



# THE KINGSMEN

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But see under Administration for  
"Communications with Members."

## School Wall of Fame

### John Heslop (1938–42)—Humanities



Two new names were added in August.

In his final year at King's, John who died in 2014 was a prefect, the senior athletics champion, had spent four years in the 1st cricket XI, and was a member of the 1st rugby XV. He moved to OU, graduated MB ChB in 1949, becoming a house surgeon (with his future wife) at Dunedin Hospital, and then resident surgical officer (RSO). He married Barbara, and they moved to England where John became RSO at the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Ealing, where

he qualified as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS), before shifting to the Middlesex Hospital in London as the Leverhulme Research Fellow. The family then returned to Dunedin where he was senior registrar and surgical tutor at Dunedin Hospital while qualifying as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS). Graduating with a Ch.M from OU in 1959, he was awarded the coveted Moynihan Prize for research in surgery, being the first NZ surgeon to achieve this honour which is awarded by the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, and not usually to anyone outside the UK. By 1960 John was surgeon in charge of the burns unit at Wakari Hospital, a position he held for 20 years, and two years later he became senior lecturer in surgery at the OU Medical School. In 1978 he was promoted to Associate Professor, and Dean of Post Graduate Studies. In 1994 he retired ending 36 years as a public surgeon at Dunedin

Hospital, and 35 years as a private surgeon at Mercy Hospital. He had pioneered stomach stapling, has been national president and life member of the Cancer Society of NZ, and had co-founded Sports Medicine NZ in Dunedin in an effort to get uniformity of treatment throughout NZ—he was duly awarded life membership. While all this had been going on, John had not neglected his sporting interests, especially regarding cricket. He had displayed his talent as a swing bowler and represented Otago in the Brabin Shield tournament as a school leaver and represented Otago B after several years playing club cricket in Dunedin and in London, but his greatest contribution to the game was as an administrator. In 1960 he was chairman of selectors for the Otago Plunket Shield team, and was instrumental in recognising the potential of Glenn Turner to be one of the world's most successful test batsmen. John was appointed to the NZ Cricket Board of Control, and subsequently the NZ Cricket Council, serving as president and being made a life member (he had previously served as president of the Otago Cricket Association and awarded life membership). In 1976 he was manager of the NZ cricket team which contested the World Cup ODI tournament in England, and ten years later managed the NZ tour of the West Indies. In his "spare" time he edited a history of Logan Park, was a president of the Dunedin Wine and Food Society, and was a member of the Dunedin Tripe and Onions Club which met monthly to consume this delicacy! John's career culminated in 1995 when in the New Year's Honours he was awarded Commander of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to medicine, sport, and the community—thereby joining his wife who had been awarded her CBE five years earlier! He and Barbara were very much a team, having been joint recipients of the RACS—awarded Sir Louis Barnett Medal for services to surgical education, while in 2004 the RACS established the Heslop Medal to honour their huge contribution to medicine. Generally described as amiable or genial, John died within months of Barbara.



## Dunedin End of Year Lunch

An end of year lunch is to be held for Old Boys and Partners as follows:

Date: Wednesday 14th December

Venue: Mitchells Tavern—289 South Road, Caversham

Time: Middy Onwards

Please local members and those close by, support this function.

Please advise David Horne by Thursday 8th December if you are able to attend (455 2223 or davidhorne@ihug.co.nz)



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**Contact Rector: 027 233 3551; 03 455 7547**

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## Wayne Wright 1959–62—Business



Apart from being the school's "Fives" champion in his final year at King's, and famously hitting a whirlwind 128 runs in 80 minutes in a cricket match against South Otago High School, Wayne generally maintained a low profile, and left school after four years. Even then he harboured doubts about authority, and through achieving the requirements for a Queen's Scout, he had absorbed the concepts of collaboration, taking risks, and assuming responsibilities, which became essential when he and Chloe married young. To support the growing family of five children, Wayne became a lawn-mowing contractor

in Lower Hutt, and progressed to being a general contractor specialising in the manufacture and construction of cribwalls throughout the lower North Island. In 1975 he and Chloe established their first kiwifruit orchard in the Bay of Plenty, and Wayne became a main syndicator of kiwifruit orchards.

Meanwhile in 1978 they had started a company in Escondido, Southern California, making and building cribwalls, and when the rules for tax deductibility relating to expenses incurred in the development were changed, and with the kiwifruit industry seemingly on a downward slide, they sold up their business interests in NZ and shifted the family to Austin, Texas where they expanded their cribwall company across America and into Mexico, employing 1000. In 1990 they started a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) telecommunications venture in Alabama, using technology which is nowadays taken for granted, up against Bell South which was using Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

However, towards the end of the century, Wayne and Chloe sold up all of their US interests and moved back to the home they had built and retained in Omokoroa, a small community about a dozen kilometres northwest of Tauranga, where after dabbling in property and establishing websites, they discovered Early Childhood Education (ECE). Despite their previous lack of experience in that field, this has become their consuming passion. They established KidiCorp, which they built-up to become NZ's largest childcare group: this took some fifteen years of consistent application in order to

convince people that the "driver" behind this structured and professional enterprise was motivated by wishing to make a difference to children's lives, rather than merely seeking financial reward. Through judicious growth and strategic organisation, KidiCorp morphed into BestStart which today operates out of 256 centres, is licensed for 15,720 children, and employs more than 4,370 staff, while maintaining Wayne's vision of excellence and sector consolidation. In January 2015, ownership of BestStart was transferred from the Family Trust to the Wright Family Foundation, a Registered Charity which seeks to enable individuals to achieve their full potential through education in its widest and most varied forms. Last year the Foundation distributed nearly \$1 million, and aims to distribute increasing amounts each year, depending on the availability of such funds.

During all this, Wayne has not ignored the community from which he chooses to operate, having established the clubrooms at the Omokoroa Sportsground, been treasurer of the Omokoroa Pony Club, underwritten the sinking of the *Taioma* diving wreck off the Bay of Plenty coast, and underwritten the construction of the BoP cricket pavilion in Tauranga in time for the 2014 World Cup. He has been, or is a Trustee of the NZ Plain Speaking Awards, Plunket NZ Gold Sponsor, the NZ Spelling Bee, and this year the NZ Literature Quiz World Championships. Wayne is a low-profile man who makes things happen; he is individualistic and self-motivated, and was last year's EY Master class Entrepreneur of the Year. He is also a Trustee of the King's High School Charitable Trust.

