a very restricted building under close scrutiny in the U.S.A.

Oh dear! Boys will be boys!

## Over the Years

The 1958 Third Form photos appeared in our last issue, with all named. However, in the front row of 3L (ii) Errol Hitt is named but it is his late brother Graham Hitt.

All in the six 1959 Third form classes have been named but there is a query with 3C.

## 1959 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3L (i) Form Photo

- Row 4: Keith James, Richard Mitchell, Barrie Foote, Max Morris  
Row 3: Philip Burns, Andrew Sew Hoy, Mervyn Thomas, Evan Taylor, Robert Jackman, Les Mockford, Graeme Kitto  
Row 2: Bill Baylis, Peter Small, Ken Jackson, Crawford Brown, Jim Strang, Max Cooper, Peter Gough, Mr John Wilson  
Row 1: Harold Anderson, Jim Cashman, Barry Claridge, Garf Dever, Ian Turfus, Ron Neilson, Trevor McKinlay  
Nigel Keys left during the year, otherwise all present.



### 3L (ii) Form Photo

- Row 4: Bill Clark, Richard Grimmett, Maurice Jordan  
Row 3: Delton Sizemore, David Proudfoot, Ted Bowie, Russell (Tom) Wall, Ron Wilkinson, Howard Laing, Ron Nisbet  
Row 2: Jeff Munro, Colin Gadd, Alistair R. Graham, Neil Shaw, Richard Welch, Graham Baird, Errol Hitt, Mr John Huggett  
Row 1: Ian Collins, Jim Miller, Ken Mason, Neil Hanson, Graeme Dyer, Alister Julius, Alan Cuthbertson  
All present and named.



### 3A Form Photo

- Row 4:* Ray Griffin, Trevor Stanaway, Alan Heads, Michael Culling, Jim Isaac, Robert Dymand, Barry Bell  
*Row 3:* Roy Gillions, Ross Keen, Lex Cochrane, Bob Bryant, Ross Jefferson, Keith Ross, Ray Whaley  
*Row 2:* Graeme Brown, Lyn Adam, Graeme Johnson, Paul Harris, Gordon Sasse, Graham Gough, Wayne Wright, Lindsay Wilson, Mr Clive Geary  
*Row 1:* Graeme Miller, John Wallis, Lee Smith, Bill Roberts, David Oliphant, Wayne Jones, Barry Jaquierey, Martin Smith  
 On roll but not in photo Graham Cooper



### 3B Form Photo

- Row 4:* Stewart Findlater, Ken Lawson, Les Jones, Trevor Restieaux, Nigel Stent, Gordon Paterson, Neil Macandrew, Eric Olsen  
*Row 3:* Barry Gillan, Ron Sutherland, Ross Davey, Allan Ashworth, Mervyn Andrew, Graeme McLeod, Ron Messer  
*Row 2:* Richard Marrayatt, Guy Robinson, Doug Foster, Don Forbes, Ross Wilson, Doug Morrison, Ian Tilbury, Mr A. F. Rae  
*Row 1:* Brian Johnston, Max Telfer, Lawrence Townsend, Mervyn Little, Graham Page, Bernard Montgomery, Bruce Macandrew  
 On roll but not in photo: Gordon Broome, Bill Pay.



### 3C Form Photo

Row 4: Warwick Stalker, Max Croft, Richard Cuthbert, Doug Scoles, Tony MacLean, Leonard Peterson, Keith Smith, Alistair Adam

Row 3: Fergus Gillon, David Bucke, Vivian Patchett, Murray Stephens, Murray Freeman, Ross Fletcher, Barry Dyhrberg

Row 2: Jeff Benson, Des Wilson, ??? McDonald, Austin Banks, Gary Mowat, Gordon Wilson, Brian Nicholls, Mr E. D. Fraser

Row 1: Barry Forno, ??? McDonald, Keith Ingram, Don Mackay, John Steven, David Johnston, Alistair M. Graham

On roll but not in photo: Richard King

There are two McDonalds who have been identified by their surname only. Is anyone able to advise which one is Peter John and which one is Robert Edward?



### 3D Form Photo

Row 4: Alex Napier, Lloyd Cameron, Arthur Gavegan, Cliff Scott, Bob Paul, Ernie Carr, Ray Whaley

Row 3: John Finigan, Arthur Keen, Ken MacKay, Graeme Harvey, Bob Penny, John Fisher, David McClue, Mr Vern Tie

Row 2: Colin Earney, Russell Whitton, Don Campbell, Brian Bishop, Frank Shum, John Sebelin, Wayne Tuck

Row 1: Kevin Duncan, Garry Wyber, Jack Lunn

On roll but not in photo: Ian Little, Clive McKane.

## Missing

We wish to thank once again those who responded to our requests for information concerning those Old Boys for whom we had no recent details. Of the 1957 intake, Gilbert Lucas died in Dunedin in 1976, while Geoffrey Leeden died in Auckland in 1978. Russell Reid is a retired psychiatrist who spends three months each year in Auckland with his siblings (C. S. (Colin) Reid (1951–55), D. C. (Chris) Reid (1954–56), and Judith), then for the rest of the year divides his time between his homes in London and Tuscany! Of the 1958 intake, Rodney Braid who lived for many years in the Chatham Islands now lives in Rolleston; Warwick Duell now lives in Maruia, Buller; and Peter Larking lives near Tauranga.

Included in this *Kingsmen* are photos of the 1959 intake, which with later inclusions numbered 180, of which 23 are known to have died. The circumstances of the following 13 are unknown to us: Graham John Cooper, Michael John Culling, Richard Elias Cuthbert, Francis Wilkie Dunne, Colin George Earney, Graeme McLeod, Shangwe Joel Mdundo (returned to Tanzania with a BSc in geography from O.U. and was doing national service in the army), Donald Graeme Miller, Douglas Noel Morrison, Peter George Pritchard, John Steven, Lawrence David Townsend, Ronald Edward Wilkinson.

## Activities Around the Country

### Dunedin

#### 1. Annual Meeting and Social

Just another reminder of the above to be held Thursday 26th April in the School Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

#### 2. Lawn Bowls

The annual bowls match with O.B.H.S. Old Boys has been held for eight years. Unfortunately both Noel Hudson who organised our side and Bill Butler (Otago Boys), have since died.

This year it will be held on Wednesday 11th April at the Fairfield Bowling Club 84 Main Road, being ready to commence play at 1pm in civilian clothes.

Any Association member who wishes to play please contact Ken Walker 03 489 6256.

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

#### 1. Report from Grahame Howley

2011 ended for the branch with a lunch at the Bays Club on 24th November. A very good crowd of 30 old boys attended and there were as usual around 20 apologies. It would be great to be able to get all 50 odd stalwarts attending the same function. Maybe we will be successful this year.

It was pleasing to have my brother Michael (43–46), up from Wellington, staying with me at the time and he met up with old school and business colleagues and there was much reminiscing.

