



School Wall of Fame

As mentioned previously in *Kingsmens* and elsewhere, the Wall of Fame was proposed by the school in order to emphasise today's boys, that King's boys have been exceptional achievers and so can they be, with work. It honours those who have excelled in academic fields, in the humanities, in business, in arts and sports.

Selection is not an easy exercise and much research is required by the sub-committee. Some investigations have been produced by former classmates.

For the impact on the boys, plus the time required in the presentations, the number each year has been limited. The exception was in the inaugural year when they were announced during the 75th Reunion dinner.

The presentations may not cover the full official records. Also the inductees attending require time to speak. This also applies when they attend Old Boys' dinners.

Many will now know the Wall itself is situated in the foyer of the Administration block. Below the names is a shelf on which are books recording the full official records and photos. Also the full records are produced in *Kingsmens* and this year in an October School *Kings Week*.

Below are the inductees since the School commenced the Wall of Fame in 2010 until 2019 followed by the 2020 recipients official records.

2010

Michael McIntyre (1954–58) Academic
James K. Baxter (1940–43) Arts
Grahame Sydney (1962–66) Arts
Neville Bain (1953–56) Business
Paul Oestreicher (1945–49) Humanities
Chris Laidlaw (1957–61) Sports

2011

Frank Holmes (1937–41) Academic
Malcolm Templeton (1936–40) Academic
Jeff Robson (1940–43) Sports

2012

Doug Coombs (1938–42) Academic
Hugh Templeton (1945–47) Academic
John Murray (1943–47) Humanities

2013

Barry Cleavin (1953–58) Arts
James Valentine (1936–38) Business
Philip Rush (1977–80) Sports

2014

William McLean (1946–50) Academic
Ian Farrant (1955–59) Business
Laurie Mains (1960–64) Sports

2015

Lindsay Carter (1945–49) Academic
David Morrell (1954–57) Humanities
Glen Denham (1977–82) Sports

2016

Wayne Wright (1959–62) Business
John Heslop (1938–42) Humanities

2017

Graham Stanton (1953–57) Academic
Chris Fennessy (1984–88) Arts
Darren Smith (1987–91) Sports

2018

Christopher de Hamel (1963–67) Academic
Hone (John) Kauka (1982–85) Arts
Warren Lees (1965–69) Sports

2019

Roger Lampen (1958–62) Business
Peter Burns (1952–56) Humanities
Ross Murray (1948–50) Sports

E. N. Olssen 1955–60—Academic



While a student at King's, Erik availed himself widely of the many opportunities which the school offered at that time. He was a promising athlete: indeed he was the runner-up when Peter Montgomery set what became a more than 50 year record for the 220 yard race. He participated in the Gilbert & Sullivan operas staged by the school, playing the role of Captain Corcoran in *H.M.S. Pinafore* and the rather more difficult role of Frederic the pirate apprentice in *The Pirates of Penzance* with considerable aplomb two years later. In his final year at school he was a prefect, a member of the athletic team (2nd in the Senior Cup), a member of the 1st rugby XV, and won the Dunedin Shakespeare Club's prize for Shakespeare reading. Interestingly, in view of his future career, he never won a history prize while at school!

Moving to Otago University, Erik began to shine, and duly graduated M.A. with 1st Class Honours in History. His Professor suggested that he should continue his studies at the famed Duke University in North Carolina, and he spent five years there as a James Duke Fellow, being awarded his PhD in 1970. However he had already joined the staff of Otago University's History Department, embarking on a 33-year career there. He began teaching courses in NZ and Pacific history, and writing books on NZ topics: *Relics of the Goldfields* (1976), *John A. Lee* (1977), *A History of Otago* (1984), and *The Red Feds* (1988).

Erik's research interests had previously investigated the relationships between politics, society, ideas, culture, and economics, and their effects on the lives of individuals and their societies. When he returned to Dunedin from his sojourn in the US, he settled initially in Caversham, which was completely different socially from Andersons Bay where he had grown up. During the 1990s he wrote a series of essays, published in 1995 and entitled *Building the New World: Work, Politics and Society* which described the establishment of the Hillside railway workshops and other local enterprises, and the rise of industrialists, unionists, and local politicians: ultimately the book won the J. M. Sherrard Award as "an outstanding work of scholarship almost certain to become a classic of NZ social history."

Also in 1995 Erik launched the "Caversham Project," which brought together labour and social history perspectives, and which has been described as "the biggest social history project so far carried out in Australia and NZ, and one of the most ambitious ever." It examined the lifestyles of the residents of the area, and possible reasons for changes during their lifetimes. The project has generated an immense amount of data which has become the source material for several books, many academic articles, and scores of student theses and research essays. Furthermore the area under scrutiny has increased to include most of the so-called South Dunedin flat, and has increasingly become interdisciplinary in nature.