## Administration

### Communications

1. Thanks to members who have sent in their email addresses. The request has two purposes
  - A. For the *Kingsmen* to be sent in order to save costs. and/or
  - B. Notification of events and possible notices.Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present form, but all who have email should have notification of events, or any other notices such as change of contact addresses. Would those who have not registered and have email please email Murray Patterson at: [murray@cruisingforyou.co.nz](mailto:murray@cruisingforyou.co.nz) and advise what they want.
2. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: [jackson3@pccconnect.co.nz](mailto:jackson3@pccconnect.co.nz)
3. With the website contact John Barr, <http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz>
4. We have a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys](http://www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys)
5. Please do not forward to the school.

## Lost Members

July *Kingsmens* were returned from the following: Neil A. Ross (1952–56) Hastings, Ian R. Shore (1960–65) Dunedin, Bernard C. B. Thornton (1956–61), John A. Neilson (1946–49) New South Wales. Also mail for Ronald G. Dodds (1952–55) was returned from Canada. We obtained a postal address in Alexandra but the *Kingsmen* was returned “No mail point.”

## Subscriptions

The year is heading towards the 31st December, which is the end of our financial year. Although a good percentage of subscriptions have been received there are still some from not only 2016, but further back unpaid. We cannot carry on sending *Kingsmens* to those members.

As advised they may be forwarded to Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or by direct credit to our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, George Street, Dunedin, 020900-0062936-00. Ex-pupils living overseas may forward their country's cheque direct to us for conversion and banking.

## Activities Around the Country

### Dunedin

1. As advised on page 1 a luncheon is to be held on the 14th December at Mitchells Tavern in Caversham.
2. The Annual Dinner was held in August with the attendance of ex-pupils and some partners being down on the good one in 2015.  
One of the Wall of Fame recipients Wayne Wright (1959–62) was a guest speaker. Kelvin Maker (1978–81), Rector Dan Reddiex and Board of Trustees Chairman David Booth also spoke.

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

John Somerville reported as follows:

The luncheon at the Bays Club on the 23rd June went well with 23 attending and 12 apologies.

This was the first for some time without the late Eric Munro (1943–45) who attended 24 of the 27 get togethers.

On the 16 September a further luncheon was held with 2 tables of 12. Eleven ladies also attended including the widows of John Dykes (1947–50) and Doug Brown (1948–51).

The Christmas luncheon is scheduled for the 1st December at the Bays Club.  
Busy fellows up north!

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## Christchurch

Richard Mitchell (1959–63) reports:

On 27th September, just over 20 old boys from the Canterbury area enjoyed a convivial “noggin & natter” session at the Burnside Bowling Club rooms in Avonhead, Christchurch. Rector Dan Reddiex travelled up from Dunedin to speak to us, and provided a very interesting update on activities at the school. We plan to repeat this next year. We have e-mail addresses for over 90 old boys living in Canterbury, but if you did not receive advice of the 27th September meeting please send your details to the KHSOB Association convenor in Christchurch, at [rwmitchell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rwmitchell@xtra.co.nz)

## Honours

We wish to apologise for the unfortunate error in the July *Kingsmen*, where Garnet Tregonning's name was misspelt as Trepanning in the Honours section. This was possibly caused by poor handwriting (which kind Mr E. Hayes (Staff 1936–67) offered to remedy, an offer which was recklessly spurned!) exacerbated by time pressure when proof-reading, when what is actually printed is mistaken for what should have been printed.

Professor T. R. (Tony) Merriman (1981–85) has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ (FRSNZ) in recognition of the “international distinction” of his research and scholarship. A biochemist, Tony has contributed to the pre-clinical and clinical science of autoimmune diseases and gout particularly in Maori and Pacific people. He has demonstrated the genetic and environmental elements of gout, which has informed public health advice and drug availability in NZ. He has also made important academic advances through extracting key conclusions from large health data sets.

E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66) who has been a member of the Dunedin RSA executive since 1999, including two terms as President, was recently awarded Life Membership. During this period there have been huge public attendances at Anzac Day services, including strong participation from the younger generations. Lox, who is the Peninsula local policeman, has also served as chairman of the RSA Welfare Trust.

## Community Service

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

#### Otago Regional Council

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

#### Greater Wellington Regional Council

C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61)

#### Dunedin City Council

The Hon D. H. (David) Benson-Pope (1963–67)

#### Otago Peninsula Community Board

E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66)

#### Saddle Hill Community Board

S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) Chairman

K. T. (Keith) McFadden (1977–81)

J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–89, Board of Trustees 1989–94) stood down after serving on the DCC for 30 years through winning 10 elections since 1983; he was Deputy Mayor from 1989 to 1992. However, he has no

plans to retire, and will continue to operate his George Street jewellery and watchmaking store: indeed despite his 73 years he is training for a half-ironman event! During his time on Council the Forsyth-Barr stadium was built; the Toitu Otago Settlers Museum, the Town Hall, and the Dunedin Centre were upgraded; and the city's water and wastewater systems were modernised: this was a massive spend for the city, but John remains comfortable with the level of debt and that the rate demand remained under control. He is also pleased to have been associated with the corporatisation of council trading departments and with economic development generally. He believes that his election successes over the years were the result of always portraying himself as "someone with basic common sense, no nonsense."

## Cultural Affairs

N. M. (Matheson) Beaumont (1941–44), the retired South Dunedin optometrist, has celebrated his 89th birthday, plus his 68 years behind his photographic lens by staging an exhibition at St Clair's Gallery Fe 29 of his current work, as well as a retrospective of some of his earlier work. Landscape photography of southern NZ has been his speciality, which he enhances by careful and skilled cropping and framing. His images have been displayed in some of the most prestigious photographic institutions of the world, and he is the only Australasian photographer to have been awarded the prestigious Fenton Medal by the UK's Royal Photographic Society. In 2006 he was awarded Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to photography and the community.

Dr S. J. (Stephen) Clarke (1982–86) who was employed by the RSA in 2001, and appointed CEO from 2008–2013, was commissioned to write the centennial history of what is now the Royal NZ Returned and Services Association (RNZRSA). This was published earlier this year, and is entitled *After the War: the RSA in New Zealand*. Particularly interesting is his account of how the first post-World War II president A. J. (John) Campbell (1952–56) was the driving force in transforming the RSA which had become rather stagnant, into an organisation relevant for the 21st century.

B. V. (Barry) Cleavin (1953–58) recently staged an exhibition at the Brett McDowell Gallery in Dowling Street entitled *36 Views of Hereweka*—Harbour Cone to any non-Te Reo speakers. To some extent he is following in the footsteps of the Japanese painter Hokusai, who produced *Views of Fuji*, but his technique is markedly different!