Eric Munro (43–45) suggested a photo of those present that had played rugby for the Southern Club and it was surprising to find some 8 members, who are in the photo.

While the lunch functions have been a great success we promised not to forget those who are unable to attend these and an evening function was to be held from 5pm on Thursday 22nd March at the Albany Sports Bar and Café, Oteha Valley Road. A few drinks and those wishing to stay on could sit down and have a meal to conclude a convivial evening.

John Somerville and I are looking forward to having another enjoyable year with our old boy colleagues.



KHSOB who played for Southern RFC.

Ross Hore (1960–63), Eric Munro (1943–45), Grahame Howley (1951–53), Lee Smith (1959–64), Mike Howley (1943–46), John Somerville (1950–54), David Oliphant (1959–61), Ken Wooten (1944–45).

2. Grahame and John have kept up the enthusiasm and seem to have imbued that in others.

They have been ambitious in holding three or four reasonable cost functions in a year. These have varied between a lunch, or lunch with partners, or meeting after work with some staying on for a meal.

This number of functions may not suit every city and a suitable facility has to be found, but we encourage all areas to have at least one get together in a year. Also the more so, for ex-pupils to support efforts made for them to maintain contacts and fellowship.

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### Nelson

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

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Treasurer: Alan Malcolmson (1971–75) 10 Parkham Drive, Burnside, Christchurch 8053.  
Database: Alister Campbell (1949–53) PO Box 52, Lincoln 7640. Email: alandpat@xtra.co.nz

## Administration

1. Please note that emails should now be sent to: wlarkins@xtra.co.nz
2. Hugh Kidd and Bob Glass collect information from publications and media, mainly the *Otago Daily Times*, but would appreciate help, especially from outside Dunedin.
3. We know that when changing address there are a vast number of things to think of, and do, but please do not forget notifying us to PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or email as above under 1.

Christchurch people have had great problems and priorities. We have received some changes of address, but have noticed proportionately subscriptions in arrears higher from there. Theoretically mail should be redirected, or returned G.N.A., but that does not always happen.

## Corrections

Sadly this is a column which features almost daily in the *ODT*, and which we try to avoid. However, in the interests of historical accuracy we must acknowledge that there were several errors in the November *Kingsmen*, although not all were our fault. We wish to thank those who brought such lapses to our attention.

The most glaring error was in the headline on the front page, where the School Wall of Fame should have read Fame! The proof readers were suitably chagrined . . .

In the citation for Sir Frank Holmes induction to the Wall of Fame it was claimed that in 1941 he was the school's first ever Fives Singles Champion, our sources being the Silver Jubilee and Golden Jubilee booklets. However F. N. (Noel) Pringle (1936–40) disputes this and states that the first singles champion was D. E. N. (Derek) Wood (1936–40) in 1939, and H. H. (Herbie) Colquhoun (1937–41) in 1940, citing the *School Magazine* of those dates as confirming his claim. However, he further mentions that D. N. F. (Noel) Dunbar (1936–40) who shared the winning Doubles title in both 1939 and 1940 presented a trophy for the Singles title, which was first awarded in 1941 (to Frank); this is probably the reason for the entry in the Silver Jubilee booklet, subsequently compounded by the Golden Jubilee booklet, and unknowingly by us!

In the citation for Jeff Robson's induction, and later in the Badminton section, it was stated that the Otago team never won the interprovincial Wisden Cup after 1951, our source being an article in the *ODT*. H. B. ("Dick") Dawson (1940–42) disputes this, as he was a member of the team which won the trophy in 1954: we are not too surprised at his claim, as we had previously noted an error in the article—that matches were played in the Brighton Hall should have read Brydone Hall! Also in the 1954 team were A. L. (Larry) Scott (1941–42), and Rae Elmes (née Emslie), future mother of P. J. F. (Peter) Elmes (1969–72) and future aunt of R. J. (Russell) Elmes (1957–60). Both Peter and Russell have resided in Adelaide for some years.

Also in Jeff's citation the Latin adverb *stet* was used, when the term should have been *sic*—as was pointed out by retired librarian P. R. (Philip) Kidd (1952–56). Obviously I hadn't paid sufficient attention to my Latin teacher for five years, D. A. (Doug) Morrison (Staff 1947–56), and I hereby apologise

to any of his descendants who might have felt upset about my solecism!

The Queen's Service Order (QSO) is fourth in the hierarchy of NZ Honours, and not seventh as was stated in both the July and November *Kingsmen*. Why the nation's newspapers persist with this incorrect hierarchy remains a mystery.

L. M. (Laurie) Kenworthy (1946–49) points out that the assistant coach of the 1955 co-champion Taieri rugby team was not R. C. (Bob) Turvey (1947–50), but his father, R. A. (Bob) Turvey!

## Cultural Affairs

P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76), senior lecturer in music at Otago University, has been a conductor, for 35 years. To become a conductor requires a thorough grounding in music, and as most training worldwide is at a postgraduate level, an aspirant would need to possess a bachelor of music degree. Skills are gained on the job, but many first gain experience through playing an instrument in an orchestra, or through singing in a choir, which allows them to observe other conductors, and thereby, gain a knowledge of different musical styles and leadership. Peter believes that conductors should be creative, patient, encouraging, motivated and disciplined, they should enjoy working with a diverse range of people of all ages and backgrounds, be able to work to a schedule, and keep calm under pressure; above all they should be aerobically fit. What a conductor does daily include selecting, learning, and interpreting pieces of music, scheduling rehearsals, planning concert programmes, and working with ensemble management. The most challenging aspect is running an effective rehearsal, being able to think both ahead and behind, and to work out whether things are going wrong while preparing for what comes next. A lot of the work is spent on one's own in the preparation: studying the music score, how the music functions and what it is communicating, and how it all fits together. Conducting is timeless, and hasn't really changed at all in 150 years, with the rewards coming from the exhilaration of performance, the growing sense of teamwork, and inspiring participants. Conductors in NZ usually work on an individual fee basis: generally an hourly rate for rehearsal and a fee for the concert, for a total of up to \$5,000.

As was forecast in the November *Kingsmen*, Dame Alison Holst did acknowledge the help she had received from husband P. E. (Peter) Holst (1951–55) in the furtherance of her career. Her autobiography is the 100th book which she has either written or co-written, and more than a third have been published by N. L. (Neil) Hyndman (1969–73).

Surviving members of NZ's first treble brass band champion (1952–54), the Kaikorai Brass Band, gathered recently for their first reunion in more than 20 years. Included in the thirteen were R. R. (Ray) MacDonald (1940–42, Bandmaster 1951–60) of Christchurch, H. W. (Hugh) Dickinson (1945–48) of Palmerston North, W. E. (Bill) Willers (1945–48) of Dunedin, B. N. (Barrie) Bain (1947–50) of Arrowtown, and brother K. W. (Kerry) Bain (1951–54) of Fairfield.

