

THE KINGSMEN



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Ian Simpson Rector at King's 1982–1997



What will I remember of Ian Simpson's tenure at King's High School from my position as a former chairman of the school's board of governors, and of the first board of trustees? Commitment, excellence and individual care and concern, that's what, and all in exceptional quantity. This was—still is, of course—one man to really stand out in a crowd.

Ian's commitment to King's is legendary. From baggy-socked third former in 1954, to prefect and First XV and First XI player in 1958, deputy in 1981 and then as innovative rector for 16 exciting years, he personifies the place.

His excellence is reflected in so many personal achievements, in the regard in which he is held by his peers, and, most importantly to him, the standing King's now enjoys throughout New Zealand.

Without doubt, King's is among the half dozen premier high schools in the nation. It certainly was not in 1980.

But it is Ian's individual care and concern for every pupil who passed through King's High for which I will best remember him. I recall especially the struggle we as a brand new board of trustees had to finalise the wording of the required school mission statement. On Ian's insistence, we kept it simple and significant: "King's cares for all students ..." to me, this summarises the success of King's High School under rector Ian Simpson: "King's cares for all students ..."

However, more importantly than what I remember of Ian Simpson, rector of King's High School, is what you the former pupils, will remember. It will be later in life, when you look back in reflection, as you certainly will, that you will realise how much this exceptional man helped shape thousands of lives' how he set your standards, raised goals, showed the way, gave self-belief, and mana, to equip pupils for a fruitful and rewarding life in the 21st century.

Ian Simpson did not do it on his own: but he certainly led the way.

Robin Charteris

Ian B. Simpson
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Born Dunedin 1940
College Street School
Caversham School
Macandrew Intermediate School
King's High School 1954–1958

The 1958 school magazine records the achievements of I.B. Simpson.

- Memorial Cup for best platoon in A Company No 1 Platoon.
- Rugby Football Committee.
- Cricket Committee.
- Interhouse Senior Rugby Cup.
- Bat for the Highest Batting Average in the 1st XI.
- Special trophy for 1st XI Century 166 not out.
- Blues for Cricket 1st XI.
- Blues for Rugby 1st XV.
- School Prefect.

On leaving school Ian Simpson went to Otago University to complete a Masters Degree in Geography.

He continued his sporting career playing senior cricket for University and for Kaikorai and senior rugby for Zingari Richmond. (A senior championship won in 1963 was a highlight.)

Married to Glenda Turnbull August 1962.

Ian attended Christchurch Teachers College in 1963 before accepting a position at Kaikorai Valley High School in 1964.

He taught at Cromwell District High School, Gore High School and Logan Park High School before being appointed as Deputy Rector at King's in 1981. In 1982 he became Rector.

Ian Simpson Rector has left King's as a vastly better place. As Rector from 1982 until 1997 Ian has also received many accolades from his fellow Principals.

- President of the Secondary Principals Association of New Zealand in 1993–94

Membership of

- The Secondary Schools Sports Council
- The Principals Lead Group
- The Ministerial Reference Group
- The University of Otago Council
- The Otago Rugby Union

Mr Simpson also received a Wolf Fisher Fellowship to study education in the U.S.A. and a Geography award to visit Japan.

HONOURS

J.A. (Jack) Pinkham (1936-38), a retired chartered accountant in Wairoa was this year awarded Rotary's highest honour, a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his community service, which included having been President of the Wairoa Rotary Club in 1981-82. He considers himself to be the very first student at King's High School, as he attended the week before the school opened, to assist the science master, Mr K. Glasgow, to unpack the laboratory supplies!

P.J. (Pieter) Weeda (1970-73) was awarded a bronze metal by the Royal Humane Society for his part in battling flames and thick smoke when saving a very elderly woman from her burning Dunedin home last year.

ADMINISTRATION

Secretary

David Horne (1954-58) is Acting Secretary at present is Kevin St John (1957-62) has transferred to Nelson.

Subscriptions

Have you overlooked paying your subscription for 1997 plus even before? There appears to be a number not paid as yet.