Recent Sunday evenings have been graced by the six-part \$6.5 million TVNZ miniseries *Hillary*, which didn't set out to glamourise the life of national hero Sir Ed. Starring in the lead role was A. J. (Andrew) Munro (1992–96)—Amy Usherwood, who plays the role of Sir Ed's first wife, Louise (who was killed in an aircraft accident in Nepal) was a former Logan Park High School pupil! Andrew was previously lead-singer of punk band "The Yams," is a qualified chef who used to feed politicians at Bellamys, appeared in a stage show at the Dunedin International Science Festival in 2004, played opposite mayor Peter Chin in the city's 2004 pantomime, and in 2007 was a member of a drama group which performed a crash roadshow at Tokomairiro High School. Furthermore he is scared of heights, which is hardly a prerequisite for playing the role of a mountaineer!

Retired doctor P. J. H. (Peter) Strang (1955–59) found the miniseries fascinating, although he felt that it didn't really portray Sir Ed's superb decision-making, or his outstanding organisational ability. Peter found him a pleasure to work

with when a member of Sir Ed's last big climbing venture: the successful ascent of previously unclimbed Mt Herschell (3335m) in Antarctica in 1967. Sir Ed's experience and absolute attention to detail regarding safety was very reassuring, for in those days there were no helicopters available to rescue anybody who had made a mistake—as Peter had done when he skied into a crevasse: fortunately he was extracted unhurt, but Sir Ed certainly let him know what he thought about the escapade! The Mt Herschell expedition did not feature in the miniseries.

Emeritus Professor E. N. (Erik) Olsen (1955–60) was one of the experts invited to contribute to the book *New Zealand Society at War 1914–18* edited by Steven Loveridge. His chapter was entitled "Negotiating Conditions and Commitment: The Union Movement and the First World War."

The Frances Hodgkins Fellowship provides studio facilities at OU, and a year's stipend to worthy artists. This year it celebrated its 50th year. G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) is so far our only Old Boy to hold NZ's premier art award, and he was present for the occasion.

M. (Matt) Wilson (Staff 2014–16), the Dunedin tenor who teaches music at King's had been offered a \$US 10,000 scholarship by the Conservatory of Music and Dance at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, which was only two-thirds of what he will need to complete the three year course. (He already has a B.Mus as well as a Master of Teaching and Learning in Secondary Music Education from OU). So he planned a farewell fund-raising concert at Marama Hall, OU, where with the help of some high-profile singing friends, he might raise \$2,000 to boost his scholarship. But with temperatures forecast to drop to -6°C, he did not want to put a probably elderly audience to possible danger on potentially icy roads, and so a musical show was cancelled owing to weather conditions!

## Business Sector

G. L. (Gary) Homan (1951–53) has been a commercial fisherman at Taieri Mouth for 60 years, and has watched the fleet of 26 dwindle to only three, which includes his 14m boat *Schemer*. He is very apprehensive of Government proposals for a network of 20 marine protected sites between the Pareora River and Waipapa Point, and their possible economic effect on the Otago commercial fishing industry.

The Network Tasman Trust has been canvassing changing its deed, but withdrew its proposals at a public meeting at which it failed to gain the unanimous support from its trustees. T. M. (Terry) Kreft (1966–70) the industry-appointed trustee nominated by the three largest consumers was not willing to support the changes because he believed that the move lacked transparency, and could result in consumers paying more for their power. Fifty-nine of the sixty-two public submitters also opposed the plan.

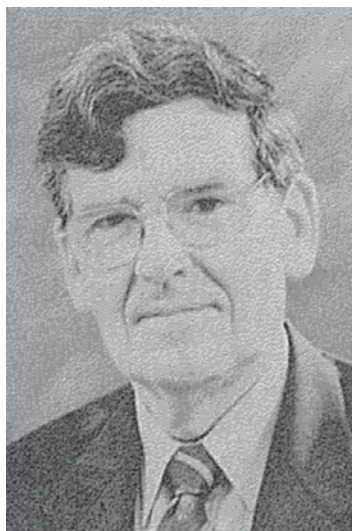
Prime Minister John Key recently led a trade delegation of some 35 members to India, aiming to boost economic, political, and security connections with the world's third-largest economy. Thoughtfully he included B. B. (Brendon) McCallum (1995–2000) in the team, appreciating that Brendon might be better known in that cricket-mad sub-continent than he! Sadly the pride of the RNZAF in what Mr Key termed "a sub-optimal performance" broke down at the end of the first stage of the journey, and the delegates were forced to spend a day flogging their wares in Townsville, and not in Mumbai as intended!

The Dunedin Training Centre operates in what was previously

Kensington primary school, and offers those under 20 years of age free courses at NCEA level 1 and 2 in automotive, building, engineering, painting and decorating, panelbeating, and primary industry, including driver training and licensing skills. K. S. (Kane) Ozanne (2011–14) in two years completed NCEA level 2 certificates in building and painting, and says that while school was OK, the Training Centre had better fulfilled his needs by being more relevant and hands-on.

## Bits and Pieces

Associate Professor G. R. (Ross) Norman (1965–69) has been appointed the next Dean of OU's College of Education. Ross has graduated Ph.D, and Master of Educational Administration from Massey University, as well as possessing a B. A. (Hons) and DipEd from OU, and was assistant then deputy principal at Bayfield High School before joining the Dunedin College of Education (the former Teachers College) in 1991, and has been director of OU's Centre for Educational Leadership and Administration since its establishment in 2010. He is the principal NZ investigator for two international leadership projects: a 20-country International Successful School Principalship Project, and a 10-country International School Leadership Development Network.



In his final year at King's, A. K. (Keith) Jeffery (1948–52), who died last year, was a prefect and represented the school at cricket and rugby: indeed it may be the case that a serious leg injury, led to his decision to study medicine at OU! Upon graduating MB ChB, he worked as a house surgeon for two years at Dunedin Hospital during which time he met and married Knola, a theatre nurse. His decision to specialise in orthopaedic surgery meant training

in the UK, so in 1965 he began a three year stint under the guidance of specialists at Oswestry, Exeter, and alongside Sir John Charnley. After completing a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS), he returned to Dunedin in 1968 to continue working as an orthopaedic surgeon at Dunedin Hospital. Later that year he performed one of the first hip replacement operations in NZ, and completed a Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS). Keith was appointed senior lecturer at OU in 1972, associate professor in 1977 (having graduated ChM in 1975) and promoted to the chair of orthopaedic surgery in 1982. His tutorial and clinical skills were legendary, and his post-operational care "robust:" his championing of audit reviews was far ahead of his time, and is now standard practice. He inspired young students to take up the speciality. His academic interests led to lifelong medical research, and he became a world authority on the structure and function of articular cartilage, which attracted postgraduate students. Keith retired in 2000, was elected Emeritus Professor and awarded Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to orthopaedic surgery in 2003. He had also worked with the Civilian Amputee Association, the Dunedin Artificial Limb Centre (as patron and life member) and the Crippled Children's Society. Like many in the academic world he was a closet historian, researching the life and times

of early NZ surgeon Henry Maunsell, and collected maps, mainly of NZ. During his retirement he was in demand as a speaker to various Dunedin groups, not merely medical!