R. A. (Richard) Langston (1973–77) who has retired after 20 years as a reporter for TV3 often in quite dangerous situations, was heard from time to time on Jim Mora's afternoon National Radio programme. Following a two-year stint as a music journalist in London in the mid-1980s, he returned to NZ convinced that the best music he had heard while overseas was actually related to the Flying Nun label in Dunedin: The Clean Verlaines, Goblin Mix, Double-happys, Sneaky Feelings, The

Chills, and The Puddle! He was inspired to write about this, as it was being largely ignored by other media, and produced *Garage* magazine to fill the void. But it took tremendous energy to produce the largely DIY magazine, which was even marketed overseas, and it folded after only five issues. However *Garage* is having a second life on-line, being republished digitally on the Flying Nun website, more than 3,000 viewing issue 5, while the podcast enables readers to listen to the music at the same time. *Garage* zines are downloadable from [flyingnun.co.nz](http://flyingnun.co.nz).

D. J. (Darren) Tautari (1990–92, 1999) has shifted to Brighton, and as well as a change of scene this has provided a new inspiration, as was revealed in a recent exhibition of his acrylics at the Green Island Gallery entitled “Sand and Surf—a Journey to the South Coast.” A reviewer claims that while in many ways a continuation of his previous paintings, that there is “a distinct feeling of connectedness, and almost intimacy ... which suggests the artist has truly found a home and creative spark in his new surroundings.”

Since his departure from the “Masterchef” programme nearly a year ago, S. K. (Stu) Todd (1997–2002), schoolteacher, rugby player, and parent has kept fairly busy doing multiple cooking shows, raising money for schools (\$10,000 to Elm Grove where he teaches), clubs, church fetes, and charities. He does regular cooking demonstrations on Channel 9 which will hopefully lead to a series, and has been working on a series “52 restaurants in 52 weeks” for Tourism Dunedin where he visits local eateries with a photographer and describes the experience on their website (and sometimes in the community newspaper). He also caters for private dinners, and appears at A & P Shows. So far his busy life has not become a chore, and he gains a lot of inspiration through spending time in supermarkets!

Taieri artist K. J. (John) Toomer (1970–73) continued his successful run at the annual Aspiring Art Awards in Wanaka, winning the overall \$5,000 prize for his painting “Arcadia Theatre, Waimate.” He had achieved second place in 2010, and won the “people’s choice” award in 2011. John describes his style as contemporary realism, and the building which was built between 1905–1907 and is also known as Quinn’s Arcade, is unlike anything else in NZ. One of the judges who hails from Christchurch, where so many old buildings have been destroyed by the earthquakes, said that the painting “emphasises preciousness of our colonial heritage.”

Listeners to Otago community access radio station, Oar 105.4FM, between 11.00am–12pm on Wednesdays can hear T. H. (Thomas) van der Lugt (2000–05) present his programme “The Special Olympics Show with Thomas.” He emigrated with his family from Ireland when he was aged three, and they came to Dunedin because King’s offered appropriate schooling facilities: he suffers from Asperger’s syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder which can lead to difficulties with social interaction. Thomas has become an accomplished sportsman, and has won 10 NZ skiing titles, and gold and silver medals at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho, USA. Last November he was, a member of the Otago Special Olympics football team which won the inaugural transtasman championships, and is a Special Olympics “global messenger.” In his radio programme, which has been winning both acclaim and fans, he just lets listeners know about the Special Olympics and about intellectual difficulties, inspiring them with his humour, openness, and optimism. Living and working with the Mt Cargill Trust, which provides residential and respite care for both children and adults who have intellectual disabilities, his show is honest because of his passionate and positive qualities, and he is regarded as a great mentor for all.

C. D. (Chris) Baker (1967–71) is CEO of Straterra, a political lobby group for NZ’s largest mineral explorers and coal producers which is critical of the time involved in attempting to satisfy the Ministry of Economic Development, landowners, iwi, local and regional councils, DoC for access to land and for Wildlife Act permits, and the Historic Places Trust. As applicants are often forced to achieve this in sequence, often more than once, it may entail years of effort and millions of dollars before a cent can be earned. Chris claims that mining is an economic and social good with worldwide demand for the resources, yet environmentalists held the upper hand in getting their points of view across to the public, underpinned by domestic and global environmental disasters or scenarios. A current area under dispute is the Denniston Plateau in the Buller region.

Six months ago as a result of the Larsen Review, several board members of Dunedin City Holdings Ltd (DCHL) resigned, and the rest were sacked. An interim board comprising Denham Shale and A. W. (Bill) Baylis (1959–62) was given 12 months to restructure the holding company and its subsidiaries, wholly or partially owned by the Council. These subsidiaries comprise Aurora Energy, City Forests, DC Treasury, Delta Utility Services, Taieri Gorge Railway, and Dunedin International Airport Ltd, and are together worth almost one billion dollars. With recruiting new directors being part of their job, it is hoped to have the new boards in place before the end of the financial year, with subsidiary directors no longer being directors of DCHL, nor serving on more than one subsidiary company. Given the current state of the general economy, the restructuring is not an easy task.

The Campbell family once operated three menswear stores, in South Dunedin, George Street, and Mosgiel, before consolidating on South Dunedin in 2000. Owner L. W. (Lindsay) Campbell (1971–76) said that since consolidation the company had changed, with more emphasis on big brands (RM Williams, Canterbury, Cambridge and Line 7), so it was decided to reopen the Mosgiel branch, which had operated in that town for some 30 years when managed by his brother D. A. (Don) Campbell (1966–69). While retailing was still difficult, factors in influencing the reopening included growth in the town, demand, dwindling competition, and the chance for a fifth generation family member to become a manager: Don’s son B. R. (Bevan) Campbell (1995–2000).

Disenchanted with going to school basically to eat his lunch, J. S. (Jim) Hay (1976–79) took note of an announcement one morning at assembly that there was a position available at a city jewellers, discovered that it was for a watchmaker, and started work two days later. He set up his own business, Timepieces NZ, in Cromwell in 1996, initially at the back of a garage, before building a workshop at home. Eight years ago he shifted to Outram, again opting for a home workshop, and while the job was taking its toll on both mind and body (especially his eyes) it meant that he could return to work at nights, which was often convenient for customers. His business, which often hosts groups such as Probus, Rotary, and vintage machinery clubs has been boosted by damage to clocks and barometers by the Christchurch earthquakes, which had also damaged Christchurch workshops. Jim has also worked on the clocks of the Municipal Chambers, railway station, Iona Church at Port Chalmers, and the highly unusual Beverly clock in the O.U. Physics Department.

S. B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70) of Cromwell, formerly chair



of Rural Otago PHO, and Community Representative on Southern PHO, has been elected chairman of the Southern PHO. He believes that the foundation has been put in place for the PHO to become a leader in primary healthcare, with the board focused on strengthening relationships with providers, Maori, community, NGOs, and the DHB.