Erik was promoted to the posts of Professor of History in 1984, and to that of Public Orator shortly thereafter. He retired in 2001, and was elevated to the status of Emeritus Professor in 2003. In the 2002 Queen's Birthday Honours he was elected as an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for Services to History. He was one of the first nonscientists to be elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ (FRSNZ), and in 2008 the NZ Council of Humanities elected him as a Fellow of the NZ Academy of Humanities (FNZAH) to "acknowledge people who have made a significant contribution to NZ cultural, social and economic development." In 2001 the Royal Society of NZ awarded him the Te Rangi Hiroa Medal for "current issues in cultural diversity: his work ranking him as NZ's most

accomplished historian." In the following year it awarded him the James Cook Research Fellowship, with financial support to complete a history of NZ, but this is still a "work in progress" for it has been waylaid by more immediate projects. One of these was to contribute to the 13-part TV series *Frontier of Dreams* by providing the background script for Episode 7, when NZ was a world leader in social reform. Erik's advice is frequently sought on a host of government and educational matters.

C. D. (Colin) Mantell 1953-57—Humanities



Colin is of Maori descent, and his iwi affiliation is Kai Tahu. In his early years he had aspired to become a wool classer, but one of his schoolteachers encouraged him to raise his sights, so when he arrived at King's he aimed to become either a veterinarian, or a doctor. He progressed through the school as an above average student academically, while also being awarded a prize for his woodworking skills, and excelling at rugby: as a lock forward he was awarded the Carson Cup in 1956 for being the most promising player. In his final year he was chosen to be Head Prefect (probably the first Maori to achieve this honour), Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) in charge of the school's cadet corps, and captain of the newly formed rowing club, ultimately winning a blue in both rowing and rugby.

He duly progressed to Otago University, and along with half a dozen of his schoolmates qualified for admission to the Medical School, where he was horrified to discover that he was one of only two Maori to enter the school that year. In 1964 he graduated MB, ChB along the way having researched the effects on the unborn child when the pregnant and future mother smoked tobacco, for which he was awarded a B. Med. Sci. While at Medical School he had continued to be a rugby sportsman, playing several matches for the Otago province: in 1965 he represented NZ Universities against the touring Springboks at Eden Park in a match ruined when the team was reduced to 13 players through injury—no replacements were permitted in those days!

Colin then became a house surgeon in Wellington for three years before shifting to the National Women's Hospital training programme in Auckland. In 1970 he transferred to

Oxford University's John Radcliffe Hospital as a Nuffield Research Fellow in obstetrics and gynaecology, following a six-month stint in a Hong Kong hospital en route. In 1974 he was appointed to the Auckland Medical School as a Senior Lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology, and promoted to Professor in 1978. During this time he had continued studying part-time, and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FRCOG) in 1973 and a PhD from Auckland University in 1980, following research in the field of foetal physiology.

When Colin began working at Auckland University, there was still only a handful of Maori students on campus. Keen to alter this, he was put in charge of the fledgling Maori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS), a transparent programme now supporting up to 40 students per year. This programme stressed that it was not merely a matter of political correctness, for producing more Maori and Pacific graduates benefits everybody. These communities have poorer health outcomes than the general population for a wide range of health measures, such as tooth decay, lung cancer, and even suicide! Colin is proud of the part he played in creating the Auckland Medical School's Vision 2020, a "so called perfect vision" to increase the number of Maori and Pacific health professionals to ten percent of the health workforce by the year 2020. Nowadays such students make up 20 percent of the Auckland School of Medicine's annual intake, thereby reflecting the proportion in the general population. Imitation is said to be the sincerest form of flattery, and when during the 1980s the programme began to show signs of success, the Auckland faculties of law, commerce and engineering adopted similar programmes. The Otago Medical School has also developed a very successful recruitment programme for Maori and Pacific students. The aim is that the number of such students graduating each year should mirror the proportion within NZ society.

Colin retired in 2006, and was promoted to the rank of Emeritus Professor. He and his business-woman wife Annie retired to Otago where he had spent his boyhood, to a house that was built for them in Wanaka. Colin is justifiably proud of the continuing success of the scheme which he helped to create, although he is aware that there is still room for improvement.

R. T. (Ron) Cain (1945–47)—Sport



Ron is small in stature, but has not let this blight his life. He was an average student during his time at King's, but a very keen sportsman. In those days, rugby teams were graded according to the weight of the players concerned: A, B, C, D, E in descending order, and Ron being a mere 4.5 stone (28.5kg) was an E grade half back. Nevertheless he achieved second place in the junior cross country race, and won the sealed handicap race.

Ron had joined the Caversham Harriers Club in 1945, and 65 years later he is still an active member. He has held most positions in the Club, including Club Captain and President: in 1964 he was made a Life Member and his name features on most of the Club's silverware. From 1949 until 1960 the Club won the Otago Cross Country team's event and the Edmond Cup Steeplechase on 10 occasions, helped by Ron's high placing in every event. Stamina was the key to his success, for he maintained a consistently high position throughout every race. He was one of the main supporters when raising the money to build the new clubrooms in Corstorphine, and was Chairman/Treasurer of the very successful 100 year jubilee of the Club, having also served on the committees for the 50th and 75th jubilees. In 2014, he was elected Patron of the Club.