Subscription notices are sent out with the mid year "Kingsmen." In the main we have not forwarded individual reminders in the past until the middle of the following year.

Tee-shirts

We still have available some (OS size only) Golden Jubilee Tee-shirts Cambridge blue in colour with the Old Boys Arms and Motto and years 1936-1986 (not seen if under a shirt in cold weather). These are available at the 1985 cost to the Association of \$8.50 plus postage and packaging within New Zealand of \$5.00.

Remember our address is P.O. Box 163, Dunedin.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

From time to time literal corrections have gone unattended prior to printing. We wish to point out that all care and attention is given to obtaining the correct spelling and initials of names of Old Boys and dates where applicable. No disrespect is intended to those whom may have slipped through the checking system.

In the future where there are genuine mistakes with the facts we would be only too happy to be advised by those concerned so that the corrected amendments can be made.

OVER THE YEARS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This is an answer regarding some and a question for others.

When you were at school apart from personal friends, classmates and those prominent in sports the Prefects and especially the Head Boy would be the most known. At the end of the year the Dux would come into prominence.

Listed below are the Head Boys and Duxes during the first 50 years. Where full addresses are currently known we have recorded the city, town, state or country with an asterisk* covering the unknown. A glance down shows how Dunedin has exported its brains and those of ability.

Many named are Doctors (Medical or otherwise), Professors, recipients of Honours with one Knighted, and another a former Cabinet Minister. Of course many others probably came close, pushed, and competed for the position of Head Prefect and Dux. They like others who were late achievers have done their service in society in different fields:

HEAD BOYS

1936	L.A. (Ian) Murdoch, Mosgiel
1937	L.A. (Ian) Murdoch, Mosgiel
1938	H.J. (Jack) Sapsford, died 23/6/71 Invercargill
1939	A.A. (Alan) Joel, England
1940	T.F.C. (Clive) Geary, Christchurch
1941	R.W. (Ron) Smith, Christchurch
1942	A.L. (Lindsay) Carson*
	W.G. (Bill) Clayton, Paraparaumu
1943	W.L. (Bill) Taylor, died 12/5/91 England
1944	W.E. (Bill) Chisholm, died Oamaru
1945	N.L. (Lester) Taylor, Napier
1946	N.L. (Lester) Taylor, Napier
1947	H.C. (Hugh) Templeton, Wellington
1948	I.H. (Ian) Barham*
1949	H.L. (Harry) Hobson, Lower Hutt
1950	P.R. (Peter) Smart, died 22/12/81 Christchurch
1951	J.E. (Jack) Ross, Ashburton
1952	R.W. (Rodger) Hilliker, Temuka
1953	G.S. (Graeme) Spencer, Ohope
1954	R.M. (Richard) Barham, Canada
1955	K.J. (Ken) Graham, Auckland
1956	C.G. (Colin) McKay, Alexandra
1957	C.D. (Colin) Mantell, Auckland
1958	L.J. (Lindsay) Hocking, Dunedin
1959	G.D. (Garnet) Tregonning, Auckland
1960	W.A. (William) Mason*
1961	I.R. (Ian) Burrow*
1962	R.J.A. (Russell) Tregonning, Wellington
1963	L.D. (Lyn) Adam, Kohimarama
1964	L.D. (Lee) Smith, Eire
1965	M.C. (Michael) Cooper, died 27/3/67
	K.R. (Keith) Lees, Christchurch
1966	G.C. (Grahame) Sydney, Dunedin
1967	M.J. (Malcolm) McGoun, Wellington
1968	P.H. (Peter) Nixon, Timaru
1969	G.R. (Ross) Notman, Dunedin
1970	P.J. (Philip) Craigie, Taieri
1971	C.J. (Chris) Graham*
1972	C.J. (Chris) Homer, Dunedin
1973	J.A.S. (John) Murray, Mosgiel
1974	I.R. (Ian) Wilson*
1975	G.C. (Graham) Stewart, Christchurch