G. J. (Grant) Millar (1977–80), owner of Leckie's Butchery at St Clair, has not only kept the business local and traditional, he has kept it in the family by marrying Jim Leckie's daughter! The business was established 85 ago by Alexander Leckie, and specialises in a wide range of smallgoods. It supplies restaurants, cafés, takeaway bars, and supermarkets Otago-wide, and has maintained a presence at the Dunedin Farmers' Market every Saturday morning. There are 12 employees who divide their time between the retail shop and its adjacent factory where locally sourced pork and ham (from Highcliff) is cured, and sausages, saveloys, black and white puddings, and haggis (sold nationwide) made on site. Providing such a broad range of product, together with its reputation, has meant that Leckie's has been less vulnerable during tough economic times which have seen traditional butcher shops, where the customer gets exactly what is wanted in the size and quantity preferred, dwindle.

G. E. (Guy) Robinson (1959–60) had always fancied an outdoor life, but was persuaded by his father to take up an apprenticeship as a hairdresser with Bill Ruston, and some 50 years later is still operating, albeit under reduced power (30 hours per week)! During this time the number of barbershops in Dunedin has dropped from 36 to 8, but continue to function as an important social as well as utilitarian function: customers are like friends, with all sorts of problems, both general and personal being discussed, and the barber has to be a good listener. While the Beatles era ushered in longer hairstyles, to the dismay of many parents and school authorities, nowadays younger people with more freedom of choice are opting for shorter haircuts. After 23 years at Ruston's the business moved next door to 277 King Edward Street, where after everything was setup, Bill Ruston told Guy "You're taking over!" and thereafter worked for him part-time. Gaynor Maitland has worked alongside Guy for 22 years, and has brought in female customers as well: he hopes that she will similarly take over from him when *he* retires!

## Bits and Pieces

G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82) was the third to become Head Boy for two consecutive years, before leaving to study at the Dunedin College of Education. While still at King's he made his Otago debut in basketball, and subsequently became the longest-serving captain of any NZ international sports team (13 years), mentoring a new generation of basketball stars. In 2000, he and his family shifted to England where he worked as deputy head teacher at Moulsham Junior School at Chelmsford in Essex, then at Woolwich Polytechnic in SE London before being appointed Principal of the new 1600 pupil Oasis Academy Shirley Park in 2009. The academy is situated in Croydon, a tough environment with high levels of deprivation and need, gang issues, and teenage pregnancy all prevalent. The student population is predominately Afro-Caribbean speaking more than 30 languages, and only 17% white British. However, because of his hard-working staff, the school is in the top 1% of the most improved schools in the UK. Glen believes that it shouldn't matter where the pupils come from, nor the status of their parents, but the quality of the education which they receive: it's about social justice and transformation.

J. G. (John) Pryde (1939–42), who died last year, put himself through King's because his father's health, damaged through war service, affected the family's income. After working for the tax department in Dunedin, and studying part-time at OU, in 1948 he joined the economic research staff at the Reserve Bank of NZ where he and his peers were an extraordinary and stimulating group of economists who disagreed with the conventional wisdom of the day concerning monetary policy, and were to have distinguished careers in NZ. At a time when official statistics in economics were not strong, he introduced NZ's first retail trade survey, which led to several further statistical initiatives. John meanwhile had been continuing part-time with his academic studies and graduated from Victoria University College with an MA in economics. In 1957 he joined Federated Farmers as a research officer, and was awarded a Nuffield scholarship in 1963 to study European agricultural policies. In 1964 he became CEO of Federated Farmers, and played a key role in the hearings of the Court of Arbitration, the National Development Conference and its later Targets Advisory Group: in international trade negotiations especially after Britain joined the European Community; and in farming policy generally. This was a time when farming fortunes and those of NZ were waning, and this kept him intensely involved in ensuring that farming was well engaged when NZ's future was under discussion, and that farming leaders were equipped to deal with this. In 1975 John was awarded an OBE for services to NZ agriculture when he moved south to Lincoln College to take up an appointment as a senior fellow to carry out specialised research studies on farming issues, and to direct the Agribusiness and Economic Research Unit. In 1978 the College Council agreed to his proposal to run a leadership programme for future farm leaders, and while in USA on a State Department Foreign Travel Grant observing US agriculture, he audaciously persuaded the Kellogg Foundation to fund the programme which catered for 25 students annually: eventually the Kellogg Leadership Programme produced 250 leaders (including Jenny Shipley!) of farming in NZ. When he retired and shifted back to Wellington in 1991, he remained active as Advisor to the Joint Statutory Producer Boards, thereby pursuing his quest for a better understanding of free trade among NZ leaders and our key trading partners. A Fellow of the NZ Institute of Management, he was an inaugural member of the NZ Association of Economists, and an early President and ultimately a Life Member: he strongly advocated the promotion of women in the economics profession. He published many reports, travelled overseas on many missions, and even spoke at a KHSOBA dinner! Highly regarded and well-liked, John played a significant part in establishing the place of economics in NZ public life.

Growing up as an only child, C. M. (Colin) McLaren (1939–42) relished his years at King's, where he met the Burton brothers, J. E. (John) Burton (1938–42) and M. J. (Mervyn) Burton (1938–42) who became lifelong friends, and regarded T. J. (Theo) Arnold (Staff 1936–51) as his mentor. He played cricket, rugby and soccer for King's, being a member of the 1942 soccer team that defeated OBHS for the first time; in his final year at school he won the senior cross-country title. In 1943, Colin joined the Customs Dept in Dunedin and began 41 years of service: shifting to head office in Wellington, then back briefly to Dunedin where he married, to Napier, to Timaru for fifteen years, and finally to Nelson where he remained until retirement in 1984. He then became secretary-manager of the Nelson Club for some ten years, meeting several Old Boys who were members of the club. Latterly he became a keen golfer, and scored three holes-in-one during thirty enjoyable years at the Nelson Golf Club.

Since R. S. (Russell) Lippert (1957–58) retired some eight years ago, he and his wife Noeleen have been roaming the world for much of that time, including recently walking the Inca trail in Peru. After spending 15 years in the motor reconditioning trade, Russell taught graphics and design in the Technical Department at Kaikorai Valley High School for 30 years. He is hoping they can settle down to a more “normal” life ....

E. A. (Arnold) Annand (1936) who died last year, left King's after only one year to work for a radio firm, before becoming a copy holder for the *ODT*, then working for Reckitt and Coleman. Following army training, then working for the Radio Corporation in Wellington, he volunteered for the RNZAF, and after intensive training served as a radio mechanic and instructor in the Pacific. After the war, he gained further professional and tertiary qualifications in radio, electronics and television. Returning to Dunedin he applied for a three-month contract position in the physiology department at OU which blossomed into a 38-year career, beginning with radio valve technology and ending in the days of the microchip! During his early years he designed and built equipment for celebrated physiologist Prof John Eccles, who subsequently won a Nobel Prize. Arnold helped to create, develop, and maintain equipment, video gear and scanning electron microscopes used by advanced researchers from 24 different OU departments, and for the last ten years of his career managed the renamed Central Electronics Workshop (South). As a young man he had been a keen and successful cyclist, and to compete at events in Alexandra he would bike to Roxburgh on a Friday night after work, sleep under a hedge there, compete the next day and return to the hedge again, before returning to Dunedin on the Sunday! A modest, even-tempered, unflappable man, despite the pressures of work and the egos surrounding him, he was creative, flexible, and versatile: a “gentle man and a gentleman.”