Ron was a member of the Junior Otago team which won the National Team's Race in 1950; a member of the Senior Otago team which won the National Team's Race in 1951 and 1958, and captained the team which won the title in 1954–56: these achievements gave Ron his six team medals, which feat has not been surpassed by any other athlete since. From 1950 to 1964 he represented Otago at the National Cross Country races, only missing the 1959 event when his first child was being born! In 1965 he ceased running at National events, except for when the veteran events were staged, and won the title in 1976, 1982, 1987, and 1991.

Ron spent 25 years as the Caversham delegate to the Otago Centre, 28 years on the Harriers Committee (six years as the Chairman), 15 years as a Track & Field Committee Member, 30 years as a Track & Field Judge, 20 years as Manager of all Track & Field Meetings (including National Youth and National Secondary School events), 20 years on the Finance Committee, and 15 years as Otago delegate to the NZAAA. From 1975 to 1977 he was the Otago President: he was elected Life Member in 1989 and Patron in 2015.

Ron spent 15 years on the National Cross Country Selection Panel, being Convenor for 11 of those years! During this period he was called upon to select a World marathon relay team; in 1980 he Managed Senior Men's, Women's, and a Junior Team to Australia, and in 1981 he Managed Men's and Women's Teams to the World Championships in Madrid, Spain; he convened an Oceania Team to Japan (which achieved 3rd placing) and managed a small team to the Japanese championships. In 1989 Ron was awarded one of the first NZAAA Merit Awards; in 1990 he was the Chief Official at the Commonwealth Games held in Auckland; was President from 1992–93; and elected Life Member in 2010. In 2013, the IAFF sent him a Certificate of Recognition for Services to Athletics, and he was awarded a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to athletics!

While all this was going on, Ron pursued a successful business career in the motor trade, which began when he was employed as spare parts boy by City Motors in 1947. Two years later he was invited to join the General Accessory Company as a spare parts wholesaler, and ultimately became branch and area manager. He retained managerial positions during the subsequent three takeovers of the firms he worked for, and retired from Repco in 1988.

Time management has obviously played a major part in Ron's long and busy life. He was born and lived in South Dunedin's Wynyard Street for 29 years: he then married Betty and they lived in Fairfield for 58 years, and in 2018 they shifted to Chatsford Retirement Village in Mosgiel where they celebrated their diamond wedding recently. Ron keeps himself fit by chasing a golf ball hopefully twice a week, and by regularly walking: he claims to be too busy to feebly fade away! He also probably holds the record for his regular attendance at the AGMs of the King's High School Old Boy's Association!

Administration

Communications

1. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: djmosgiel@gmail.com
2. Thanks to members who have sent in their email addresses to have the *Kingsmen* sent electronically.

The request has two purposes

A. For the *Kingsmen* to be sent in order to save costs. and/or

B. Notification of events.

Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present form, but all who have email should have notification of events that way. Many have not advised for events.

Would those who have not registered and have email please email Doug Jackson: djmosgiel@gmail.com

Subscriptions

The year is heading towards the 31st December which is the end of our financial year.

By now you should have received an invoice by post or email. If you cannot locate it contact Doug Jackson.

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 *clearly stating your name.*

John Barr Reports

Website: www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/

A lot has been happening with the site of late. There have been a large number of profiles and photographs added. These feature our School Duxes, our "Special Old Boys", our New Zealand Senior Sports Representatives and our Old Boys who have made it on the New Zealand Honours list. That makes about 100 new additions. There is still a lot more to do.

The Wall of Fame has been updated with the 2020 video clips of recipients speaking at the annual dinner being added. Their profiles have also been added.

With a large number now viewing the site from their smart phones I have made a considerable effort to make viewing more user friendly for their use. I am also working on improving the site menus so that finding people is easier.

Last year I added an app which allows new members to enrol and current members to pay subscriptions. Overseas members will have their currency automatically adjusted from US

dollars, Euros, UK pounds, Australian and Canadian dollars. I will try to add more currencies as required.

To date this year our site has had 12,000 unique visitors and 15,000 visits. Hits have been from New Zealand 23,000, USA 8,000, Australia 2000, UK 500 and Singapore 160.

It is good to see so much interest in the very special people, our Old Boys, that feature on the site.

The School

1. The Roll

The school's roll is again amongst the highest in Otago, being in the 900's for the second year, after being over 1,000 from 2014 until 2018.

2. Academic

a) George Bates, who as a year 12 student was awarded three "Outstanding Scholarships" in 2019, became a Spanish Speech winner.

George was placed first in a Level 3 Spanish National Speech Competition. He made an "incredible 4 minute speech in fluent Spanish about festivals."

b) Both Jacob Collie in Geography and Aaron Hewson in Biology were selected to represent New Zealand internationally this year. Unfortunately, due to COVID neither trip took place.