1976 G.J. (Graham) Muir*
 1977 I.P. (Joseph) Heenan*
 1978 R.A. (Robert) Campbell*
 1979 C.J. (Colin) Dobson*
 1980 N.D. (Neil) Gaudin, Dunedin
 1981 G.I. (Glen) Denham, Dunedin
 1982 G.I. (Glen) Denham, Dunedin
 1983 A.J. (Antony) Eyles, Wellington
 1984 R.L.A. (Ray) Rawlings, Auckland
 1985 T.J. (Terry) Tarapi, Mosgiel

DUXES

1936 G.C. (George) Lyon*
 1937 I.A. (Ian) Murdoch, Mosgiel
 1938 I.A. (Jim) Valentine, Dunedin
 1939 D.N.F. (Noel) Dunbar, Canberra
 1940 M.J.C. (Malcolm) Templeton, Wellington
 1941 F.W. (Frank) Holmes, Wellington
 1942 W.G. (Bill) Clayton, Paraparaumu
 1943 A.H. (Huntly) Horn, Christchurch
 1944 W.E. (Bill) Chisholm, died Oamaru
 P.R.C. (Paul) Weaver*
 1945 L.H. (Les) Stevens, New South Wales
 1946 W.D. (Wallace) Bidmead*
 1947 H.C. (Hugh) Templeton, Wellington
 1948 H.C. (Hugh) Butel, died 17/1/84
 1949 E.L. (Lyn) Phelan, Dunedin
 1950 P.R. (Peter) Smart, died 22/12/81 Christchurch
 1951 C.R. (Robb) Webster*
 1952 R.W. (Rodger) Hilliker, Temuka
 1953 A. (Allen) Hair, Masterton
 1954 R.F.N. (Bob) Sammes, Dunedin
 1955 B.J. (Brian) Austin*
 1956 A.E. (Arthur) James, Wingatui
 1957 R.M. (Roy) Dineen, Dunedin
 1958 M.E. (Michael) McIntyre*
 1959 I.McG. (Ivan) Donaldson, Christchurch
 J.R. (John) Holmes*
 1960 D.B. (David) Brown, died 17/9/68
 1961 G.J. (Garth) Wilson*
 1962 N.R. (Neil) Thomson, Dunedin
 1963 R.A. (Robert) Smith, Dunedin
 1964 M.J. (Murray) Nicholls, Auckland
 P.J. (Peter) Pryde, killed 4/12/70 Dunedin
 1965 T.J. (Tim) Hazledine, Auckland
 1966 A.J. (Anthony) Stewart, Wellington
 1967 K.E. (Kenneth) Churchill*
 M.J. (Malcolm) McGoun, Wellington
 W.J. (William) Purdie, Dunedin
 1968 R.G. (Ronald) Ballantyne*
 1969 C.J. (Chris) Mayhew*
 1970 M.D. (Murray) Weatherston, Auckland
 1971 D.D. (Daryl) Rowan, Palmerston North
 1972 W.R.J. (Robert) Alexander, Dunedin
 1973 M.A. (Michael) Thompson, Wellington
 1974 J.M. (Jonathon) Adams, Christchurch
 1975 A.M. (Alan) Kilpatrick, Dunedin
 1976 I.R. (Ian) Lord*
 1977 R.A. (Alan) Wright, Dunedin
 1978 P.V. (Paul) Yates, Dunedin
 1979 A.J.R. (James) Sneyd*
 1980 I.D. (Ian) Dittmer, England
 1981 S.A. (Steven) Godfrey*
 R.G. (Raymond) Scurr*
 1982 T.F. (Timothy) Crack*
 1983 W.R. (Wayne) Angus*
 S.W. (Stuart) Dickson*
 1984 S.D. (Stuart) Ryder*
 1985 S.M. (Stephen) Robertson*

If anyone is aware of the addresses of those marked with an * would they please advise us. Our postal address is P.O. Box

163, Dunedin, whilst a telephone contact with an answerphone is (03) 476 1994 and facsimile (03) 476 1993.

Of the Head Prefects with addresses not known Lindsay Carson was thought to be in Raglan; Ian Barham was an Associate Professor at Griffiths University, Brisbane; Ian Burrow was at Coatesville, North Shore; Chris Graham probably in Wellington, and Graham Muir Palmerston North.

