



THE KINGSMEN

MARCH 2022

Proposed 1974/75 1st Soccer XI Reunion.
They were the Fletcher Cup winners. See page 7 for details.

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The President's Report

To my fellow *Kingsmen*—greetings from the deep south and I trust you have managed to stay one step ahead of Omicron!!

The Covid pandemic still plays an unwanted and ever present part in our lives at the moment—I think we are just starting to experience (or are experiencing) what the rest of the world has gone through already.

I cannot begin to imagine the hassle it must be for Nick and the staff at school to negotiate 1,000 pupils through all the social distancing, mask wearing, isolation, record keeping, etc, etc, etc, that is part and parcel of it. I find it hard enough remembering to take a face mask with me to the supermarket!

Never mind—there is light at the end of the tunnel or so we are regularly told!

While global attention has swung to Ukraine, it is just another reminder if ever we needed it, that we are truly lucky to be a little island at the bottom of the globe. Putin calling it a peacekeeping mission is like Hitler calling the blitzkrieg a diplomatic mission! You have got to marvel at his audacity, but worry about where it is all heading.

With the AGM approaching, I look back on the last year and think that we have done OK. Our stalwarts have continued to do much of the heavy lifting, but we are starting to get a few younger guys more involved which is great. Doug Jackson is keeping us in a healthy financial position, but the drive is always on to attract new committee members, and paid up members. I would like us to get 1,000 old boys on the books—that will ensure we generate a tidy sum to keep us in a good financial position and continue to support the school financially.

I want to acknowledge the contribution of Mrs Rhondda Martin who has been on the committee for quite a few

years. Rhondda won't be standing again this year and her sense of humour, wise advice and female perspective on things will be missed.

Hugh Kidd is also stepping down from his role as Registrar. I have spoken to Grant Howie about incorporating that role into his portfolio of membership and communication.

Grant Howie and John Barr have been doing great work with the website/facebook page and Instagram accounts that are associated to us. Their work is imperative to connecting with the younger old boys and keep us moving forward (never thought I would use that term “moving forward” with a straight face).

The AGM will also be considering a name change from *The Kings High School Old Boys Association* to *The Kingsmen*. Again, I think the name change will help us attracting younger members, but a good turn out at the meeting is sought to ensure that we have a mandate to go through with the name change.

Thanks to Paul Miller who has agreed to be our guest speaker at this year's AGM. Although best known for his rugby playing days with Otago, The Highlanders and the All Blacks, he is now working with Ngai Tahu and at risk youth, and is battling cancer. I am sure his presentation will be interesting.

That's enough from me, thanks to Bob Glass and Hugh Kidd for their work on the *Kingsmen*, and hope to see you at the AGM. (Did I mention drinks and nibbles will be on offer—would be great to have a catch up over a beer!)

Cheers,

Chris George



Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Thursday 14th April in the School Library 7pm for 7.30pm.

The speaker is Paul Miller (1994–95, Staff 2012–15).

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

Financial Report

Summary of Financial Performance

	2021	2020
Income		
Subscriptions	\$13,515	\$13,166
Dinner	\$3,550	\$2,280
Other	\$1,022	\$520
Total Income	\$18,087	\$15,966
Expenditure		
Baggy Hats Cost	2,640	-
Dinner	\$3,192	\$2,200
Donations and Grants to School and Students	\$6,486	\$4,583
<i>Kingsmen</i>	\$3,579	\$2,259
Other	\$5,089	\$3,383
Total Expenses	\$20,986	\$12,425
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(2,899)	3,541

As can be seen from the Summary of Performance there was a substantial turnaround from the Surplus in the year to 31/12/20 to a Deficit in the year to 31/12/21.

The major reasons being as follows:

1. There was a much better attendance at the Annual Dinner increasing the Income.
2. Expenses increased with the main items being:
 - a) The purchase of Baggy Hats \$2,640.
 - b) Donations to the School for a Projector \$1,956 and Badges for students \$980.
 - c) The previous year a substantial credit was received from NZ Post covering bulk posting of the *Kingsmen*.
 - d) Included in Other Expenses is an Honoraria of \$1,200. Honorariums were not paid the previous 2 years.
3. On the other hand Cash at the Bank has increased due to many paying Membership for Life, which is spread in advance over the 10 or 20 years they have paid to cover.

Administration

Communications

With Association and ex-pupil matters our official email is: djmosgiel@gmail.com and our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054.

Subscriptions

The 31st December was the end of our financial year. The majority of subscriptions have been paid but some for 2021 and before are outstanding.

They may be forwarded by direct credit to our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, George Street, Dunedin, 020900-0062936-00 *clearly stating your name*, or forwarded to PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054.

Website and Facebook

Our Website is: <http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz> and the facebook page: www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys

Membership

As mentioned by the President in his report there is an object to increase the membership to 1,000.

For most years prior to the 50th Reunion in 1986 membership hovered about 400.