Jacob was selected as a member of the four person iGeo NZ Olympiad Team, for an international competition to be held in Istanbul, Turkey earlier in 2020.

Aaron was to represent New Zealand at the Barcelona International Youth Challenge 2020 and Auckland University of Technology Roy Geddes Science Education Award receiving a scholarship to attend the international Youth Science Forum in London.

3. Sport

a) i) The 1st rugby XV in competitions played Otago Boys' High School three times in 2020. The first game was won by King's by a good margin, but the last two O.B.H.S. won. One being the interschool and the other the Otago/Southland premiership schools' final.

On the other hand the school had two wins and a draw against Southland Boys' High School. The draw being the interschool.

ii) Rohan Wingham 1st XV captain and prop was named in the New Zealand national schools side.

The last players to make the national side being also front rowers, are Tom Willis and Carl



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Hayman in 1997. They became All Blacks.
 Another from the 2020 front row Steve Salelea (Year 12) made the NZ Barbarians squad, which is the second-string team.
 This follows Giovanni Leituala being in the Barbarians team in 2019.

b) Like many activities hockey's Rankin Cup, the country's elite secondary schools tournament for boys, that dates back to 1923 was not held.

As most readers of the *Kingsmen* will know King's were the first team south of the Waitaki to win it in 2019. Unfortunately those who were leaving have not had a chance to participate in its defence.

However a new tournament was held in Christchurch with the 1st XI becoming the South Island champions.
 The team beat six opponents over five days to finish with a match winning goal from James Nicolson in the dying minutes. It couldn't have been scripted better on the tail end of a huge week of fierce and exciting competition.
 Winning the South Island title involved beating two teams from the top ten at national level in 2019 (Christchurch Boys' High School and St Andrews College) and also Christ's College who are currently the top Canterbury team.
 The final match against Christchurch Boys' was an absolute cliffhanger. It was also the last major school tournament for seven senior players.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

1. Eventually the Annual Meeting for the year ended 31st December 2019 was held on the 13th August 2020. It is usually held every April.

As has been done for decades it was also a social. This year Glenn Dickson (2000–04), who returned to the school as Director of Sport was our speaker.

Office bearers elected or appointed are as follows:

- Patron: Nick McIvor (Rector 2019–)
- President: Chris George (1978–82)
- Past President: Doug Jackson (1960–63)
- Vice President: Bradley Scott (1993–97, Staff 2014–)
- Secretary: David Horne (1954–58)
- Treasurer: Target Accounting
- Registrar: Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
- Committee: Christine Bell (Associate)
 Glenn Dickson (2000–04, Staff 2019–)
 Bryan Frost (Staff 1974–2017)
 Rhondda Martin (Associate)
 Andrew Miller (1979–81)
 Mack Stephens (1952–56)

Sub Committees

- Kingsmen*: Bob Glass (1948–52)
 Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
- Website: John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008)

AGM 2020



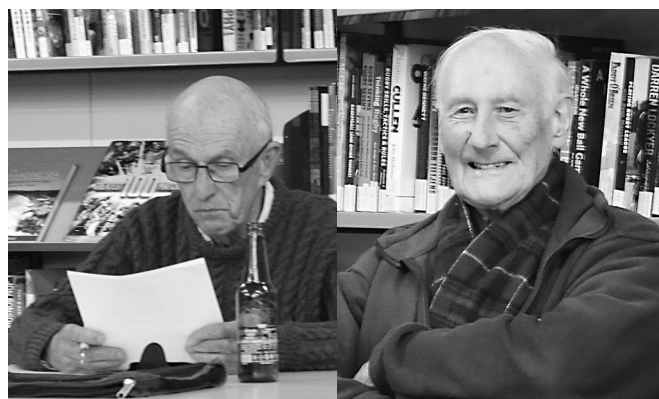
Incoming President Chris George



Rector and our Patron Nick McIvor



Glenn Dickson addressing attendees



Studious Secretary
David Horne

Retiring long time Office bearer
and Life Member Bob Glass
(1948–52)

2. The Annual Dinner was held a fortnight later on the 27th August, again at the Chisholm Park Golf Club.

The attendance was better than the previous few years with 69 ex-pupils, partners and guests. As usual some came from outside Dunedin with Ian Farrant (1955–59) from Wanaka, Norman Paterson (1955–57) Roxburgh, Brian Hall (1948–52) Wanaka, David Evans (1952–55) Christchurch, with their partners.

All three Wall of Fame inductees attended this year, two with their partners. All three spoke as did the Rector Nick McIvor. The programme progressed well, despite the number speaking along with the dinner courses.

This year, in the circumstances, the school had to hold the official presentation slightly later. Colin Mantell again came from Wanaka and we were grateful that Colin attended our earlier dinner as well as the school's presentation.