Of the Duxes it was thought or known that George Lyon, Paul Weaver, Wallace Bidmead, Robb Webster, Brian Austin were in Australia; Michael McIntyre, Ken Churchill were in England, Stephen Robertson the U.S.A., Timothy Crack overseas somewhere and James Sneyd was in Christchurch.

We intend following up with an article on Captains of the 1st Rugby XV and 1st Cricket XV but would also like a younger Old Boy who would be more familiar to research those covering the years since 1985 (Head Boy, Dux, Rugby, Cricket). We are able to supply the names.

It will be noted that addresses are not known for more of those in later years as they have a tendency to move around often.



CULTURAL AFFAIRS

B.N. (Barry) Bain (1947-50) is one of the younger members of the Arrowtown Miners Band, the members of which, having a combined age of 567 years, claim to be 'the oldest living band' in New Zealand! However, at more than 100 years old, Barry's sousaphone is older than even the most venerable bandsman. The band plays mainly at festivals, often accompanying the high-kicking Buckingham Belles, but membership is select and restricted to the number of players who can fit on the band's truck!

C.D. (Chris) Fennessy (1984-88) performed at a Dunedin Sinfonia concert "West End to Broadway" last month before returning to tour Australia in the 10th anniversary production of "Les Miserables." The singer has already done more than 400 performances of the musical last year touring South Africa, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Seoul. Now based in Sydney, he worked for a while as a croupier at the casino, until the late hours and smoke affected his voice, so latterly he has worked in money exchange office.

The Dunedin City Jazz Orchestra recently returned from a fortnight playing the West Coast of U.S.A. Members included S.A. (Steven) Godfrey (1977-81), and M. (Michael) Fairhurst (Staff 1996-).

G.C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962-66) completes six to eight works each year, but these are rarely exhibited. In September the Forrester Gallery in Oamaru brought together more than 20 of his works, mainly from private collections for an

exhibition entitled *The Landscape and the Figure 1975–1997*, his first public exhibition since 1988.

BITS AND PIECES

A.C. (Allan) Wilkinson (1944–48) who died in December 1996, joined W.E.C. Reid and Co chartered accountants when he left school, and was a partner of the firm through its name changes (finally Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu) until his retirement. He was the KHSOBA treasurer 1953–54.

V.A. (Vic) Huddleston (1943–46) who died at North Shore in May, joined the accounting firm of Barr Burgess and Stewart after leaving school, while at the same time embarking on a commerce course at Otago University where he served as Business Manager for the Otago University Students Association. He ultimately graduated M. Com, and qualified for admission to the NZ Society of Accountants. After serving as company secretary for W. Gregg and Co. in Dunedin, he joined P.A. Management Consultants Ltd. His work as a consultant took him to Australia, South East Asia, the Middle East, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and several Pacific Island nations. He became successively P.A. Managing Director for Singapore, Managing Director for New Zealand, and State Director for New South Wales. In his younger days, he was a member of the Dunedin Highland Pipe Band.

D.G.A. (Dave) Cassells (1938–41) who died in Christchurch in July was a pioneer in the export of stud livestock. After he left school, he graduated MA from Otago University with honours in education, but turned down the offer of a post at Melbourne University, and instead became a farm cadet. While later managing Bushey Park Estate near Palmerston, then one of New Zealand's most famous Corriedale studs, he achieved many successes at A&P shows, and initiated the export sales of stud animals. After the estate was sold and the stud dispersed, he joined Pyne Gould Guinness livestock division, and duly became managing director of PGG International. When he retired he established Animex (NZ) Ltd, and continued to export animals and other products. In all, he exported Corriedales to Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Hungary, India, Papua New Guinea, U.S.A. and Uruguay—indeed his links became so strong that in 1987, Uruguay made him their honorary consul. His expertise was highly regarded, and he was invited to judge Corriedale classes at A&P shows throughout New Zealand, and in Australia, South Africa, and at the prestigious Palermo show in Buenos Aires. Thoroughbred horses were also a strong interest, and he was a keen owner and racegoer. He served as president of the NZ Livestock Exporters Association, senior vice-president of the NZ Horse Society and was a life member of the NZ Corriedale Sheep Society.