Golden Weddings of which we are aware include A. M. (Alan) McKenzie (1956–59) and wife Lorraine of Mapua, and B. R. (Blair) Davidson (1952–54) and wife Robin of Mosgiel.

Sadly we record the death of Helen, wife of J. (Jack) Bremner (Rector 1966–81) in Dunedin on 10.7.16. They were married for 73 years, and their wedding which took place during Jack's final leave before his departure for military service in Italy, required permission from the Government, for Helen was a female T. Coll Student who in those days were not allowed to marry while studying for their teaching certificate!

After an initial year at OBHS, A. W. (Bill) Thomson (1936–37) found the atmosphere at the new school much more congenial and refreshing. He left school and worked at various jobs, for a wine merchant and as a shipping clerk to help support the family, before being conscripted into the army. He served with the 23rd Battalion of the NZEF in Italy, before being severely wounded and invalided home as a paraplegic. While he recuperated in Dunedin Hospital for 12 months, he became involved with a young nurse, Rona, whom he had met previously, and they were married for 68 years. Meanwhile he had completed a B.Com at OU, and was invited to work for Percy Shand an accountant in Balclutha, and the firm Shand Thomson is still operating. Bill involved himself whole-heartedly in the district's affairs, and was very proud of his involvement in the establishment of the Telford Farm Institute (nowadays the Telford Campus of Lincoln University) serving on its Board, and also serving in significant roles with the South Otago High School Board, the Balclutha Businessmen's Association, the South Otago Sugar Beet Investigation Company, the Catlins Rabbit Board, and the Wild Pig Menace Society. For 18 years he was secretary of the South Otago Zone of the NZ Patriotic Society; for his 25 years with Rotary he received a Paul Harris Award; he was a lay preacher with the Methodist Church for more than 30 years; while his professionalism and passion for his work was recognised by a Fellowship of the NZ Society of Accountants. In 1978 he was awarded Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) in "recognition of this man's sterling value to his town, his district, and indeed his country." In retirement, Bill and Rona lived in Wanaka, Ashburton, and Christchurch, where he died last year.

In August as they were sailing down the harbour in their 11.0m keeler *Avanti*, opposite Harington Point M. M. (Bill) McIndoe (1945–46) and his wife Margaret encountered a 9m long whale covered in crustaceans: twice it came up for air while they observed it.

Atsugi is a city of 230,000 about an hour by train southwest of Tokyo, which has been selected as a host town for teams attending the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympiad. P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994–95, Staff 2012–15), a former All Black who played rugby in that city for four years, has been chosen to be host-team relationship ambassador. He hopes to build a relationship between Dunedin and Atsugi which is less formal than the relationship with Otaru, and also hopes, depending on where their matches might be played, that the All Blacks might choose to be based there. He will also try to attract potential students to Otago Polytechnic and to Dunedin secondary schools.

G. C. (Graham) Fortune (1955–59) left King's where had played in the school's brass band to attend OU, graduating



B.Sc in chemistry and geology, then M.Sc in chemistry (as had his brother L. R. (Lindsay) Fortune (1950–54). He then spent four years as a journalist with Dunedin's *Evening Star*. Supposedly taking advantage of the free trip to Wellington, he was interviewed for and accepted a position with the then Department of External Affairs, thereby embarking on his 35 year career. His rather unconventional background in science led to his being placed on the

Department's South Pacific and Antarctic Affairs desk, where he helped oversee NZ's science and exploration programme in the Ross Dependency, and the development of Scott Base, thereby gaining a lifelong love of the continent which he revisited several times. Overseas postings followed: the Cook Islands, Canada for five years, then Papua New Guinea which gained its independence during his posting there. A secondment to the State Services Commission enabled him to acquire management skills before being posted to Geneva as NZ's permanent representative to the UN there, where he worked on the Gatt Uruguay round of world trade talks, and represented NZ's new position on nuclear disarmament. His last posting was High Commissioner to Australia in 1994, during which time he felt the need to publicly castigate its government for reneging on an aviation deal—but then NZ was more interested in economic links, whereas Australia cared more about defence connections. From 1999 to 2006, Graham was Secretary of Defence, and following a two-year capability review, successfully requested more resources which led to major new purchases for the army and navy, but scrapping the combat wing of the air force. When he was appointed to the position, former Labour leader Mike Moore described him as "straight, hard, and efficient," colleagues described him as an intelligent, decisive manager who marshalled arguments well, and friends described him as warm, loyal, and a generous mentor. In 2007, he was awarded Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM) for his services. Married to Kate whom he met at OU for more than 50 years they shared a love of orienteering, and Graham achieved success in his age grades in NZ, Oz, and the UK—while High Commissioner he had to represent Oz in a NZ event as he wasn't a NZ resident! He served as vice-president of the NZ Orienteering Federation and was a member of the steering committee for the 2013 World Cup. Somewhat ironically he died suddenly in Auckland earlier this year while en route to an orienteering event in Oz!

Past District Governor J. B. (John) Knowles (1952–55) of the Geraldine Lions Club has been appointed Member Retention Coordinator, and will work with both Districts and Clubs in an attempt to alleviate the growing retention issues affecting their association.

The *ODT* has been running a series of articles highlighting the various "corners" in Dunedin. The article on Forbury Corner depended heavily on a contribution by former resident and former T. Coll registrar R. E. (Errol) Holland (1957–60) whose father operated a fruit shop there. He recalled being awakened each morning by the first tram which changed lines

before journeying back to town. He also referred to the elegant two-storeyed residence which still dominates the corner, and was built to house the consulting rooms for Dr Murray, father of the Very Reverend J. S. (John) Murray (1943–47). He further mentioned the match factory, and when closed how the manager, Mr Cleavin, father of B. V. (Barry) Cleavin (1953–58) built a block of three shops adjacent to the factory which are nowadays combined as the local health centre. A subsequent article on Ross Corner in Andersons Bay attracted a contribution from D. S. (David) Winefield (1957–61) of Manurewa, who remembered how a runaway tram derailed and severely damaged the local dairy.