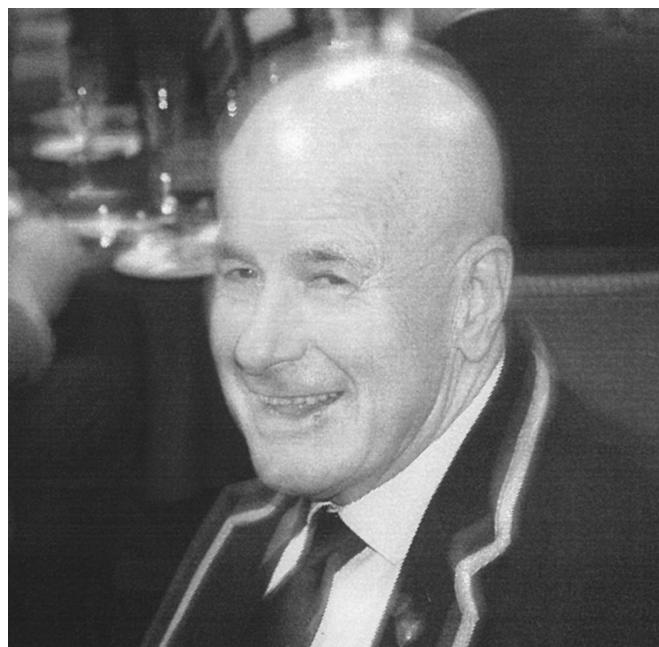
DINNER 2020



Tom Scott, actually Chris George (1978–82), commencing the dinner with a poem.



Jim Butler (1957–60)



And his brother in law Peter Ashton (1962–66)



Caversham Harriers Ron Cain (1945–47) and Geoff Anderson (1970–74) at table.



Guy Robinson (1959–60) Neil Macandrew (1959–62)

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Memories



Soccer 1st XI

Back Row: Ken Rutherford, Stephen Pike, Glen Denham, Tim Lancaster, Graham Marshall

Second Row: Kaipati Lekasa, Richard Fogarty, Tony Herbert, Tony Boomer, Andrew Croad, Darren Elliott, Gary Faulds (vice captain)

Front Row: Kelvin Brownlie, Lyall Steel, John Cook (captain), Mr J. Muir, Darren Munro, David Connor, Eddie Cropley

Absent: Chris Herbert, Brian Baird, Barry Bryant

Pictured above is the 1982 King's 1st Soccer XI to which several additional players had been added as cover while the team participated in the NZ Secondary School's Tournament held in Dunedin that year. King's won all of its six matches, and was duly awarded the Linwood Cup, which can be seen between

the feet of coach J. R. (Jim) Muir (1960–64, Staff 1981–2016). A remarkable feature (possibly unique?) of this team was that it included three future NZ international captains: K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (cricket), G. I. (Glen) Denham (basketball) and G. I. (Graham) Marshall (soccer).

Business Sector

At the recent biennial Westpac Otago Business Awards, the Night 'n Day Foodstores won the Excellence in Retail Award, and the Essential Service and Safety Award. This franchise was established by A. P. (Andrew) Lane (1976–79) and his wife Denise (as outlined in the March 2019 *Kingsmen*).

The octogenarian mechanic, K. V. (Ken) Berry (1954–56) did not stop working when he reached the age of 65, but instead has kept working for 65 years! He learned his trade as a 15 year old apprentice with Commercial Motors, before starting up Berry's Service Centre in North Dunedin in 1967. In 1970 he moved across the street to a bigger workshop in Moat Street, but seven years later sold it and moved back to his home in Balaclava to focus on engines, gearboxes, and rebuilds, mainly of Volkswagen Beetles. He still works full-time, although "only 9–5 in winter," and has no plans to review his lifestyle until he reaches 90 years of age!

The road to a successful career in the legal profession would appear to be to play as a front-row forward in a Southern RFC scrum before joining a law firm. This has been the pathway pursued by school team-mates T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97) and W. J. (Warren) Moffat (1993–97), True, Tom played some of his rugby at a higher level (he was undefeated as an All Black captain!) whereas Warren merely reached NZ provincial level (but is currently coaching rugby). Warren has recently joined Solomons as a partner, while Tom works for Gallaway, Cook, Allan.

Honours

1. Despite the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Queen has seen fit to reward two Old Boys with the Queen's Service Medal (QSM).

S. J. L. (Stuart) Thorne (1960–64) for services to conservation. Stuart initially worked for the Dept of Lands & Survey, before starting a 40-year career with the Dept of Conservation (DoC) as a ranger in Mt Cook National Park prior to shifting to Wanaka and the Mt Aspiring National Park. There he helped eradicate *Lagarosiphon major* (lakeweed) from Lake Wanaka, and helped reintroduce buff weka to the islands in the lake, and the South Island robin to the West Matukituki valley. For years Stuart was a volunteer with the Matukituki Charitable Trust and DoC trapping and monitoring programmes, and for many summers was (and still is) a hut warden in the national park. For 30 years he has been a search & rescue police advisor in the Wanaka area, being involved in more than 150 missions. He was instrumental in establishing the Upper Clutha Tramping Club, and has volunteered for Tekano which replants native trees in the area. He was a member of the NZ Mountain Safety Council for 29 years, including a term as chairman; president of the Wanaka Jaycees; secretary of the Wanaka Lions Club; and group leader of the Wanaka Venturer Scouts. While "thrilled" to receive the award, Stuart stressed that all his good outcomes were the result of team effort.