From that time a membership campaign was launched attacking various groups or areas through invitations and *Kingsmens* being sent.

These being to for example Duxes, Head Prefects, and Sports Captains. Also to those in New Zealand cities, especially where Old Boys, it was thought might help, lived. The final groups were those through 3rd Form photos in *Kingsmens*.

This was very successful for those who commenced in the 1930's, 40's and 50's but slowed for those who started in the 1960's.

A peak of 970 was reached after the 75th Reunion held in 2010. Since then membership has slipped to under 700.

Many of those from the successful decades are deceased, but those from the 1960's are now just over, or under 70.

Where are the middle aged let alone the younger under 40 years of age? Especially when the rolls were higher than the early years.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

As advised on page 1 as usual a social evening with a speaker has been arranged in conjunction with our Annual Meeting.

The School Library Thursday 14th April from 7pm for 7.30pm commencement of meeting.

Wellington

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Nelson

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Christchurch

Contact

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North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

Contacts

John Somerville (1950-54) Apt 114, Rosedale, Bupa Hugh
Green Village, 105 Apollo Drive, Auckland 0632.

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Grahame Howley (1951-53) Apartment 1408,
The Poynton, 142 Shakespeare Rd, Takapuna 0622.

Email: howleygh@gmail.com

John Somerville (1950-54) advised that the last North Shore luncheon was just prior to Auckland's four month lockdown. As usual this was held at the Bays Club with two tables totalling 18 attending.

On the day three regulars missed the luncheon being: George Humphreys (1950-54) because of an accident on the way. He was all right but not so the car. Ken Graham (1950-55) had a last minute hospital appointment for his wife, whilst Chris Reid (1954-56) possibly defending a Court case.

The School

Much of the information under this section came from the *King's Week*, which is produced during the school's term weeks. We acknowledge the Rector Nick McIvor and staff for this.

1. Prize Giving 2021

The 10th November 2021 was a night to remember for senior students and their families.

It was a special and unique event. For the first time a prize giving was online and provided an opportunity for extended family members to be part of this special occasion. Over 1,200 viewers watched online.

Congratulations to everyone who received an Award for their hard work and academic performance in 2021.

While fully masked they managed to smile, laugh and enjoy the evening.

The musical items set the tone for the night with the Processional Orchestra, Melo Keys, Marshall Klenner and the School Jazz Band. Joel Wilden closed the ceremony with the Bagpipes.

2. From the Rector's Desk 2022

It's time to get on with it. Time to resume teaching and learning. Time to get back into the routines and relationships we can count on for personal growth and excellence at King's. We're back and up for tackling the new challenges and opportunities on the way; our first "full house" across the Year Levels.



At King's we're determined not to put the boys' education on hold while we're adapting to Omicron. We will aim to modify and adapt rather than cancel where we can. Perhaps in times of uncertainty, we can also provide structure, support, and reassurance that's even more important for our boys given changes happening beyond the gate.

Thank you for the positive responses we've had so far to initiating the Red Light measures. The boys have adjusted very quickly. And soon turned their attention to where we really want it to be restarting their studies and co-curricular activity, and renewing their education and connections to us and each other.

Warm regards,
Nick McIvor
Rector

3. The Roll

The School's roll for 2022 commenced just under 1,000, but the Ministry of Education's official figures are finalised in March each year.

4. Academics

a) NZQA Scholarship Success

As stated in February King's Week 1060.

King's is thrilled to announce another set of fantastic 2021 NZQA Scholarship results for the school and our students.

In the Scholarship Exams, King's attained 34 Scholarship passes, coming from 21 individual students. This is more

students than last year and is a success that puts them all in the top 3% in New Zealand, and the school itself, in the top tier of South Island Secondary Schools and New Zealand Boys' Schools.

These results speak volumes about our Academic programme and teaching here at King's, and in particular our dedicated Scholarship classes, which were responsible for 28 of the school's 34 Scholarship passes.

Special mention must go to students who achieved multiple Scholarships, and/or achieved them as Year 12s.

Also in King's Week 1061.

It's not so long ago that just getting double figure Scholarship passes was a cause for celebration at King's. It is perhaps somewhat remarkable then to consider that in 2021, eight of our 21 successful Scholarship candidates achieved this feat as Year 12s. Those eight Year 12s amassed thirteen Scholarship passes between them. That is the statistic that most stands out—it speaks volumes about the quality of our academic programmes and teaching here at King's.

To all the staff of King's High School who have been involved with any of our Scholarship candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, at any stage of their journeys and in any capacity, be it academic, cultural or sporting: your efforts are vital in supporting the culture that has allowed these young men to succeed. Your commitment to our students and their success is appreciated.