L.W. (Ian) Jeffery (1944–47) has served in various capacities on the Lions International District Cabinet (more than 50 clubs). Currently he is Committee Chairman, Publicity and Information, for District 202 J covering Ashburton—Milton. **L.D. (Ian) Dittmer (1976–80)** a former Otago medical graduate has been conducting renal research at Bristol

University, and lecturing at Oxford University. He returns to New Zealand towards the end of the year.

Now in their 39th year of gardening at Hampden, four years ago D.H. (Don) McMaster (1939–42) and his wife discovered showing their flowers and vegetables, and entered 150 exhibits in the North Otago Horticultural Society's spring show this year.

While at King's, J.B. (John) Olszen (1960–64) picked fruit in Central Otago in the school holidays, and always hankered to return. Ten years ago he visited a vineyard in the Wairarapa and this has inspired him to follow in the footsteps of W.H. (Bill) Grant (1945–50) at Alexandra. Last month he and his partner opened their 'Olszen of Bannockburn' vineyard, with a Sauvignon Blanc, a Gewurtztraminer, and a Riesling being released. A Pinot Noir and a Chardonnay will follow in March 1998.

D.R. (Ross) Black (1961–65) is chairman of the group which has been raising \$2.25 million for Otago's first dedicated air ambulance service, and accompanying helipad on the roof of Dunedin hospital.

P.M. (Michael) Willis (1966–70) of the Palmerston North City Council has been appointed to the board of Local Government Mutual Funds Trustees Ltd, a company which will provide the functions of a fidelity fund.

Dr W.H.E. (Wayne) Sutherland (1958–62) of the Otago Medical School has been awarded \$73,000 by the National Heart Foundation to carry out a two year study to find the healthiest alternative to using animal fats for deep frying food, with the aim of reducing the potential for heart disease.

SPORTING TRIUMPHS

Athletics—Cross Country—Road Racing

J.T. (John) Bezett (1957–58) is once again Chairman of the Masters Games to be held in Dunedin early in 1998—they alternate between Wanganui and Dunedin. He was recently elected to the Management Committee of the NZ Sports Hall of Fame which is soon to be housed in the Dunedin railway station.

N.G. (Neville) Madigan (1953–54) overcame 12 months of health problems to win the Port Chalmers to Dunedin Road Race.

B.S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) unfortunately suffered a stress fracture to his foot, and was forced to scratch from the World Student Games at Palermo, Sicily, and also from the NZ mountain running team which competed at the World Championships in the Czech Republic. To maintain his fitness while injured, he tried cycling, and came second in Cycling Dunedin's 35km road event!

Cricket

W.K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69) is at long last being allowed to coach again as he has been appointed coach of the Southern Conference (i.e., Otago and Canterbury combined team which will play 4 day and 1 day matches against Northern, Central, and Bangladesh during November. He is looking forward to resuming his coaching career but won't be

donning a sweatband, dark glasses and shorts! One of the team's selectors will be S.J. (Stu) McCullum (1970-74).

Recently the Otago Cricket Association honoured three long-serving stalwarts of Otago cricket: by coincidence all were wicketkeepers. One was B.D. (Barry) Milburn (1957), who was the NZ wicketkeeper between 1966-69, touring both England and the Indian subcontinent; represented Otago (including scoring a century during the dusk of his career) for many seasons; and was a member and administrator for the Taieri club. He has latterly been the coaching coordinator of Otago cricket and much appreciated for his enthusiasm and ability to motivate. He has recently shifted to Australia to take up a management position there.

Cycling

G.A. Gordon McCauley is pedalling on his merry way. In August he won the 1000km Southern Downs Cycle Classic in Queensland by 27 minutes. Then in September it was off to Japan where he finished 5th in the 10 day Hokkaido Tour of Japan (including the King of the Mountains title), before returning to win the Palmerston North to Wellington race. In October he returned to Australia and was 'sprintace' in the Herald Sun Tour of Victoria and in November he won the Otago Cycling League 44km mass start, while en route to the Tour of Southland.