M. A. (Malcolm) Walker (1968–72) for services to sport and education. Malcolm was captain of the King's 1st cricket XI before leaving school and entering Dunedin Teachers' Training College for training as a primary schoolteacher. He taught in central Southland schools for more than 35 years, including 23 years as principal of Limehills School, and sat on a variety of education-based committees, including the Regional Principal Support Network, and was

chairman of the Deep Cove Hostel Trust Education sub-committee. Malcolm was also a Central Primary Schools' Sports Association member, a school cricket coach for more than 40 years, a Central Western Cricket Club volunteer, a Southland Primary Schools' Athletics Committee member, and has coached and organised various club, school, and representative athletics, rugby, touch, and basketball teams. In 2001 he won the NZ Volunteer of the Year, and the Southland Volunteer Coach of the Year Awards. He also helped drive fundraising for the Winton skatepark and the Limehills swimming pool, and was a foundation member of the Central Southland Squash Club. Nowadays a farmer at South Hillend northwest of Winton, he is grateful to the so many wonderful people on committees who have helped him along in all his pursuits.

2. As a result of the 2020 general election, G. M. (Grant) Robertson (1985–89) has been elevated by the Prime Minister to be her Deputy Prime Minister, thereby (presumably?) becoming the first Old Boy to achieve the title of Right Honourable! He has retained the roles of Minister of Finance, and Minister of Sport & Recreation, to which have been added Minister of Infrastructure, and Minister for Racing. Earlier this year he had apparently drafted Budget 2020 which planned to spend \$92 billion, but the sudden arrival of Covid-19 with its implications had resulted in a hasty revision, and an increase in planned expenditure to \$114 billion! While it is early days yet, and the global situation remains unclear the initial reaction of the CEO of Business NZ was that given the circumstances, Budget 2020 was a reasonably positive document.

Cultural Affairs

Earlier this year, I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) had published *Southern Spirit: The People and Places of Southland*, and the title describes the content of the book. Since then he has been one of the anonymous writers who contribute to *He Kitenga*, the annual research report published by the University of Otago.

G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) has recently reunited with his friends: Brian Turner (poet) and Owen Marshall (novelist) to produce their second book on Central Otago. It is entitled *Landmarks*, and so numerous were the orders for the book, that a reprint was required before it even hit the booksellers' shelves! It retails for \$74.99, and seems to be a worthy successor to their earlier publication *Timeless Land*.

Bits and Pieces

Sadly, after 158 years of celebrating Scottish heritage, the Caledonian Society of Otago is winding up, as ageing and declining membership has made it too difficult to continue as a single entity. Established in August 1862, it was the first Scottish society in NZ and aimed to "promote benevolence, national literature, customer, and accomplishments." Life Director J. J. (John) Stinson (1964–68) has reported that its assets and activities would be given to the Otago Scottish Heritage Council, and to the Otago University's Centre for Irish & Scottish Studies. The Society had been involved in a range of activities over the years, including athletics, Highland games, dancing & piping competitions, and education. It had started night education classes in Dunedin and had been integral in helping to establish the university: the Society will give it some money to provide scholarships and awards in its honour. As John says "We'll still be around, just on a different pathway."

K. A. (Kelvin) Williams (1964–66) and his wife Karyn of St Clair celebrated their Golden Wedding recently.

Builder and engineer P. J. (Peter) Mason (1969–72) salvaged the ironwork from the demolition in October of the St Martin's Hall in North East Valley to re-use in his restoration work on All Saints Church in Cumberland Street. He also salvaged two tonnes of rimu, Oregon, and pine for other minor projects he is involved in. The NEV site will be used for Habitat for Humanity housing.

Saddle Hill Community Board chairman, S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) is retiring from the Dunedin Marine Search and Rescue organisation, and his 20 year involvement was recognised recently when he received its volunteer of the year award. This was presented during an educational community meeting held at the Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club about crossing the Taieri Mouth bar safely: an event he had helped organise.

M. M. (Bill) McIndoe (1945–46) joined the Royal NZ Navy when he left school, and during his service was a navigating officer on a NZ frigate during the Korean War. But it was a yacht that he yearned to be at the helm of, and he has owned and sailed seven during the last 84 years, including one which he built when he was aged 16 years. He and his wife recently celebrated his 92nd birthday by sailing their yacht *Avanti* around the lower harbour from their home in Careys Bay.