N. A. (Noel) Bradshaw (1955–56) must be thinking of entering Parliament: his photo appeared in the *ODT* twice in three days! The first picture was taken at the Cromwell races which featured a retro theme, and Noel and his wife attended in appropriate fashion in garments purchased and adapted from various op shops; the second picture was taken at a National Party election-night function in Oamaru celebrating re-election. On the same page were photographs taken at a more sombre Labour Party function in Oamaru, one of which featured stalwart D. G. (Dave) Lattimer (1942–46).

C. R. (Colin) Emslie (1956–59) who died last year was the son of long-serving mathematics and physics teacher S. G. (Stan) Emslie (Staff 1941–75). From an early age Colin took an interest in communications technology, especially radio and television, and served an apprenticeship at Brian Snell Ltd before joining the physics department at OU as an electronics technician. There he enjoyed designing and building laboratory equipment before retiring as technical manager after 35 years. In his spare time Colin was an enthusiastic amateur radio operator, and throughout the Abbotsford slip disaster adjacent to his home, he maintained radio contact with search and rescue teams. After retiring from OU he worked at the Royal Albatross Centre at Taiaroa Head as a tour guide, and helped develop the Centre's albatross education programme. A trustee of the NZ Seal Lion Trust, he enhanced awareness of the plight facing sea lions, through his photography and website design skills, and through the placing of information panels at strategic coastal locations. Colin had a lifelong interest in photography which increased after he shifted to Portobello, and his photographs of scenery and wildlife won awards at Dunedin Photographic Society competitions. He regularly exhibited his photos at the

Otago Peninsula Arts Exhibitions, and some even featured as backdrops for TV 1 weather reports!

I. D. (Ian) Morrison (1960–64), son of D. A. (Doug) Morrison (Staff 1947–56) qualified as a teacher at both Dunedin Teachers College and OU, and taught in several primary schools before becoming principal at Winchester school in South Canterbury. He then spent five years as a Dunedin-based advisor to rural schools before taking up the position of manager (now director) of Education Support Services at the Dunedin College of Education (now the OU College of Education). This organisation employs some fifteen staff, and provides professional development backing for more than 260 primary, intermediate, and secondary schools throughout Otago and Southland. While his 42-year career in education has generally been positive, Ian has reservations about the growing centralised control of the country's schools especially the “one-size-fits-all” approach which has led to small schools being closed often to the detriment of their communities. A keen fisherman, especially on the Rangitata river, he retired on January 31 this year, the day his grand-daughter Lucy Morrison started at St Clair school!

G. A. (Graham) Stott (1993–97) was killed last year when a helicopter on a cross-country navigating training flight

## Obituaries

- F. C. (Fergus) Fraser (1943–45) died at Hastings 14.2.11
- G. (Gillian) Hammond (2006–09) died at Waikouaiti 15.8.11
- K. W. (Keith) Erskine (1954–57) died at Wellington 18.10.11
- G. L. (Gerald) Giles (1957–59) died at Auckland ?10.11
- A. E. (Alex) Duffy (1936–38) died at Wanganui 28.10.11
- R. B. (Bob) Cowie (1951–52) died at Christchurch 29.10.11
- C. M. (Colin) McLaren (1939–42) died at Stoke 5.11.11
- G. R. (Gerry) Cron (1993–96) died at Balclutha 12.11.11
- W. K. (Keith) Pitcaithly (1954–58) died at Dunedin 12.11.11
- A. A. (Alan) Joel (1936–39) died at Salisbury, England 18.11.11
- G. A. (Graeme) Mitchell (1962–66) died at Waldronville 25.11.11
- K. W. (Ken) Allen (1949–53) died at Dunedin 27.11.11
- R. D. (Ross) Tomkins (1967–68, 1970) died at Outram 29.11.11
- A. W. (Allan) Taylor (1963–67) died at Dunedin 5.12.11
- D. B. (Barrie) Mayfield (1946–47) died at Dunedin 8.12.11
- C. D. (Colin) Fleury (1946–48) of Paraparaumu, died at Wellington 10.12.11
- V. H. (Vince) Harvey (1948–49) died at Dunedin 15.12.11
- P. H. (Peter) King (1957–61) died at Dunedin 24.12.11
- D. J. R. (Daniel) Mercer (2004–07) killed at Christchurch 24.12.11
- K. W. (Ken) Joint (1962–63) died at Mosgiel 31.12.11
- A. M. (Alex) Stevenson (1944–45) died at Blenheim 23.1.12
- B. S. (Bernie) Woolford (1956–59) died at Melbourne, Oz 24.1.12
- J. G. (Jim) Fowler (1939) died at Winton 26.1.12
- D. S. (Don) Bruce (1949–51) died at Upper Hutt 1.2.12
- D. D. (Dennis) Leeden (1971-73) died at Dunedin 2.2.12
- P. N. (Pierre) Moana (1998) died at Dunedin 6.2.12
- M. (Mark) Mareko (1998–2001) died at Auckland 10.2.12
- R. S. (Ray) Wallace (1942–45) died at Luton, England 20.2.12
- G. E. (Graeme) Anderson (1963–67) died at Brisbane, Oz 21.2.12

between Wanaka and Haast crashed in the upper reaches of the Arawata river while returning to Wanaka in windy conditions. After leaving school, Graham trained as a physical education teacher at the Dunedin College of Education, before shifting to Queenstown. He trained as a pilot with Wanaka Helicopters, and gained permanent employment there in 2005. He was offered a position as a commercial pilot in 2006, and became a qualified instructor in 2009. Extremely helpful and considerate, he was used by the company as its student liaison officer, Graham was universally popular, passionate about aviation, a keen photographer, and regarded sport as his religion! The other victim of the crash was a licensed pilot training for his commercial licence.

Late last year, P. J. (Philip) Craigie (1965–70), a former head boy at King's handed in his resignation after eleven years as the longest-serving principal at Kaikorai Valley College, and 40 years experience as a teacher. He was previously deputy principal at the Taieri High School, and before that head of the music departments at OBHS, and Riccarton High School in Christchurch. Highlights of his time at Kaikorai Valley were the 50th Jubilee in 2008, overseeing the development of the school's gymnasium and special needs facilities, and planning the forthcoming upgrade of the administration block and schoolhall. In his retirement Philip is looking forward to giving more time to his passion for music: he is the conductor of the Mosgiel Brass Band, and has been conducting since aged 19. His historic Taieri home (built in 1867) needs regular attention, as do his fleet of British cars from the 1960s and 1970s. He also believes that he might be able to help schools as a professional consultant. The Board of Trustees innovatingly conducted an online survey which allowed staff and the school community to suggest the qualities they desired in the new appointment, who is R. W. (Rick) Geerlofs (Staff 1987–93) who taught mathematics and technical drawing while at King's. A former pupil of Kaikorai Valley High School, Rick studied at OU and worked as an architectural draftsman before training as a teacher. After leaving King's, he was head of the technical department at Gore High School, then deputy principal at Menzies College in Wyndham for 12 years. He is currently in his fifth year as principal at East Otago High School in Palmerston.