When S. W. (Stephen) Kidd (1956–60) purchased a French-built 1913 Darracq motor car from the Southward Car Museum at Kapiti earlier this year it had been in storage there since 1962: the museum had stopped restoring cars and was selling some of its stock. Essentially complete if a trifle careworn, it had last been registered in 1938. After some essential restoration (welding, new tyres), the engine fired up while being towed, and was driven twice around the block. The next day it was towed again and driven to VTNZ where it fulfilled the requirements for a WoF, despite only having travelled 2km under its own power for probably 60 years, and not having reached top gear!

Twenty-three Old Boys have (so far) been admitted to the Wall of Fame at King's and remarkably six of them have somehow featured in this *Kingsmen*: Chris Laidlaw, Barry Cleavin, Grahame Sydney, Philip Rush, Jeff Robson, and John Murray. A seventh is James K. Baxter (1940–43) whose father, Archibald Baxter was taken 100 years ago to World War I's Western Front as a punishment for being a stubborn conscientious objector. There has been a move to commemorate his point of view, but where to site it? Queen's Gardens is regarded as being rather inappropriate, while a peace pole in the Museum Reserve was vandalised. It seems likely that the chosen site may be by the Albany Street steps in George Street.

## Sporting Triumphs

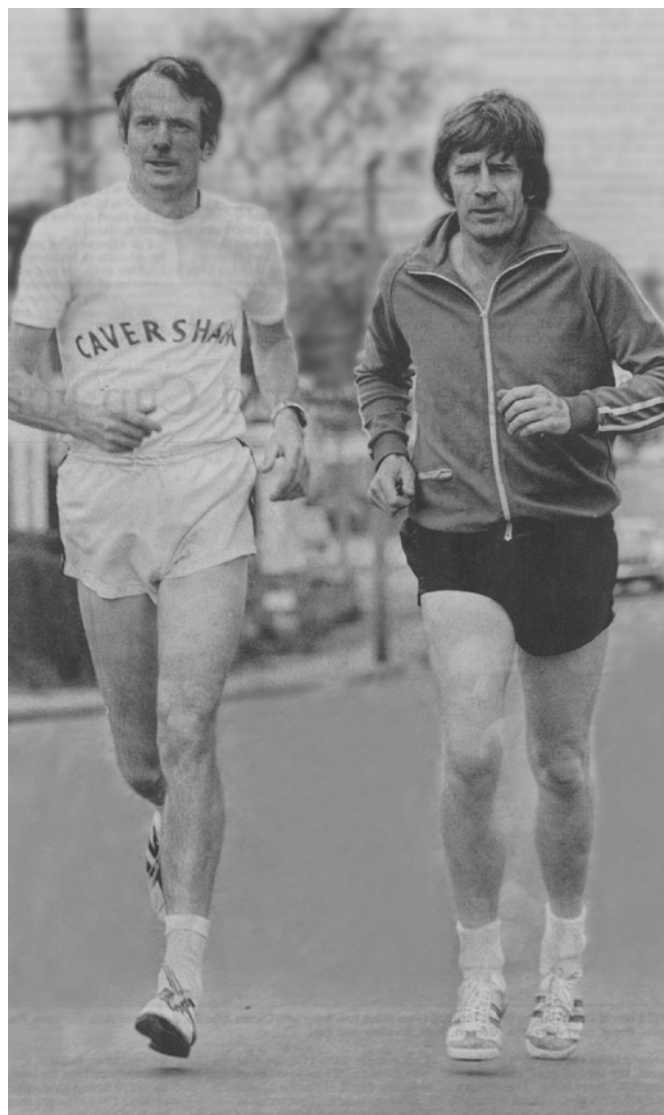
### Athletics

D. J. (Dan) Balchin (2004–08) was 1st in the NZ 10k Road championships: in 2nd place was C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06)! Dan was also 2nd in the NZ Cross Country, and 2nd in the Auckland half-marathon.

Caden was 3rd in the NZ 5,000m Track Championships, and 2nd in the NZ 10,000 Track Championships. He was also 2nd in the NZ Mountain Running Championships.

T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) was 3rd in the NZ Marathon Championships at Rotorua.

B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) was 3rd in the Edmond Cup, thereby winning the Pat Sidon Medal for being the first Caversham runner to finish. He was also 1st in the Otago Cross Country Championships, despite competing in the 40+ age group!



*Photograph courtesy of the ODT*

The ODT recently republished a photo from their early 1970s files which depicted two men in running attire. One was the Hon W. E. (Warren) Cooper (1947–48) in his pre-Cabinet days when he was merely the MP of Otago Central, and who was extolling the benefits of a daily run, the other was well-known athlete P. N. (Pat) Sidon (1947–48). The accompanying caption did not mention, and the writer was unlikely to know, that not only were they Old Boys of King's, but had actually been classmates!

J. L. (Lin) Rayner (1938–41), who died in July, spent more than 50 years coaching young athletes, believed to total some 300. When asked by a journalist why he had continued to do so for so long, he responded "I enjoy it. The exuberance of young people makes me feel young. They are a really good bunch in athletics, and most go on to become good citizens. That always gives me a thrill." Apart from guiding the early career of Commonwealth Games 10,000m Champion Dick Tayler, he also coached M. A. J. (Max) Smith (1998–2002) to win the Otago men's senior 1500m title when only 16 years of age! He was loyal to his club originally St Kilda Athletic Club, but which morphed into Ariki Athletic and Harrier Club, and almost

immediately became an administrator, serving as treasurer, and later two widely spaced terms as president, and being elected life member. Lin was also very active with Athletics Otago, where besides coaching he was a selector, handicapper, timekeeper, starter, track umpire, and administrator serving as president in the 1980s and subsequently elected life member. From 1971 until 1986 he was the athletics and harriers reporter on Radio 4ZB's scoreboard show. After leaving King's he studied commerce at OU, but classes were suspended during the war, and he never completed a degree. His attempts to enlist for war service were thwarted by his poor eyesight, so he worked as an accountant with Kempthorne and Prosser, the drug and fertiliser manufacturers until the firm closed in 1978, whereupon he worked for OU until he retired. Lin was a member of the Caledonian Society for more than 30 years, becoming president and a life member, and was a member of