P. K. (Peter) Standring (1975–79), son of K. E. (Ken) Standring (1949–52) is the Gore District Council's transport manager, and had budgeted \$6.8 million to replace the Pyramid bridge across the Mataura River near Riversdale which had collapsed in February 2019, unable to resist the pressure of the debris which the floodwaters had built up against the structure. However one of the four firms tendering to construct its replacement has designed a structure which it estimates would only cost \$3.79 million, and not surprisingly this tender has been accepted!

The Peninsula Community Board is currently undertaking conservation work on the Tomahawk gun emplacements to preserve some coastal history. A photograph taken nearby in December 1958 and which had appeared in the *Evening Star*, featured in the *ODT* recently: it showed two King's cadets preparing (under army supervision) to fire their mortar: one of the boys was J. D. (John) Riach (1956–59), while the other was said to be A. R. Morton. Unfortunately no boy of that name is listed as having attended King's, so we have no idea as to who the boy really is!

Professor A. J. (Tony) Ballantyne (1985–89), Pro-Vice Chancellor (Humanities) at O.U. will take up the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) in January 2021. This division of the university comprises marketing, communications, alumni relations and liaison with schools. Currently Tony's research interests include the cultural history of the British Empire, New Zealand's changing place within that empire, and the development of colonial knowledge.

Obituaries

G. W. (Gordon) Sim (1939–40) died at Christchurch 2020

I. R. (Ian) Bagley (1940–43) died at Stoke 2020

E. J. (Elliott) Russell (1982–84) died at Brisbane 18.5.20

R. G. (Ray) Wright (Staff 2001–14) died at Dunedin 1.6.20

B. E. (Bruce) Haines (1962–66) died at Dunedin 6.6.20

J. F. (Findlay) Rumble (1952–54) died at Oamaru 8.6.20

R. N. ('Neville') Walker (1943–45) died at Blackhead 17.6.20

O. (Owen) Hurst (1937–38) died at Nelson 18.6.20

E. J. (Ted) Maclaren (1939–42) died at Christchurch 21.6.20

D. G. (David) Paulin (1945–46) died at Dunedin 22.6.20

N. G. (Noel) Scurr (1949) died at Mosgiel 22.6.20

M. M. (Murray) Thomson (1954–57) died at Dunedin 29.6.20

C. W. (Colin) Nicholls (1955–59) died at Dunedin 3.7.20

B. A. (Barrie) Browning (1963–66) died at Christchurch 17.7.20

D. G. (Danny) Carse (1997–98) died at Dunedin 17.7.20

C. B. (Craig) Dow (1987–91) died at Queenstown 18.7.20

R. L. (Robin) Charteris (Board of Governors 1988–89, Board of Trustees 1989–92) died at Macandrew Bay 25.6.20

A. E. (Alan) Admore (2001) died at Riverton 3.8.20

B. S. (Barry) Gosney (1944–48) died at Vancouver 3.8.20

A. D. (Dave) Long (1948–52) died at Christchurch 4.8.20

L. J. (Lindsay) Brown (1956–60) died at Dunedin 6.8.20

I. W. (Ian) Maskell (1958–62) died at Masterton 9.8.20

R. J. (Dick) Ratcliff (1954–56) died at Dunedin 10.8.20

W. M. (Warwick) Stalker (1959–62) died at Queenstown 11.8.20

J. W. (John) Holdsworth (1957–58) died at Khandallah 15.8.20

K. J. (Kevin) Oats (1962–65) died at Dunedin 18.8.20

I. M. (Ian) Green (1987–89) died at Cromwell 28.8.20

W. E. (Bill) Willers (1945–48) died at Dunedin 30.8.20

R. W. (Bob) Ashton (1952–53) died at Mosgiel 31.8.20

P. A. (Peter) Reeve (1954–55) of Oamaru, died at Dunedin 2.9.20

M. H. (Merv) Campbell (1960–63) died at Monaco, Nelson 3.9.20

D. (Dave) Johnston (1948–51) died at Mosgiel 6.9.20

P. M. (Peter) Fogarty (1973–75) died at Hastings 10.9.20

M. R. (Murray) Owen (1944–46), late of Leith Valley, died at Queenstown 13.9.20

A. S. (Alastair) McInnes (1946–50) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 21.9.20

R. J. (Roderick) Bruce (1946–49) died at Alexandra 2020

G. H. (George) Johnston (1948–49) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 9.10.20

A. P. (Paul) Cowie (1969–70) died at Dunedin 11.10.20

G. J. (Graeme) Gibson (1963–67) died at Port Chalmers 12.10.20

R. J. (Richard) Hunter (1972–75) died at Dunedin 30.10.20

C. J. (Craig) Aitchison (1989–93) died at Christchurch 1.11.20

R. N. (Dick) Cavanagh (1955–58) of St Bathans, died at Kakanui 1.11.20

L. R. (Larry) Markham (1962–63) died at Dunedin 6.11.20

Sporting Triumphs

Covid-19 has hampered, and in many cases curtailed sporting activity in 2020. Nowhere was this more apparent than in a report by B. W. (Blair) Crawford (1984–88). General Manager of the Edgar Centre sports complex on Portsmouth Drive who outlined a financial hit of more than \$10,000 when the netball match between Southern Steel and Mainland Tactix was cancelled. Also cancelled have been lunch meetings, sports training sessions, and miniball games. The shift up alert levels also created a lot more work for coping with less people entering the building, distancing requirements necessitating longer gaps between any events, more sanitation stations needed, and contact tracing measures required. Fortunately staff retention has been possible because of the Government's wage subsidy.