Special mention of the following teachers who each greatly contributed to the Scholarship success of these young men in 2021:

- Mr Blair Kennedy, Art History; Mrs Vicki Jopson, Biology; Mr Nick Kyle, Calculus; Mrs Lisa Fortes, Chemistry; Mr Andrew McKenzie, Drama; Mr Darren Eade, English; Mr Simon Cushen, Geography; Mr Sam Fielding, History; Miss Jo Dryden, Music; Mr James MacPherson, Statistics; Mr Jesse Farry, Physics; and last but not least Mr Jeremy White for his immense contribution as Academic Dean over the last two years.

Each of the Scholarship winners chose to take a risk when the chances of failure were extremely high. Among tens of thousands of eligible entrants across the country, these young men chose to enter a competition that has such a low success rate that most choose to stay away from it.

They chose to dedicate hours and hours of study to the pursuit of personal excellence, when it would have been easier, no doubt, to settle for less.

To those of you who have attempted Scholarship before. Please do not see your experience last year as a final failure. Your talent, intelligence, ability, none of that is fixed—embracing and learning from failure is how you grow, improve, and eventually succeed. These winners here today are proof that it can be done.

Scholarship recipients were as follows:

Narayan Shastri - 4 - Biology, Physics, Statistics, Calculus

Hugh Askerud - 3 - English, Art History, History

Harrison Jones - 3 - Chemistry, Physics, Calculus

Cam Fraser (Year 12) - 3 - English, Statistics, History

Ben Hawke (Year 12) - 3 - English, Geography, History

Spencer Gable - 2 - Classics, History

Thomas Bowen (Year 12) - 2 - Physics, Statistics

Zac Bell (Year 12) - Drama

Mike Court (Year 12) - English

Emmanuel Keane (Year 12) - Music
Bailey Wills (Year 12) - Physics
Daniel Honey (Year 12) - Drama
Neil Brown - Scholarship in Biology
Tommy Chen - Scholarship in Physics
Samuel Dorne-Cumming - Scholarship in English
Josh Jackson - Scholarship in Geography
Marshall Klenner - Scholarship in History
Will Morris - Scholarship in English
Adam Stitely - Scholarship in History
Daniel West - Scholarship in Physics
Bailey Wills (Year 12) - Scholarship in Physics
Ollie Young - Scholarship in Physics
Year 13 unless stated Year 12

b) Thomas Bowen a Scholarship recipient mentioned above has been selected to attend the Rotary Science and Technology Forum in 2022.

This Forum is a programme aimed at high achieving, wellrounded Science, Maths and Technology students in Year 12.

The programme is for New Zealand Secondary Schools who will be returning to Year 13 and who are planning to study Science or Technology subjects at the tertiary level in New Zealand.

Their selection is based on positive personal qualities and proven scholastic achievement.



Thomas Bowen

c) King's students competed in the Otago University Junior Mathematics Competition in late 2021.

Out of almost 2,000 students in New Zealand, Connor Gray (Year 10) made the top 30.

Connor received a prize and an invitation to afternoon tea with members of the Mathematics Faculty at the University of Otago.

d) Students undertook Internationally assessed Cambridge exams for some in Year 10.

At King's, when we talk about 'Cambridge Exams', we are referring to the IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) examination system which is

an internationally assessed examination and is generally accepted to have greater breadth than the comparative New Zealand system.

There was not much time between the mock exams and the final exams for the students of 10Wt who sat their Cambridge Exams. In fact, their first exam was on the first day back for the last term of 2021.

They met up through the past holidays for final tutorials in Maths, English, Global Perspectives and Science to brush up on some of the finer points of each course.

Students who take this course are appropriately challenged and develop a strong foundation for their senior years.

5. Cultural

a) The drama achievements of the School and 2021 Year 12 students Zac Bell and Daniel Honey were mentioned in our November *Kingsmen*. These were:

National Awards Won in 2021:

- Tony Woolf Award for Stage Combat: King's High School, *Romeo and Juliet*
- Best Actor in a Tragic Role: Zac Bell (King's High School)
- Selection for NSSP: Zac Bell and Daniel Honey (King's High School)

Daniel Honey performed before his largest crowd at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington.

He is one of the top performers from an eight day workshop who were chosen to travel to London in July 2022 for a nineteen day training camp.

At the end of the trip he will perform alongside his fellow thespians at the Globe Theatre in London. This is connected with the Young Shakespeare Company in that city.

The Globe Theatre was one of the most famous acting theatres in the world and it would be a big challenge to perform there.



Daniel Honey

b) Emmanuel Keane (Year 12 in 2021) been awarded the highest and most prestigious qualification.

Successfully completing all requirements Emmanuel was awarded the Fellowship Diploma in Pianoforte Performance—F. Dip.SCSM.

Not only has Emmanuel been awarded the Fellowship Diploma but has also been invited to follow through with training to become one of St. Cecilia School of Music examiners and adjudicators.



Emmanuel Keane

6. Paul Oestreicher (1945–49)

Emeritus Dr Paul Oestreicher and his wife Professor Barbara Einhorn visited King's early in November 2021.

Dr Paul Oestreicher is a key link to the King's Leadership Programme.