## Obituaries

- K. J. (Ken) Cheyne (1942–43) died at Levin 14.4.16
- G. R. (Grayson) Wills (1960–64) died at Mackay, Qld, Oz 15.4.16
- A. J. D. (Al) Walsh (2000–01) died at Christchurch after a South Canterbury vehicle accident 1.7.16
- A. E. (Athol) Hamilton (1949–51) died at Christchurch 2.7.16
- B. I. (Brian) Riach (1946–49) died at Mt Maunganui 12.7.16
- E. F. (Evan) Browne (1945–48) died at Wanaka 15.7.16
- R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939–41) died at Dunedin 19.7.16
- R. A. G. (Bob) Jones (1946–48) died at Dunedin 25.7.16
- J. L. (Lin) Rayner (1938–41) died at Dunedin 27.7.16
- D. F. (Dave) Barham (1946–50) died at Havelock North 31.7.16
- J. G. (Grant) Jeffery (1957–61) died at Tauranga 8.8.16
- G. J. (Grant) Tumaru (1975–78) of Mosgiel, died 8.8.16
- A. D. (Dave) Scrymgeour (1942–45) died at North Shore 9.8.16
- O. C. (Owen) Colloty (1951–52) died at Perth, Oz 16.8.16
- J. A. (John) Shearer (1947) died at Tauranga 19.8.16
- D. J. (Damian) Walters (2006–07) died at Dunedin 5.9.16
- J. G. (Gil) Skinner (1939–40) of Mosgiel died at Dunedin 12.9.16
- W. A. (Bill) Little (1942) died at Mosgiel 19.9.16
- L. P. (Leo) Gosney (1943–46) died at Cairns, Qld, Oz 20.9.16
- R. D. (Ray) Hopkins (1944–45) died at Dunedin 25.9.16
- C. W. (Colin) Campbell (1958–59) died at Mosgiel 30.9.16
- B. R. (Blair) Davidson (1952–54) of Mosgiel died at Dunedin 30.9.16
- W. A. (Bill) Wardrop (1944–45) died at Christchurch 2.10.16
- U. F. (Una) Wood (Board of Governors 1979–82) died at Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England 2.10.16
- G. I. (Ian) Hutchings (1951–54) died at Alexandra 3.10.16
- J. F. (Jim) Johnstone (1947) died at Mosgiel 29.10.16

the Otago Rugby Referees Association for 20 years. In 2005, he was awarded a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to the community. At his funeral service, Lin was described by his son-in-law as "dedicated, committed, stubborn, difficult, hilarious, serious, meticulous, disciplined, loving, and kindly." Another speaker noted the irony of his coaching youth while employed by a leading NZ drug company ....

### **Basketball**

The Otago Under 13 Girl's Basketball team is coached by G. A. J. (Gary) Smyth (1973–77) who has been coaching the youth team for as long as anyone can remember—many of the parents tell the current players that Gary coached them when they were their age!

J. M. (Josh) Aitcheson (2012–), the current Head Prefect has set a formidable record by playing 105 matches for the King's senior team! He has already represented NZ Under 19 (Junior Tall Blacks), and hopes to win a sports scholarship which will take him to an American University.

### **Bowls**

A. G. (Andy) McLean (1994–98) and Andrew Kelly were selected for the PBA NZ team to play against Oz at Hastings in September. They will also be the first NZ PBA pair to compete in the UK since K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) and Paul Girdler did in 2009. Andy is an accurate left-hander, added to this it will be his second trip to the UK. Unfortunately Ken Walker had to withdraw from the trans-Tasman match because he tore his Achilles tendon when attempting to repair a rose trellis at his Mosgiel home, but he did manage the team, and has been continuing to bowl, albeit from a wheelchair!

J. R. (Rex) Sim (1944–45), a retired builder, began his 50th year with the Tainui club earlier this year. He dominates the club's honours board, having won 70 club titles in outdoor and indoor bowls, and has won four Bowls Otago titles. His highlight came in 1990 when with regular partner B. W. (Brian) Schofield (1951–54) they defeated the NZ champion pair. However Rex is not the oldest playing member at Tainui: that honour belongs to G. F. (George) McGimpsey (1937–40), who at 93 is seven years his senior!

### **Cricket**

It seems unlikely that N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) will be seen in the Otago colours again: he and his family now live in Auckland, where he works as a consultant for Stellar Recruitment. For Otago he played 62 matches, scored 2270 runs at 25.79 (despite scoring two golden ducks in his first match!) which included one century and 14 half-centuries, and took 122 wickets at 41.23. In ODI matches he played 106 matches, scored 1809 runs at 25.12, and took 99 wickets at 36.72. In T20 he played 67 matches, scored 992 runs at 22.04, and took 63 wickets at 24.19. But it will be his athleticism in the field and his positive approach which will be sorely missed. He retired from international cricket last year, and in his younger days was a more than useful football player.

His brother, B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) has written his autobiography *Brendon McCullum: Declared* with help from Greg McGee, the former rugby star who has become a successful playwright and novelist, and who helped Richie McCaw write his autobiography. Brendon provides a forthright account of the ups and downs of his cricketering life, and provides an interesting insight into how the Black Caps changed from being a collection of individuals into a team that could. The book has been panned by *Sunday Star-Times* writer Mark Reason, so it must have some merit!

### **Cycling**

D. C. (David) Stott (1964–68) recently won the 117km Hastie Memorial handicap race from Miller Flat to Mosgiel, for the third time, at age 66. The Stott family must love having the trophy sitting on their mantelpiece, for his son J. E. (Justin) Stott (1988–92) has also won the Otago club's premier race on two occasions!

B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) is covering his athletic options by taking up cycling, and was 3rd in the NZ club championships in the Masters' 40+ age grade level earlier this year.

### **Football**

Caversham, with player/coach T. C. (Tim) Horner (1998–2000) at the helm, won the Southern League for the third season running winning 18 out of 18 matches. While this is gratifying, all is not well: it needs stronger competition to compete in the South Island championship, and is struggling financially, and may not be able to stay based at Tonga Park!

G. I. (Graham) Marshall (1981–85) who played 18 matches for NZ after moving from striker to defence and following a four-month scholarship with Crystal Palace, is coaching the Southern United youth team. He has a level-two NZ Football coaching certificate, and even though his career is in its infancy, he is ambitious and believes that a real alignment is necessary between the youth team and the senior team "for these boys to see what their pathways are."

### **Golf**

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97), the former Otago No. 1, has won the 72 hole North Otago tournament for the tenth time, the last nine wins being consecutive. But he admits that he struggled, having lost a lot of golf fitness over the past year.

### **Horse Racing**

Brendon McCullum is leaving Christchurch after nearly six years for the Waikato, hopefully near Matamata where his thoroughbred horse syndicate company Vermair is centred. It has 18 horses and more than 80 investors. Currently the flagship horse is 3yr old "Son of Maher" racing out of Riccarton, but with promising younger horses nearing the racetracks, he will have to look for his laurels.

### **Rugby**

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) continues to be vice-captain of the All Blacks, and remains the best fullback in the game.