Hockey

D.C. (Darren) Smith (1987-91) continues to represent NZ—currently in the successful series against Malaysia.

S.S. (Shane) Gilchrist (1982-86) and S.C. (Shane) Smith (1986-90) represented Otago.

L.M. (Mervyn) Rowe (1949) represented Otago in the Hatch Cup primary school competition in 1947; fifty years later he was the technical director at the Hatch Cup tournament held at Invercargill in October, having in the intervening years coached the Otago team and been tournament controller. A retired menswear retailer he represented Otago from 1957-70, was president of the Otago Hockey Association from 1968-70, and was for five years chairman of the Alexander McMillan Turf. He is a life member of the Kings United Club, the Otago Hockey Umpires Association, and the Otago Hockey Association. An all-round sportsman, he also played senior cricket for five seasons.

Police Dog Trialling

Constable T.D. (Todd) Marshall (1978-83) and his dog Zeus are half of a Dunedin-based team representing New Zealand this month at the Australian and New Zealand police dog trials at Canberra. Their selection was due to their winning the NZ title in November last year.

Rowing

Former international N.R. (Neil) Burrow (1977-80) is this month competing in the 24th FISA World Masters rowing regatta being held in Adelaide, South Australia.

Rugby

A.J. (Ashley) Barron (1992-96) and current student C.J. (Carl) Hayman represented New Zealand in the Under-19 rugby team which played Australia in the Bledisloe Cup

curtain-raiser at Melbourne in July. In September Ashley was at long last presented with the Bronze Boot, awarded each year to the 'most constructive player' for the NZ Schools Team in its annual international against Australia—the team won 31-22 at Lancaster Park in October 1996 and Ashley contributed 16 points.

Despite the new professional era in rugby, where players are bought in from anywhere, King's did rather well this season as far as Otago representation was concerned. K. (Kupu) Vanisi (1990-91), T.E. (Tony) Brown (1993), C.J. (Casey) Mee (1986-90) and E.T. (Tui) Raeli (1988-92) all represented Otago, while P.C. (Paul) Miller (1945-95) was a reserve for the final three matches. Indeed, because of Brown's injury, Ashley Barron was considered for the final match, but was wisely not selected because of his youth and of course B.J. (Brett) McCormack (1985-88) continued to represent Southland.

Raeli, who will complete his degree in physical education this year, has recently signed to play for Mitsubishi Motors in Japan. He hopes to use his university qualifications over there, but at least the deal will help pay off his student loan!

The 40th anniversary of the V.G. Cavanagh Memorial Trophy match played between University A and Southern in 1958 was celebrated recently. In the Southern team that day were J.N. (Jim) Darling (1949-51), P.W. (Peter) Crawford (1948-53), E.J. ('Sam') Simpson (1946-49), L.D. (Lindsay) Reid (1950-55), A.G. (Alf) Hislop (1948-51), A.W. (Alan) Stevens (1947-49), D. (Dave) Johnston (1948-51), and I.M. (Ian) Stevens (1944-45); while the University team included I.G. (Ian) Bassett (1952-56) and N. (Nevis) Jones (1948-52).

Once again the Steinlager tent village at Bathgate Park was an outstanding success during the Bledisloe Cup test held at Carisbrook in August. While a large number of Southern club members are involved, the driving force behind the project was E.M. (Eoin) Willis (1967-71), although the actual idea was suggested by R.D. (Roy) Daniels (1968-72), the O.R.F.U. financial controller, who had seen similar villages in operation overseas. Eion, a former Otago hooker, has been coaching the King's 1st XV for the past three years. Also heavily involved is club captain M.P.J. (Mike) Reggett (1969-72) who officiated for the Southern premier team—as either manager or baggage man—for the 250th time recently.

Scrabble

K.M. (Kendall) Boyd (1981-85) finished second at the national championships for the second year running, and is a member of the team chosen to represent New Zealand at the world championships at Washington, U.S.A. this month.