Paul Oestreicher

Student leadership is promoted at King's through the Oestreicher Leadership Award.

King's was very fortunate to have Dr Paul Oestreicher visit. He shared his humbler beginnings as a refugee from Germany. A man who has devoted his life to peace and social justice and is quite sincere about his belief that love will conquer all and compassion is at the heart of what matters.

The underlying driving force of the Leadership Programme is student engagement. We encourage all students to commit to all facets of school life and to deliver their "personal best".

Throughout the year students earn points for displaying outstanding leadership qualities from a variety of different categories. These points are displayed in the Library Foyer at the end of each Term allowing students to track their progress.

At the conclusion of the academic year, students will be awarded a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Leadership Award depending on how many points they accrue.

This points system places an emphasis on:

- A high level of attendance.
- A high level of engagement in every class, which is tracked through our weekly notes system.
- An extra reward is given for work of an exceptional standard (Merit Referrals) for both in the classroom and in an extra-curricular capacity.
- Service to school (i.e., service to the Library, coaching a team, umpiring a junior team, etc), is also highly valued and acknowledged with points, as is a house group activity or house leadership involvement such as leading house activities like the Haka, driving the House Singing Competition and many more team and group engagement opportunities.

At each Year level, the student with the highest number of points will be recognised at the End of Year Prize giving with a King's Man of the Year award.

7. Sport

Cricket

The 1st XI Cricket team travelled to Loburn which is just outside Rangiora, for our 'Annual Fixture' against the 'Willows'.

The Willows invite Secondary Schools from around New Zealand, this was our 15th trip and a very special occasion. King's was the first boy's school to play at the Willows since the founder Mike Dormer passed away in April of 2021.

The Willows chose to bat, scoring 191/8 off their 50 overs. Michael Flanagan 3/36 off 9 overs and Jackson Clearwater 2/25 off 10 overs with back up by 5 excellent catches and some awesome fielding in the last 30 overs. Paul Russell and Kyle Hastie (2015–19) who are Old Boys' of King's were part of the Willows side.

After an outstanding lunch, it was King's turn to bat but unfortunately they couldn't beat the Willows total and were all out for 123. Joe Ingram (our Skipper) was out for 36, he received backup from Henry King, 25 not out and Jackson Clearwater, 23.

At the BBQ King's was presented with a book about the 49's Tour of England. Michael Flanagan was awarded the 'Larkins' as the King's Man of Match and the 'Clive Geary' was left at the Willows for another year!

b) Congratulations to Oram Gutsell who has been named to play for NZ Schools Under 18 Maori Cricket Team.

Oram Gutsell who is the Vice-Captain of the King's 1st Cricket XI is delighted to be named to play in the NZ Schools Under 18 Maori Team. An outstanding achievement Oram, we wish you all the best.

Touch Rugby

King's Lions' 1st XI Touch team won the Team of the Year Award for their superb second place finish at the National Tournament.

Hockey

The South Island U15 Hockey Championship were held in Christchurch in the first week of the October school holidays.

Jack Aubin, Joe French and Marley Bennett stood out in the U15 Hockey Championships.

It was great to see King's boys selected. Jack Aubin Yr10 and Joe French Yr11 were both selected in the Otago U15 Blue team playing in the top tier at the championship. Marley Bennet Yr9 was also selected for the U15 Gold Team, second tier.

The Otago U15 team had some thrilling games and their team remained unbeaten over seven games beating two Canterbury teams along the way, to ultimately win the final against Nelson and be named **South Island Champions**.



8. A special event for TKo—Tudor House—G. R. (Grant) Koedyk.

TKo has become a Tudor House Legacy. He started at King's in 1987 and left in 2021. Grant always ensured boys who were part of Tudor House and his group understood what it is to be a "King's Man."

Organised by Steve Salelea (2017–21), who was the 2021 Salter Trophy Sportsman of the year, as a farewell to Grant Koedyk, a group photo captured several King's Old Boys.

This was a significant moment and a very special chance to capture some of the past and present 1st XV King's rugby players.



Back Row: Siate Taufal, Elwyn Rouvi, Wayne McMillan, Matu Pene, Steve Salelea, Mahonri Auva'a, Dylan Pledger **Absent:** Tony Brown
First Row: Jay Davis, Max Miller, Grant Koedyk, Paul Miller

9. Gymnasium

a) The School has plans for the re-development of the gymnasium. The Rector hoped the School would advance the upgrade in 2022.

Plans show it would have a ground floor, including an Old Boys' room and a first floor with a viewing deck.

The plans were detailed in the Term 4 K.H.S. Charitable Trust newsletter.



b) Cricket Centre

The McCullum Family High Performance Cricket Centre sits proudly within our school campus.

We welcomed in February this week the arrival of our new cricketing sign recognising a King's family who have contributed so much to our school over many years.

We hope to officially open our Cricket facility with the McCullum Family later in the school year.