M. I. A. (Mike) Mata'afa (2003–07) is yet another prop to represent Otago. B. J. (Brayden) Mitchell (2003–06) and J. A. (Josh) Clark (2000–04) represented Southland and D. Tel. W. (Dave) Kenny (2000–04) captained Otago Country.

R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939–41), who was King's first All Black, died in July. Interestingly he never achieved 1st XV status, but played enthusiastically for the 2nd XV. He left school at age 16 to work for Van Staveren Brothers, general merchants who also sold sporting goods, joined the Pirates Rugby Football Club and in 1945 made his debut for Otago. But in 1946 he joined J Force, which formed part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) in Japan, and spent more than two years working to rebuild that country and to introduce democracy; he also played some rugby, and was a member of a team which won the Freyberg Cup. Back in Dunedin in 1949, he played on the wing for Otago, and was the chief goal kicker for the side which was depleted because 11 of the team were touring South Africa with the All Blacks, yet still managed to retain the Ranfurly Shield. In 1950, Otago defeated the British Lions, Ray contributing half the points then lost the Ranfurly Shield, but Ray contributed all the points for the South Island



in their narrow loss to the North Island. In 1951 he toured Oz with the All Blacks, winning his test cap and scoring a try in the 3rd Test. In the following year when Oz toured NZ he played the 1st Test at fullback, before moving back to wing for the 2nd Test: unfortunately he broke his leg, and never played rugby again. However he had helped Pirates win two club titles, and remained a stalwart of the club, becoming secretary, president, and ultimately life member. He became an Otago selector, and was one of the founding members of the Sassenachs Rugby Football Club, being very active in secretarial and selectorial duties, and ultimately a life member. In the meantime he had married and raised three children, and left Van Staveren Brothers to work for the DCC's engineering department. In 1973 he took up lawn bowling with the St Clair club, winning 19 club titles, 4 centre titles, and life membership.

### Swimming

P. W. (Philip) Rush (1977–80) was in town recently for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Zenith Swimming Club which he joined at age seven, and swam with them until his late teens. Initially coached by Duncan Laing, he shifted to Wellington as his ocean swimming career took off, seeking sponsorship. Since his career finished in 1988, he has been involved in assisting those wishing to swim Cook Strait. But optimal conditions, tides and weather, are difficult to “arrange” so only up to 15 swimmers can take up the challenge each year, and they are “booked out” until 2020!

### Tennis

Our two international representatives took centre stage in Auckland recently at the 60th anniversary of the International Lawn Tennis Club of NZ, when J. E. (Jeff) Robson (1940–43) was awarded life membership by the president, D. V. (Des) Shaw (1949–53). The International Club is made up of players who have represented their country at the highest level, and 40 countries around the world have such a club. Des represents Oz and NZ on the world body.

D. C. (Clark) Bragg (1960–64), retired principal of Mornington Primary School has temporarily taken over as Operations Manager of Tennis Otago for six months, in a reduced capacity from that of the previous incumbent who has gone overseas.



Jeff Robson with Des Shaw.



While at King's, D. F. (Dave) Barham (1946–50), a tall boy, excelled at high jumping, being champion every year, and breaking the intermediate record in 1949; he also improved his performance each year at the Otago-Southland championships, going from 3rd to 1st! In his final year at school he played for the 1st XV. He left King's nursing vague ideas of going farming, but instead studied geography at OU, graduating BA, and headed for Teachers' College at Christchurch. His first position at Greymouth High School was to launch a 40 year career in education. He shifted to Kaikorai Valley High School, then in its second year of existence, which was to provide useful experience for his future. There, as well as teaching geography, he involved himself in assisting with drama, and musical productions, coaching sport, and mentoring student leaders. He also completed his MA in geography, fortunately retrieving the final draft of his thesis from under the driver's seat of his Bradford van which he had sold to a car wrecker some days previously! At age 29 he was promoted to PR in geography, before spending a year as an exchange teacher at Lyneham High School in Canberra, and shortly afterwards appointed HOD at Freyberg High School in Palmerston North. In 1972, Dave became a secondary school inspector based in Wellington, and deliberately looked closely at the different ways schools operated, with the intention of applying for a principal's positioning, and within three years his chance came, and at age 41 he was appointed foundation principal at Havelock North High School. He had appreciated that the strength of a new school would be the community, and during the five years it takes for a new school to become fully established, he deliberately sought the views of the community, pupils, staff, senior staff, and management (in that order). During the 25 years he held the position he was always prepared to review, his performance, consider new ideas, and make changes if required. He was a strong leader, and a constant supportive friend. He was the chairman of the Hawkes Bay Secondary School Principal's Association, and was always happy to share his educational thinking with others. Dave remained an active principal throughout his tenure, and when he retired was coopted by the Ministry of Education on to several committees, and to mentor new or struggling principals. He spent several years as a financial advisor, and was a president of Havelock North Rotary. He died in Havelock North in July.