Athletics

At the Otago cross-country championships G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) came third in the Masters 50–64 event. At the NZ Championships also held at Chisholm Park Golf Links, B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) was a member of the Masters 35–49 winning Otago team, and third in the individual race, while Geoff Anderson came third in the Masters 60–64 event.

Basketball

The Otago Nuggets had not played in the NBL since 2014, largely for financial reasons, but was hoping to re-enter the fray in 2021. However in response to a plea from the NBL to return this season, they did so, and won the competition! A key player was J. M. (Josh) Aitchison (2012–16) who apart from a short stint with the Canterbury Rams, and representing NZ at the 2017 Junior World Cup in Egypt, and at the Under-23 World Championships in China in 2019, had been [im] patiently awaiting the return of the Nuggets.

Chess

J. M. (Jonathan) Adams (1970–74, school dux 1974) has the unusual distinction of having twice captained teams representing Australia while (and he still is) a New Zealand citizen.

Jonathan has gone to two Asian Club Champions League chess teams tournaments as non-playing captain for teams based on the Rooty Hill RSL Chess Club, Sydney, where he is the Secretary and arbiter. He would have played in emergencies but none, fortunately arose. The first was in 2014 at Al Ain, UAE, where the Australian team finished 6th. They did even better in the 2017 event at Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka, where they finished third.

While at Kings, Jonathan captained the chess team and played board 1 in his 6th and 7th form years. These days Jonathan is an IT Contractor. His current contract being as a Data Architect. For the last 33 years he has had a mixture of contract and permanent positions in IT. He is the older brother of P. V. (Peter) Adams (1971–75), Associate Professor of Music at the University of Otago.

Cricket

At the AGM of the NZ Umpires and Scorers Association, D. J. (Derek) Walker (1973–78) was named Umpire of the Year. Captain for the King's 1st XI team for two years, he had represented Otago as an all-rounder for several seasons. As an umpire he has brought up 100 matches in all three facets of the current game. During his long career he featured in 8 T20, and 9 ODI international matches.

N. P. (Nathan) King (1996–2000), a schoolteacher at South Otago High School, has stepped down as coach of the Otago Sparks after a second three-year stint with the women's team. Nathan started working with the OCA as a community cricket co-ordinator in 2004, and progressed through the ranks before his initial stint with the Sparks in 2009. In 2012 he switched to the men's game as an assistant coach of the Volts, and subsequently became head coach before resigning after only a year. He returned to coaching the Sparks in 2017 when W. K. (Warren) Lees retired but feels that the position needs a greater time commitment, which his work and a young family of two daughters doesn't allow him.

Hockey

With the 2021 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics, and the 2022 Commonwealth Games on his mind, D. C. (Darren) Smith (1987–91), coach of the "Black Sticks" was in town recently to check out the progress of promising younger players such as D. Q. (Dylan) Thomas (2012–16), J. T. (Jordan) Ward (2012–16), M. M. (Malachi) Buschl (2013–17), F. M. (Finn) Ward (2014–18) and present boys E. (Zeke) Buschl, and P. (Patrick) Ward.

Powerlifting

At the recent NZ Championships held in Auckland, B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54) set a world record in the Masters 80-plus years 69kg class, lifting 120kg in the squat. He also set Oceania records with his 163kg deadlift, and his 343kg combined total: this also qualified him to win the national title.

Road Race Walking

A. H. (Alex) Brown (2014–18) aged 19 survived a temporary disqualification for faulty technique to win the senior men's 20km walk at the national championships held in Auckland recently.

Rugby

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) has signed a two-year deal to be head coach of the Highlanders franchise, before heading to Japan for 2023. He believes that experience gained through his coaching the Sunwolves has made him a better coach than he was in 2017 when he previously coached the Highlanders: at the time he had only aspired to be the attack coach.

Tom Donnelly, the Otago coach named a 37-member squad to contest the Championship section of the 2020 Mitre 10 Cup: included were G. (Giovanni) Leituala (2017–19) and T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–15). Despite having played the top four Premiership teams, they are current semi finalists!

This season, the West Taieri club coached by A. J. (Ashley) Barron (1992–96) spurned the Dunedin competition and played in the South Otago competition: they were undefeated in winning the competition!

R. D. (Roy) Daniels (1968–72) is the new president of the ORFU.

Volleyball

King's is fielding 12 teams this season, inspired by head coach A. J. (Andy) Campbell (1984–88).

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Contents for the March *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 26th February. We would appreciate information from outside Otago which may be legally published relating to ex-pupils.