As well as Brendon and Nathan who represented New Zealand prominently, their father S. J. (Stuart) McCullum (1970–74) was a hard hitting opening bat for Otago. Also their uncles C. G. (Grant) 1968–71 and R. C. (Ross) 1973–75 attended the School.

c) The Grounds

In time for the start of the school year landscaping was completed of a new plant scheme facing Bay View Road.

There have been many changes of the buildings since it opened in 1936. Also gardens have altered.

Maintenance of the gardens and easier lawn mowing was a priority, as were tough and durable plants to cope with high foot traffic.

Also existing and established trees with the newer buildings.

Many of the shrubs from the previous gardens have been moved. New trees and an avenue of upright European ash nearly 4m tall have been planted.



1975 First Soccer XI

*Back Row: Neil Birch; Second Row: G. Grant, B. Berry, G. Hargreaves, M. Clark, J. Heenan, G. McLennan
First Row: K. McManus, P. Ritchie, G. J. Muir, Mr R. Baker, G. Laws, R. Dunn, M. Sammes*

1974/75 First Soccer XI Reunion; The Fletcher Cup Winners

Last year as I was cleaning out my wardrobe I came across my old King’s blazer. Looking at it I realized that 2024 would be the 50th year following our winning of the Fletcher Cup in 1974 and I wondered about trying to get in contact with the other players about a possible reunion.

For those who aren’t soccer devotees, the Fletcher Cup is given to the winner of the top local Dunedin soccer competition. In the 70’s many of the Dunedin soccer club’s first teams were playing in a league with Christchurch and/or Invercargill teams so winning the Fletcher Cup is the equivalent of winning the Senior Reserve competition ... a real achievement for a schoolboy team!

I had the recollection that our 74 team was the first school team to win it but alas, Norman McRobbie, who was also a soccer player at King’s in the early 70’s and is the unofficial historian at the Otago Football Association, informs that “the school up the hill” (Otago Boys) won it first in 1970.

However the 74 and 75 team (which also won it on goal difference from Grants Braes) are the only other school teams to have done it so two out of three isn’t bad!

Scrolling the Old Boys’ website reveals that there is no photo of the 74 team (and from follow up it appears one was never

taken) but fortunately there is a list of the players involved and from my and others memory it’s pretty accurate.

I’ve hit Google and other sites and managed to contact a number of the 74 team but surprisingly none of the 75 team (Thought we’d look to combine the 2 years as at least 5 of us were in both). Those I’ve been in contact with are keen on the idea of a reunion and we’ve got a few years until 2024 to look at where and what.

So if anybody knows the contact for the following players whom I can’t find I’d be really grateful if they could contact me on my email (even if they’re not interested at least I’ll know that they’ve been contacted).

1974

- Graeme Souter
- Neil Birch
- Graeme Pennell
- W. (Bill) Tyrie
- Mike Clark
- Ron Campbell
- Noel Campbell
- Ray Baker (teacher and coach)

1975

- Gary Grant
- Gordon Hargreaves
- Jo Heenan
- Graham McLennan
- Kevin McManus
- Peter Ritchie
- Roger Dunn
- Mark Sammes

Thanks,
Gareth Laws (King’s 1971–75)
Email: k.g.laws@xtra.co.nz

Cultural Affairs

On TV News on Sunday, December 5, 2021, there was an item about C. J. (Chris) Sharp (1994–98), with I. B. (Blair) Kennedy (Staff) and A. J. (Alex) Gilks (1985–89, and former staff) appearing and providing comment. Chris, an independent and creative designer, with a comprehensive understanding of the digital landscape has become known for his working with world-famed popstar Ed Sheeran. A fine artist, Chris has skills in graphic design, virtual identity, web and mobile design and illustration. An accomplished professional, he has had more than 10 years of industry experience, both in NZ and in London, before he relocated to Los Angeles to pursue a career in fine art.

R. J. A. (Russell) Tregonning (1958–62) has been awarded the McAunity Book of the Year for Genealogy 2021, the best family history *They Made Me*.

Also B. H. (Bruce) Tregonning (1960–65) has just published his fifth book, a children's one titled: *Dare to be Different, a Donkey's Tale*.

Business Sector

The November 2020 *Kingsmen* included a photo of the 1982 soccer 1st XI, of which three of the players subsequently became NZ international sporting captains. Also in that team and harbouring international aspirations was A. J. (Tony) Boomer (1979–83), son of former King's soccer great B. J. (Brian) Boomer (1956–60) and grandson of a former Mayor of Green Island, who demonstrated his "100% faith in the [international] travel industry" in early 2021 by buying *House of Travel Dunedin City* despite the challenges posed by Covid-19. While the pandemic had been incredibly tough for the travel industry and because of uncertainties he had had to let go some very good staff, he had remained upbeat about the future, for it was well-established that holidays were good for mental health. After leaving school Tony had spent his OE in Europe and "couldn't get enough of it" before getting a job with a company and spending the next dozen years driving overland in Africa, Asia, and South America. Returning to NZ about the turn of this century he had got into travel-related business, eventually joining House of Travel about 15 years ago. Cruising figures were beginning to improve, UK and US travel agents were "beside themselves" with work, new ships were being built, and the NZ Govt was at last relaxing border regulations for fully vaccinated travellers: indeed during the first two weeks of March "we've had the busiest two weeks in two years."