D. N. F. (Noel) Dunbar (1936–40) who died last year was born on Christmas Day (hence his name), and his mother was widowed before he started King's as a foundation day pupil. He became a prefect, was the school wicketkeeper, and a winner of the doubles championship at Fives: when he left he presented a cup to be awarded annually to the Fives singles champion. Having been one of the first two from King's to win a National Scholarship, he proceeded to OU, where despite army training during his vacations, he graduated BSc in 1944, and while working as an assistant lecturer an MSc with 1st class honours in physics. In 1947, because of his strong background in electronics, he was recruited by the University of Melbourne where the professor was establishing a group of highly promising men in nuclear physics, so Noel became yet another Kiwi scholar who spent their careers enriching Australian university life: his voyage there on the *Wanganella* came to a sudden halt on Barrett's reef in Wellington harbour so he transferred to a flying boat! He remained at Melbourne as lecturer, then senior lecturer until 1958, and his former students spoke highly of his memorable teaching; during this time he gained his PhD in 1951 (one of the first ever awarded by an Australian university) and spent a year at the Californian Institute of Technology (Caltech) furthering his research into the collisions of nuclear particles. In 1959 Noel was appointed

to the chair of physics at Canberra University College which amalgamated with Australian National University (ANU) in 1960; he was dean of science from 1963, and deputy vice chancellor from 1968. He served on committees both within and outside the university, his participation being marked by rigour for goals and standards, but flexibility in methods. He was a key figure in the reconstruction of the faculty of science, while at the same time initiating what became the university's staff housing scheme. In 1977 Noel was recruited as chairman of the Universities Council of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission where he served until 1986: He thereby became responsible for the co-ordinated development of the entire Australian university scene. He was thus in an invidious position between the policies of government and the ambitions of the universities, but through his good sense and tact, any friction was never apparent: he defended the unique status of the universities, the commission worked well, and the universities continued to develop. On his retirement in 1986, he served as chairman of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, and was visiting fellow in the physics department at ANU until 2003. In recognition of his public service, in 1987 ANU conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. But Noel also had a life away from academia and is remembered as a jovial *bon vivant*; the connoisseur who toured the wine regions of the world; the pillar of Rotary, the Commonwealth Club, the Royal Canberra Golf Club, the Benchmark Wine Bar; the congenial host, the entertaining and lively guest, the good companion, and the dutiful son who cared his mother until her death—he never married.

C. P. C. (Peter) Evans (1961–65) who died early last year, has been described by his brother D. A. C. (David) Evans (1964–65) as funny, highly-imaginative, and detailed. Peter worked at the Auckland Savings Bank for nearly 40 years, starting as a teller, then in many departments before managing several Auckland branches. He instigated the ASB's internal staff publication, and was its editor and artist for many years: it included his pithy cartoons featuring Kashim the ASB elephant. One of Peter's chief interests was the service organisation Kiwanis International, and he held a number of offices and received significant awards, including the Griffen Fellow award in 2010: his casket was draped with Kiwanis International flag. He was also active in the NZ Herald Society, being a council member and Keeper of the Roll: through this he renewed contact with Life Member and editor emeritus J. M. (Jim) McCready (1937–40, Staff 1950–80) who had taught him at King's. But he will mostly be remembered as a talented artist who produced numerous delightful bookplates, birthday cards, and Christmas cards which featured the summer activities of a family of kiwis (birds doing people things!). Influences on his zany sense of humour were Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*, and the BBC radio comedies. Peter designed his own coat of arms, which featured the motto *Ars Longa Vita Brevis* which sadly proved to be prophetic: "Art lives a long time, life is short ...."

Following its defeat in the 2011 election, the Labour Party undertook a series of meetings around the country to help select a new leadership. David Shearer from Mt Albert ultimately was elected leader, with Wellington Central's G. M. (Grant) Robertson (1985–89) his deputy. Grant has been entrusted with a tertiary education role (he was a former office-bearer with the NZ University Students' Association) and has also been given skills and training responsibilities; he sees them as being part of a package to drive the economy. He had previously worked as a diplomat at the UN at New York, and was an advisor to former Prime Minister Helen Clark. Grant was the guest speaker at the 75th anniversary dinner.

Self-employed builder, J. K. (Jeremy) Noble (1982–84) was the Dunedin North candidate for the Democrats for Social Credit Party, and campaigned against “our wealth ... going overseas,” but failed to get elected.

During the election campaign some 700 National Party billboards across the country were defaced by activists who affixed slogans in white writing on a blue background advocating “The Rich Deserve More” and “Drill it! Mine it! Sell it!” The Green Party initially denied involvement, but the culprit who organised the defacing proved to be J. C. (Jolyon) White (1987–91), the partner of Anne Hein, Dr Norman’s executive assistant. Although not involved in the action, she was stood down, while Jolyon who was not an active member of the Greens resigned. He had previously been a youth worker for two years at St John’s Anglican parish in Roslyn.

R. J. (Richard) Craddock (1948–52) died in April last year, not long after retiring to Wanaka. He graduated LLB from OU, and worked briefly for a Dunedin law firm before moving to Auckland possibly to seek his fortune: there he became a partner with Holmden Horrocks before joining the bar. As a barrister he was a formidable, even feared opponent who relished his adversarial role, yet he was always straightforward and eager to explore settlement possibilities in the interests of his own and opposing clients. He featured in several high-profile commercial cases, some of which took him to the Privy Council in London. A talented hockey player at school, Richard’s interests widened after he left: he owned and raced yachts, flew his own plane, was a Jaguar enthusiast and rally driver, and climbed Mt Cook/Aoraki (twice) and several other major South Island peaks. He lived in fashionable Cremorne Street in Herne Bay, where he had closely supervised the construction of his architect-designed home, which had extensive harbour views and fronted on to the beach reserve: when he shifted to Wanaka it was on the market for \$8.5 million! Richard was Queen’s Counsel for 30 years, and could easily have become a judge had he had the inclination. Probably the apex of his illustrious legal career was when he advocated for European Pacific at the “Winebox Inquiry” where he famously said “We may be here for some purposes and not for others!”

In the ODT on Friday, 2 December 2011, the “Today in History” column recorded that in 1987, K. J. (Ken) Graham (1950–55) and his surgical team conducted NZ’s first heart transplant at Auckland’s Green Lane hospital.

M. R. (Matt) Charteris (1985, 1987–89) recently spent three months on remote Henderson Island, a 31 sq km uninhabited atoll which is the largest of the Pitcairn Islands, helping the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds look after the Henderson Island rail, a black flightless bird known to islanders as the Henderson chicken.