Soccer

R.F. (Roger) Brooks (Staff 1986-) is manager/coach of the Otago Summer National League soccer team. Included in the squad are R.D. (Rod) Fleming (1983-86), A.J. (Andrew) Duncan (1984-88), and D.J. (Dean) Wilson (1987-92).

Swimming

K. (Karl) Purdie-Smith (1991-95) won the 800m freestyle, and came 4th in the 400m at the national championships. He

was a member of the Otago team which won the 800m freestyle relay, and came 4th in the 400m relay.

Tennis

G.A.J. (Gary) Smyth (1973-77) was awarded a Sport Otago community coaching certificate at the official launch of the 'Coaches Count' campaign.

BUSINESS SECTOR

A.W. (Bill) Baylis (1959-62) has added chairmanships/Reid Farmers to his portfolio, being already chairman of United Electricity, Mainland Products, Fiordland Travel, and the Aotea Jones Group.

P.R. (Paul) Facoor (1965-70), opera singer and former Otago cricketer, is managing director of Global Gold Marketing Ltd, a multi-network company selling gold coins and jewellery through independent sales representatives who operate their own businesses usually from their own homes.

W.R. (Ross) Gamble (1960-62) is marketing director of MacKenzie Country, the Dunedin-based national clothing retailer which has recently increased the number of franchise outlets from 18 to 21. The company has found a lifestyle niche throughout New Zealand and increasingly in Australia, built on the fact that the cloths are NZ-made, of high quality, and the product range doesn't date. MacKenzie Country was launched by the family—developed Tamahine Holdings, a company which has never looked back since Her Majesty the Queen dropped by with some encouraging words during her last Royal Visit to Dunedin!

G.M. (George) Lay (1965-68) and his partners are heavily into the production of enokitake and shitake, and have formed a company, Snowcapped South Exotic Mushrooms, to grow and market them. For reasons which are not understood (and which they're not worrying about!), these mushrooms, which are grown in a (secret) sawdust mixture in synthetic planter bags, reach five times their normal size without losing their flavour, and are being airfreighted to the hospitality industry throughout the country. At this stage production is rather labour-intensive, but George, who was a qualified autoelectrician—mechanic in business prior to becoming a tourist operator prior to growing mushrooms, intends to further refine the 'No. 8 wire' technology which has served them well so far.

D.D. (Dennis) Leeden (1971-73) is regional manager of Kresta, one of Dunedin's top suppliers of curtains and blinds, which operates from a display centre in Kaikorai Valley.

W.K. (Warren) Lees (1965-69) and two partners took over the lease of the Bowling Green hotel earlier this year.

B.A. (Bart) Smaill (1954-56) did not allow a slight setback (his fibreglass manufacturing factory burned to the ground) to destroy Advanced Fibreglass, the business he established at Brighton Road in 1969. He soon reestablished with limited machinery and tools in a building which was both rented and too small and had to employ extra staff to meet contracts at Christchurch Airport, Arthur Barnett's new Meridian Mall in Dunedin, and for a 60m waterslide at Porirua.

R.C. (Roy) Tempero (1945-46) is the owner of Nic Nac City, a small gift shop in George Street.

OBITUARIES

R.L.G. (Ray) Reid (1951-52) died at Akaroa 12/7/97

J.T. (Jim) Williams (1936-38) of Maheno died at Dunedin 17/7/97

D.G.A. (Dave) Cassells (1938-41) died at Christchurch 24/7/97

H.K. (Bert) Claridge (1936-40) died at Dunedin 23/8/97

S.B.L. (Barry) Mee (1957-58) died at Dunedin 27/8/97

J.W. (Joe) Butler (1951-52) died at Dunedin 17/9/97

K.J. (Keith) Campbell (1955-57) died at Wellington 29/9/97

A. (Alan) Hayes (1946-50) died at Sydney, Australia 6/10/97

N.A. (Norman) Thorn (Bandmaster 1946-50) died at Dunedin 6/11/97

Merry
Christmas

To all Old Boys
their families
and love ones.