Since we first became aware that A. P. (Andrew) Lane (1976–79) and his wife Denise had acquired the Regent Foodstore in North Dunedin in the early 1980s and transformed it into the first 24 hour foodstore in NZ; it has morphed into the Night & Day franchise (see Business Sector, March 2019 *Kingsmen*), and we have followed the successes and awards of this family-owned and managed franchise (see the Business Sectors of November 2020 & March 2021 issues of *Kingsmen*). In October 2012, the company was ranked 4th nationally in the Deloitte Fast 50 companies in NZ with 952% growth. It has been a Dunedin-based success story quietly operating under-the-radar which now operates 52 stores throughout NZ, soon to be 55. In January it opened its first stand-alone store in Auckland's Grey Lynn, with a further one planned for Onehunga. Their son, Matthew is now the general manager, but his parents and other family members remain heavily

involved. Supply is the franchise's biggest concern, and despite now being NZ's third largest operator the franchise is currently unable to focus solely on groceries, and has added takeaway food, milk bar, and coffee to its repertoire, and is fortunate to have a diversity of suppliers. However the wholesale grocery sector is dominated by Foodstuffs, and Woolworths to such an extent that the Commerce Commission has been directed by the Govt to probe into competition (or lack of it) in the grocery sector, and to which the franchise presented a submission. The Commission's report was duly presented during the second week in March, and is a behemoth of 690 pages which has received mixed but generally disappointed reviews. As I have less than zero knowledge of business affairs, and as the franchise acknowledges that it prefers not to seek the limelight, I am reluctant to comment further, but will approach T. D. (Tony) Allison (1990–94), former head prefect of King's, ODT 2020 Business Leader of the Year, and a member of the wider Lane family, to see whether he might comment on the matter, and hopefully supply an analysis of the situation which could appear in the next issue of *Kingsmen*.

Bits and Pieces

J. M. (Jared) Mitchell (1993–97), a computer science graduate from OU and his wife moved to Bulgaria about two years ago to join his brother M. D. (Michael) Mitchell (2002–06) who had been there for about five years: together they operate an IT company Topvine Consulting. They have opened their homes to refugees fleeing the Russian attack upon Ukraine and are eager to do more to help.

Largely because of mobility problems, former district court judge E. B. (Joe) Anderson (1945–49) was unable to attend his induction on to the King's Wall of Fame last year. When KHSOBA president C. G. (Chris) George (1978–82) visited him in Invercargill in December to present him with his trophies, he found him to be as sharp as a tack, still fiercely loyal to the school, and proud to be so honoured. He and his wife Lee expected to share 65 years of marriage in February. At 90 years of age, Joe may well be the longest serving member of the Association, and he sends his best wishes to the school and to fellow Kingsmen.

The December 2 edition of the ODT noted that it was 34 years since the surgical team led by former head prefect K. J. (Ken) Graham (1950–55) performed NZ's first heart transplant at Auckland's Green Lane hospital. Ken, who grew up on a Taieri farm and used to bicycle the five miles each morning to Mosgiel railway station to attend King's required special facilities for his surgical activities, being left-handed! When he retired, he and his wife Patricia operated a vineyard producing less familiar varieties of wine in the Bombay Hills before finally retiring to nearby Pokeno. His brother F. I. (Fred) Graham (1958–62) stuck to farming and has retired from being the runholder of Te Akatarawa station on the north bank of Lake Aviemore in the Waitaki Valley.

M. J. (Malcolm) McGoun (1963–67) had a very successful and varied career at King's. He played for the 1st XI hockey team, was a Petty Officer in the Sea Cadet Unit, played the second trombone in the Brass Band, and in 1966 played the lead role of the professor in the school's production of Eugene Ionesco's *The Lesson*. In 1967, he was both Head Prefect and Joint Dux, and at the prizegiving ceremony also received the Dunedin Repertory Society prize for written and spoken English, the French Legation prize for proficiency in French, and the KHSOBA prize for all-round merit. On leaving school he

graduated from Otago University (OU) with a BA Honours (1st class) in French. Malcolm went on to become an NZ diplomat, from 1992–2000 serving successively in Seoul, The Hague, Paris, and Kuala Lumpur, with periods in the Ministry in Wellington between these assignments. From 2000–04 he served as NZ Ambassador in Vietnam, and from 2006–08 was High Commissioner to South Africa, with concurrent accreditation to Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe: before and after these appointments he served as Chief of Protocol in Wellington. Malcolm retired in 2010, and since then spends his time between Auckland and Paris, where his French partner still works.