G. G. (Graham) Haase (Staff 1958–72) who died last year taught mathematics while at King’s before leaving to become head of mathematics at Kaikorai Valley High School, and latterly tutoring at OU. Hockey had a strong influence on Graham’s life, and having represented NZ Universities and Otago, he wished to impart his love of the game to others: his coaching while at King’s, apart from producing successful teams, led to many of his players later becoming coaches themselves at schools in Dunedin and beyond. His efforts were recognised in 2005, when he was elected a life member by the Otago Hockey Association. Graham was also NZ Chess champion in 1962, and was awarded the title of NZ Chess Master in 1985; regularly an Otago champion, he was NZ Chess Association president in 1965. A Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiast, from 1972 he sang in the Mornington Presbyterian Church choir every Sunday. He

was a leader in the efforts to restore tramcars and cable cars to Dunedin: his love of trams dating back to his Invercargill boyhood, where his schoolmates believed that Graham knew the working timetable by heart, and that he could tell them at any minute of the day where every tram should be on the Invercargill network!

Long-serving TVNZ Otago bureau chief J. R. (John) McDermott (1960–64) who retired recently started TV in Dunedin in 1967 on “Town and Around,” which later became “The South Tonight” and then “7.30 South.” He then worked in Invercargill, New Plymouth, briefly in Dunedin, before spending 12 years in Christchurch. He returned to Dunedin in 1985 as editor of “The South Tonight,” having to do some reporting as well because of redundancies, and only managed to hold on to his job at one stage by going part-time: typically he attributes his longevity to good luck rather than good management, and being in the right place at the right time. He admires the work of local stations such as Channel 9, and regrets that they don’t operate much beyond their city boundaries. In earlier days most stories were shot on 100ft of black and white negative film (about 2 min 40 sec) which was edited to one minute (and even 30 seconds): the film was cut and spliced with glue, the remainder ending on the cutting room floor; nowadays shooting (in colour) is edited and downloaded on to a laptop, and the result emailed to its destination! Through his work he has met many hundreds of Otago and Southland folk, famous people such as Sir Edmund Hillary, and regulars such as former classmate L. W. (Laurie) Mains (1960–64), but there have been painful stories such as Aramoana, the Kylie Smith murder, and the Bain case. In retirement he hopes to improve his average golf, keep singing in the City of Dunedin Choir, and recently he bought a campervan. A print journalist has said that while he was normally a rival, John was a vastly experienced and versatile journalist, who had a passion for sport as well as general news, and “carried out his duties with aplomb, dignity, and if necessary a steely determination. It is hard to think of a NZ journalist who has been more universally respected.”

Paris-based G. J. (Graeme) McGregor (1973–77), son of E. R. (Errol) McGregor (1936) has been revisiting the “beautiful little village” of Brighton with his family. An airline pilot, he flies Avro regional jet aircraft for CityJet, an Irish airline whose parent company is Air France. Brighton was just as he remembered it, and he had enjoyed fishing, diving and surfing with schoolmate R. M. (Robbie) Baxter (1974–77), a photoengraver and former Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club Captain.

## Sporting Triumphs

### Athletics

D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) hasn’t enjoyed quite the same success since our last report. He was beaten by 0.01 of a second in the Otago championship 10,000 metres, while at the 150th anniversary of horse racing at Cromwell, he was beaten by two horses, Grand National winner Kid Columbus and stablemate Day Centre in a 1600m race, despite being given a 2 minute 30 second start!

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) has returned to Dunedin from three years in the US on an athletics scholarship at Purdue University. While there he became a distinguished scholar-athlete: was in the top 50 students in the nation, was named an academic all-American (the first cross country runner from Purdue to achieve this status) and was in the top

20 in the country with his running—the highlight being when he became the first male from Purdue in 22 years to qualify for the NCAA cross country championship final. During his three years he lowered all his track times: in the 1500m (to 4 min 2 sec), 3,000 (to 8 min 18 sec) 5,000m (to 14 min 21 sec) and 10,000 (to 29 min 56 sec). A problem was the high standards within the team and the constant pressure to perform, but while niggling injuries and illness prevented him from achieving the goals he set for his third year, he has become a much smarter runner. Having graduated with a health science degree, Caden is this year studying physiotherapy at O.U.

### **Cricket**

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) was awarded the Hadlee Medal at the NZ Cricket Awards function after being judged NZ Test Player of the Year. He has since captained NZ in the Twenty/20 and ODI matches against South Africa, and captained Otago for the HRV Cup matches. At the annual Indian Premier League (IPL) player auction, Brendon was purchased by the Kolkata Knight Riders for \$1,076,000, and (when available) played for the Brisbane Heat in the Australian Big Bash tournament.

Older brother N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) also represented NZ in the Twenty/20 and ODI series against South Africa, played (when available) for the Sydney Sixers in the Australian Big Bash tournament, and is under contract to the IPL Pune Warriors franchise for \$120,000.

D. F. (Dayle) Shackel (1983–87), a physiotherapist, continues to be a trainer with the Black Caps.

### **Cycling**

Nowadays a cycling coach who has terminated his professional career, G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–89) nevertheless competed in his 19th Tour of Southland, and won the sprint ace title. A former Commonwealth Games bronze medallist, he is now moving into multisport, despite only recently having learned to swim!

J. E. (Justin) Stott (1988–92) had been a NZ junior cyclist in his youth, but gave it up for university study, a desire to travel, and a love of surfing. The property manager returned to Dunedin some three years ago, and was persuaded to return to the sport, taking on board training advice and motivational techniques suggested by friend and former athlete, Sydney-based B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92). Thanks to a fast first lap by S. J. (Stuart) Crooks (1988–92), he recently won the NZ Cup on Wheels at Mosgiel's Seddon Park velodrome on the Saturday night, and the 67km James Faulding Memorial road race the next day. More recently at the Invercargill velodrome he and Stuart combined to win the masters scratch race, and he won the 50 lap points race.

### **Football**

T. R. W. (Tom) Connor (2002–06) has been playing for Otago United.

### **Golf**

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) led from start finish when winning the Otago strokeplay championship held in windy conditions at Balmacewan in January.

### **Harness Racing**

Franco Emirates won the junior free-for-all, and came second in the NZ Free-For-All three days later at the NZ Cup meeting at Addington in November. As he had then won 14 races from 22 starts, owner R. W. (Russell) Nieper (1956–57) sent him to

Oz to make their fortunes [but we are unaware of what has happened since!].

T. O. (Trevor) Robertson (1956–57) recently retired as secretary of the Ashburton Trotting Club after 50 years with the club, where he began as office junior to his predecessor, who also served the club for 50 years!

### **Hockey**

Dentist P. W. (Peter) Ashton (1962–66) was seriously injured two years ago when representing NZ at the International Grand Masters Over-60s Tournament in Capetown, South Africa. However, he recovered, and played six matches in ten days at a tournament in Singapore recently. He has now set his sights on a post-Olympics tournament in London in August.