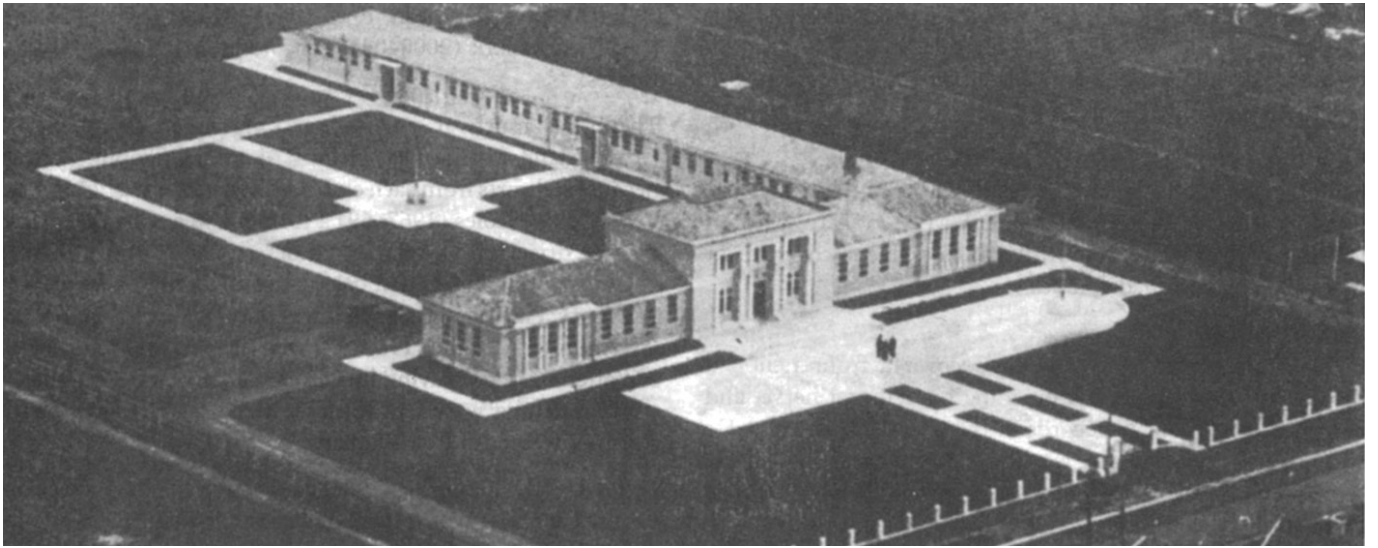
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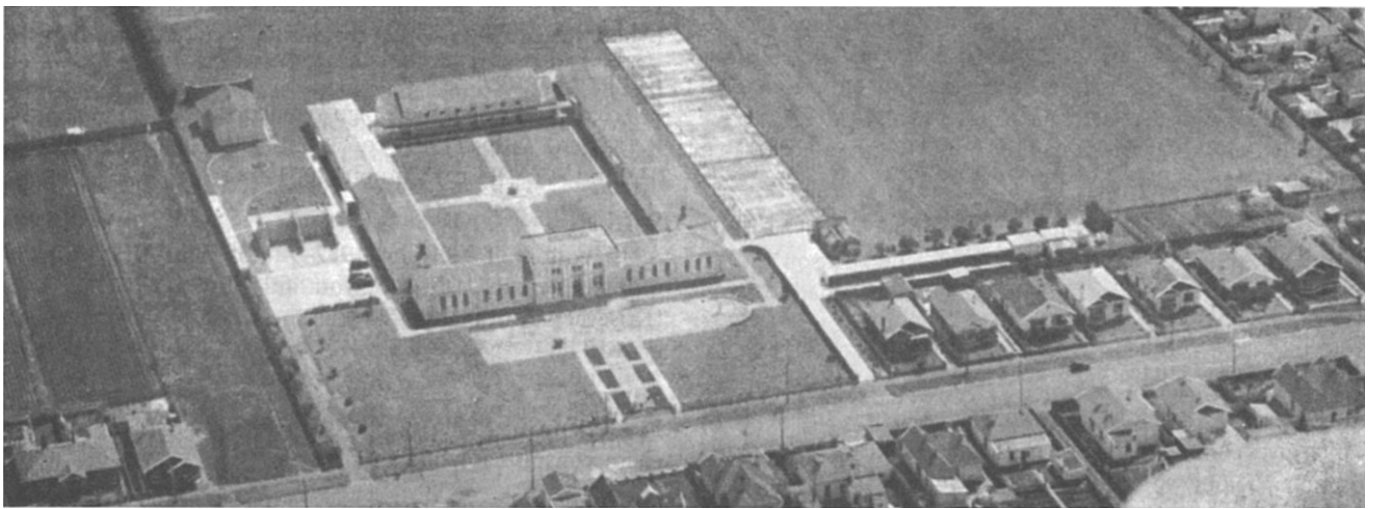
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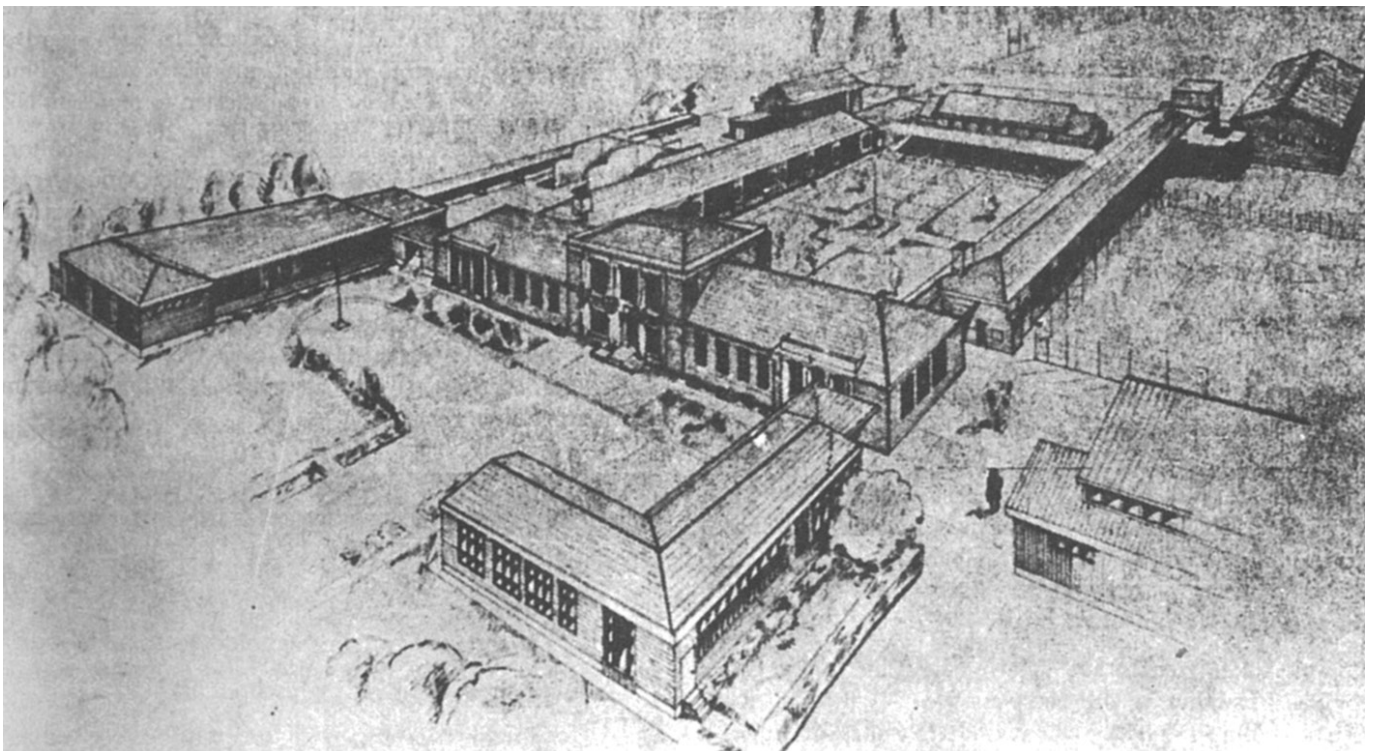
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King's High School 1936.



1946 with Quadrangle completed.



1968 Drawing showing the quadrangular blocks, with extensions for the Science and Library blocks, plus the Gymnasium. Out of the picture a new wing with five classrooms and an Art room, after prefabs were moved across the lower ground.