Late last year and having reached the ripe old age of 93, M. M. (Bill) McIndoe (1945–46) decided to swallow the anchor, and was looking for a new owner for his Careys Bay shipyard which he has owned since the mid-1970s. Consisting of a slip, a shed and small wharf, it was built in the 1850s and was one of the first places where a boat could be winched out of Otago Harbour (powered by either a horse or by hand!). Bill was looking for someone who would treat the place with the same love and pride which he has lavished during his ownership, so if you feel that this is you, feel free to contact him. Such an opportunity seldom appears on the market

G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82) has recently been appointed headmaster of Wellington College. The former head prefect for two years, the first winner of the Salter sports trophy, the former NZ basketball great and his exceptional management skills in education have been regularly mentioned in the *Kingsmen*, and led to his induction on to the King's Wall of Fame in 2015.

Diamond Weddings have been achieved by G. S. (Graeme) Harford (1949–52) and his wife Jennifer, and by G. E. (Graeme) Burns (1949–52) and his wife Ethne, all of Dunedin.

Obituaries

R. M. (Roger) Mackie (1956–60) died at Lower Hutt 4.10.21

G. M. (Graeme) Swanson (1949–53) died at Mission Bay, Auckland 8.12.21

G. H. (Graeme) Kirkland (Board of Governors 1985–88) died at Auckland 16.12.21

J. (John) de Bonnaire (1947–49) died at Weston 21.12.21

J. R. (John) Brinsley (1947) died at Mosgiel

T. J. (Travis) Paget (2000–01) of Broad Bay, died at Dunedin 6.2.22

M. R. (Merv) Scott (1954–56) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 16.2.22

J. B. (John) Bradley (1951–54) of Mosgiel

P. K. (Kelly) Gilchrist (1975–77) died 12.3.22

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

F. A. (Felix) McDonald (2012–16) reclaimed his senior men's national long-jump title which he had won in 2020, with a jump of 7.56 metres at the national track and field championships held at Hastings in March. He also was a member of the Otago 4 x 400m relay team which claimed the silver medal after being narrowly edged by Auckland. At the Capital Classic meeting

in Wellington in February, he had achieved a personal best of 7.61m, which was also a meeting record.

Cricket

B. (Beckham) Wheeler-Greenall (2016–20), the former NZ under 19 star at the 2020 World Cup Tournament at Capetown, was selected for the Otago Volts T20 squad.

T. B. (Taylor) Cumberland (2010–14) representing Otago Country in the Hawke Cup match against Mid-Canterbury at Alexandra in January scored 54 runs in the first innings, and 119 not out in the second innings. While at School, Taylor scored 201 not out in the 2013 interschool match versus Waitaki BHS: the school record.

S. B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70) is the new president of the Otago Cricket Association, while A. M. (Adam) Gain (1986–90) has retired from the Board.

Adrian Seconi, the *ODT* cricket writer recently wrote an article naming the top 10 NZ batsmen (in his opinion). He placed B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) who scored 6453 runs at an average of 38.64 (including the only triple century maker of those he considered) at number 8, behind (in order) Martin Crowe, Kane Williamson, Glenn Turner, Bert Satcliffe, Ross Taylor, Stephen Fleming, and Andrew Jones.

Golf

Despite the best efforts of B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97), Wellington edged Otago into second place at the Freyberg Master's tournament at Paraparaumu Beach in November 2021.

Hockey

In the 17-man squad to represent Otago at the Otautahi Cup tournament held in Christchurch in November 2021, 7 were Kings men: Z. (Zeke) Buschl (2016–20), Z. B. (Zach) Mason (2013–17), J. D. (James) Nicholson (2016–20), D. Q. (Dylan) Thomas (2012–06), F. M. (Finn) Ward (2014–18), J. T. (Jordan) Ward (2012–16), and P. (Patrick) Ward (2017–21).

Rowing

To comply with the Red Covid-19 regulations, the national regatta had to be transferred from Lake Karapiro to Twizel, and began a day earlier because the lake was due to be lowered for HEP reasons on what would have been the final day of the regatta. M. A. (Mark) Weatherall (1989–93), Rowing NZ Community and Development Manager acknowledged that the change was inconvenient, especially for North Island crews but better than no regatta at all!

Rugby

Three years ago the NZ Rugby Union organised a competition for players of smaller physique, the NZ Barbarians Under 85kg, and this year South Island teams were allowed to compete. The Carisbrook Bush Pigs entered a team, which in November won the final 32–23 against a team from Taranaki: the Tukapa Bantams. Player of the Match was outside back M. (Mackenzie) Haugh (2009–13).

The King's Lions Rugby Club recently announced the coaches for the U14 squads, which play as Panthers or Tigers. Leader will be Dean Moehu, current Highlanders U20 coach, while among those assisting will be R. M. (Ryan) Griffith (1991–94) the current Green Island premier coach; R. J. (Richard) Buchanan (2009–13); D. F. (Dan) Koni (Staff 2004–, currently head of touch); and G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04, Staff 2018–) currently director of rugby. All this expertise will hopefully be of benefit to the future of King's rugby, and practice for those pupils who are not committed to summer sport has already started.