### **Ice Hockey**

R. J. (Regan) Wilson (2006–10), a builder's labourer, was included in a 20-man squad that represented NZ at the World under-20 third division championships held in Dunedin in January.

A. N. (Neil) Gamble (1957–59) retired as manager of the Dunedin Ice Stadium at the completion of the Masters Games. He was appointed manager of the Big Chill Ice Rink in Kaikorai Valley in 1996, and had the vision and energy to transform the former Dunedin Stadium into the ice stadium which opened in 2004. He had clear priorities which were the secrets of its success: "I have always put the rink first, the kids second, the clubs third, and the egos fourth." Ice has been Neil's life and passion, and he has spent long hours preparing the smooth surface of what is regarded as the best ice arena in the southern hemisphere, and this is highlighted by the number of international teams which visit Dunedin to use the facility. Another highlight has been the development of skating, with numbers increasing from three to 500 in Kiwi Skate and the skating club. Ice hockey has a full-time coach, and figure skating three full-time coaches. Neil hopes to be replaced by a current staff member, and expects to have an interim role in easing new staff into the financial aspects of the business, for it is essential that the stadium remains financially viable. Neil is a keen fisherman and gardener who has downsized his house to a unit at Mosgiel, while renovating the crib he built at Shag Point some twelve years ago, and proposes to reverse the roles of these dwellings!

### **Rugby**

Representing the Highlanders in preseason matches were B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04), G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04), and B. R. (Brayden) Mitchell (2003–06). Coach Jamie Joseph, after consulting with and receiving advice from K. (Kupu) Vanisi (1990) has been introducing the squad to the techniques of martial arts jujitsu, which increases flexibility and the ability to get off the ground more quickly following a collision: to date it seems to be working effectively.

As was forecast in the November *Kingsmen*, T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) was appointed coach of the Otago ITM Cup team: but as the ORFU is somewhat short of cash, who will pay him?

T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97), who played 43 matches for Otago, 23 for the highlanders, 26 for Waikato, and 39 for the Chiefs has returned to Dunedin after representing Newport's Gwent Dragons in Wales for the past three seasons. As a result of serious injuries to his thumb, the former All Black skipper has retired from all rugby, and hopes to find a job which will make use of his law degree.

## Sevens

L. M. (Luke) Herden (1992–96) represented Otago at the national tournament held in Queenstown in January.

## Surf Lifesaving

E. J. (Jeff) Munro (1959–63, Staff 1969–70) was recently made life member of the Otago Branch of the NZ Royal Life Saving Society: a rare honour only granted to four in the previous 100 years! Jeff first became involved when a pupil at King's, but has since taught lifesaving skills to school pupils in Christchurch, Invercargill, and Dunedin Trust Community Foundation NZ Masters Games.

Once again it was Dunedin's turn to host these games, and as usual the chairman of the organising committee was J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–89, Board of Trustees 1989–95), with special guests being Dick Tayler and Leigh Gibbs. While the Games are a not-for-profit event, the Masters Games Trust returned \$160,000 to the Dunedin sporting community after the 2010 event, and the games would not exist without significant contributions from local sporting bodies, volunteers, and the many sponsors. There were barely 6,000 competitors, which was fewer than in previous years, largely because numbers from Canterbury were down by half. The Sports Injury Clinic was once again co-ordinated by G. A. (Graeme) Harvey (1959–62). Many Old Boys participated, but it was impossible to keep a check on them because of sheer numbers, team membership was never published, and the results in the ODT were often confusing. However, we can record the following medal winners, while apologising to those whose worthy efforts are unknown to us. B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54) weightlifting, G. A. (Geoffrey) Anderson (1970–74) running, D. M. (Donald) Warrington (1954–58) table tennis, P. M. (Peter) Ruhen (1954–58) running, T. D. (Tom) Keene (1962–64) bowls, K. L. (Kelvin) Maker (1978–81) indoor rowing, B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954–56) kayaking, K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) bowls.

## Stop Press

### 1. Christchurch Golf

The report below has been able to be added due to the Annual Meeting having to be delayed two weeks. We always have to work dates around Easter, but with changes in school holidays and our use of the premises, it has become more of a juggle.

A team from Christchurch has not participated for a few years but we are pleased Graeme Downie has to report as follows:

*Although the least qualified as a first time participant in this event, I've accepted responsibility for transmitting this advice, probably because I was the only one with a camera on hand. Strowan Rosebowl is an annual Christchurch golf tournament for Old Boys started by St Andrews some 50 years ago. Combined stableford for 4 players with 3 to count. 14 teams competed this year hosted by the previous winners, Christchurch Tech, at the beautifully groomed Russley Golf Club with its excellent facilities.*

*KHSOB were past winners in 2000 and 2003. This year a creditable third was achieved with a combined score of 101. Winners were Shirley Old Boys (103) and Southland Old Boys (102). Don't you just hate remembering those missed putts ... AND finishing behind Southland Boys? The greatest consolation was that second placegetters won a set of kitchen scales each whereas third got very stylish (Panasonic branded) golf shirts. Perhaps we really were the winners after all.*

*Our playing partners were Shirley Old Boys and, had we*

*won the beer, we'd probably have been overall victors. Not sure if there's a message somewhere there but one of the responsibilities of the winner is to organise and host the next tournament. I'm quite sure that Paul Grainger's organisational skills would have coped with that—and sincere thanks go to him for putting the team together for this one!*

*Yesterday's tournament was the 2011 event having previously been postponed due to last year's earthquake season. The 2012 event will be hosted by Shirley, as winners, sometime around November this year.*

*A hugely enjoyable day that seemed in doubt with torrential rain at 7am but rain ceased by 12.30 tee off time. The after match function was superb.*



Team was (left to right in photo) Kel Doolan (1951–55) Graeme Downie (1957–60) Paul Grainger (1960–64) and Jim Keene (1950–53).

*On matters cultural, having recently accepted the presidency of the Christchurch Liedertafel Male Voice Choir, I've re-established communication with the Royal Dunedin Male Choir (past president Keith Ashton (1957–59) with the aim of organising a combined concert in Dunedin, possibly when the Town Hall is reopened. Venues are in particularly short supply in Christchurch at the moment. I'd be surprised if there wasn't a significant number of KHSOB members in the Royal Dunedin Choir to catch up with. I noted with pleasure from an article in the ODT that there's been a resurgence of choral singing in recent times at school, no doubt creating a rich vein of talent for the future of both Dunedin and Christchurch choirs.*

If there are any Old Boys in Christchurch interested in male choral singing Graeme Downie can be contacted on 03 377 6026.

### 2. School NCEA

Recently released figures by the NZ Qualifications Authority show that King's, a decile 6 secondary school, achieved the highest NCEA pass ratio for state boys' schools in NZ! Wellington College ranked second, and Shirley Boys' High School third.

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Contents for the July *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 30th June. Please inform us on events to be held and events that have been held.