Sadly, C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–96), veteran of 45 test caps for NZ has been diagnosed as suffering from early onset dementia, and probable chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

In November, just after the previous *Kingsmen* went to press, Adrian Seconi of the *ODT* interviewed J. P. (Jim) Butter (1957–60), who reminisced being selected, along with 3 mates K. R. (Russell) Smith (1957–59), D. G. (Dennis) Breese (1958–63), and M. J. B. (Murray) Deaker (1958–63), as a ball boy for the 1st test at Carisbrook between NZ and South Africa, won by NZ 10–6. Among other memories, Jim remembered approaching the NZ lock-forward and asking “Mr White” after play had finished, whether he would like the football which he was still carrying: White said “Great” picked him up, and carried him off the field and into the team dressing room under the main stand (Jim still remembers how horrified he was at how primitive it was) and gave him what was left of a fruit & nut bar of chocolate! Needless to say that Jim remains a lifelong fan of rugby. [It is a gesture such as this that is never forgotten by a small boy. A decade earlier my uncle, recently returned from the war in Europe took me to see Otago play against Manawatu at Carisbrook: across the aisle from us in the tramcar sat Jimmy Haig, the Otago captain, also en route

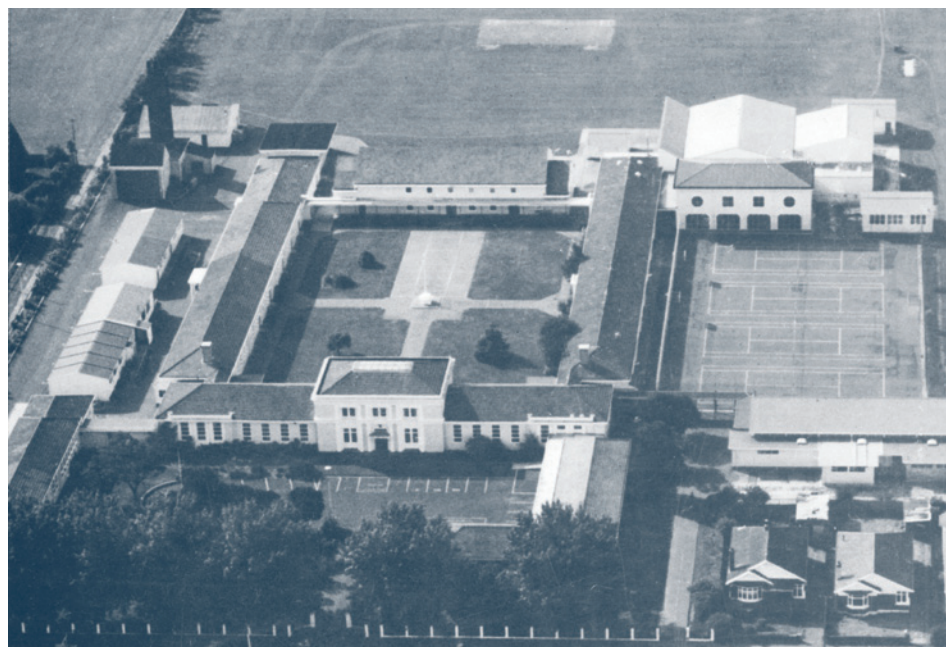
to Carisbrook. My uncle recognised him, and introduced me, and Jimmy, soon to be an All Black and subsequently captain of the Kiwi rugby league team shook me by the hand and hoped that I would enjoy watching the forthcoming match. I was hooked, but times have changed—no trams any more, and I don’t believe that Otago captains use public transport to get to their matches! My highlight as a rugby fan came during a brief visit overseas in 1975, when I stood on the enormous terrace at Murrayfield in Edinburgh to watch Scotland achieve an unlikely win against Wales before an appreciative crowd of more than 80,000, at that time the world attendance record!]

Rugby League

Last season the Otago Whalers became the national titleholders, a member of the team being Mackenzie Haugh!

Softball

Otago Whatukura won the Jefferies Cup, the South Island’s interprovincial trophy, for the first time since 1993! Members of the team included M. J. (Mitchell) Finnie (2010–14), L. J. (Logan) Herbert (2011–15), J. W. (James) Matthieson (2012–16), N. (Nelson) Yorston (2012–16), and N. (Nathan) Hill (Yr12). Nathan was also a member of the young team which won the Otago Secondary School’s pre-Christmas competition.



Aerial photo from plane flown and taken by A. F. (Alex) Armstrong (1948–52) in 1988–89 school holidays.



Photo taken by Doug Clark (Staff 1988–98) from the Westpac helicopter on the eve of the Bledisloe Cup Test 1993.