



# THE KINGSMEN

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## School Wall of Fame

The induction of a further three past pupils was made at the school assembly on the 13th September 2012, bringing the number to twelve since 2010.

As mentioned, previously in *Kingsmens* and elsewhere, the Wall of Fame was proposed by the school in order to emphasise to 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 business, in academic fields, in the humanities, in art and sport.

This year's inductees are Douglas Coombs, the Hon Hugh Templeton and the Very Rev John Murray. Unfortunately Doug was not able to attend.

Addressing the pupils Hugh urged them to use their school years to learn New Zealand history, especially by strong characters. Even though pupils lived in a different world wrought by the technological revolution, the lessons of history remained essential.

John reflected on his political and social activism; as a "peacenik" he opposed nuclear war, armed conflict, and South African apartheid. When he left the school in 1947, a very different time from today, the post-World War II atmosphere was one of "guns, death, and the bomb."

Framed certificates and watches were presented and the names have been added to the wall in the foyer of the Administration block.



Left: John Murray, centre: Hugh Templeton and right: Doug Coombs met up at the latter's house.



## Communications with Members

Thanks to those who have sent in their email addresses to have the *Kingsmen* sent electronically.

However, it should also be noted that we would like to use this method for other communication, as well to keep in touch with more speed. This we feel will allow everyone to get information of events going on throughout the country, or possibly even overseas, where we have King's Old Boys located in different countries.

To allow us to get more into this, can I ask those who have not yet registered to go to the following website and register, and add all the information in regard to your time at King's.

[www.alumniconnect.co.nz](http://www.alumniconnect.co.nz)

On the top line click on "select your school" and click on Kings.

Other schools using this system have found it has created a more dynamic interaction between Alumni, especially when events are being planned.

Thank you in advance for your registration.

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## Academic—Douglas Coombs (1938–42)

While at King's, Doug was a member of the radio club, a librarian, played fives, captained the 1st cricket XI, was a prefect and was *proxime accessit* to the Dux. He won a University National Scholarship and proceeded to Otago University where he graduated B.Sc in geology in 1945. In the following year he added majors in physics and chemistry to his degree, and earned the Proudfoot Scholarship in Experimental Science. While completing his M.Sc studies as a Senior Scholar, he was appointed assistant lecturer, then lecturer in geology. He also maintained his cricketing interests, representing NZ Universities, and Otago at Brabin Shield level. In 1949, having been awarded an 1851 Exhibition Scholarship for study at an English university, he proceeded to Emmanuel College at Cambridge University where he studied mineralogy and petrology for his Ph.D. While there, he undertook fieldwork in Norway, central France and on the remote South Atlantic island of Ascension, and also toured Sussex with the college cricket XI playing village teams.

In 1952 Doug resumed his lectureship at Otago University, determined to prove that quality research could be undertaken in New Zealand. In 1956 he was appointed Professor, which position he held for 34 years and which included a three-year stint as Dean of Science. As a mineralogist, which involves the study of the thousands of minerals that together make up the rocks of the Earth's crust and other cosmic objects, he helped pioneer concepts of very low temperature metamorphism

involving the transition from sedimentary to metamorphic rocks, and particularly the role of zeolites in this process. His research, mainly carried out in Otago, was published in overseas journals and presented at overseas conferences. This led to Visiting Professorships in North America, Switzerland and England, and to becoming a Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Science, an Honorary D.Sc of the University of Geneva, Life Member of the Mineralogical Society of America, Honorary Fellow of the Geological Societies of London and America, and an Honorary Member of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland. In New Zealand, among other honours, he has received the McKay Hammer Award from the Geological Society, and the Hector Medal and Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

In 1979, Doug was an inspirational choice as inaugural chairman of the King's High School Board of Governors, and is an Honorary Life Member of the Old Boys' Association. He retired from Otago University in 1989, and was elected Emeritus Professor, although he continued to undertake research. More recently he has developed an interest in genealogy, and has published a book on a branch of his family tree. Doug has more than vindicated his decision and the reasons for returning to spend his life in the city of his birth, and his qualities were recognised in 2002 when he was made a Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM) by the Government.

## Academic—The Hon. Hugh Templeton (1945–47)

Hugh began his secondary education at Gore High School, before shifting to King's during his 5th form year. In his final year he was a member of the 1st XI and the 1st XV, a CSM, head prefect, Dux, and won a University National Scholarship. Having been well-mentored by Mr W. R. Mayhew, he studied history at Otago University, graduating B.A., then as a Senior Scholar MA with 1st class honours in history in 1952. As a result he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and proceeded to Balliol College at Oxford University, where he again graduated MA with 1st class honours in history.

From 1954 to 1969, Hugh served with the New Zealand Department of External Affairs, first in London, then in Wellington where he supervised the Colombo Plan programmes. He was then posted to Western Samoa as the last Deputy High Commissioner, to prepare specifically for its independence, then to New York to assist in securing aid programmes for that newly-independent country. From 1965 he served in Wellington on Asian, European, and defence matters.

In 1969, Hugh entered Parliament as MP for Awarua, helping to develop resource and infrastructure policies for the South. Defeated in the 1972 election, he spent the following three years as executive assistant to the Leaders of the Opposition, heavily engaged in drafting policies from which were to emerge the NZ Planning Council, the Commission for the Future, the Communications Commission, the Human Rights Commission, and the Closer Economies Relations Trade

Agreement (CER) with Australia—the latter vital after Britain's entry into the European Economic Community (EEC).

Elected in 1975 for the Wellington seat of Karori (later Ohariu), Hugh served as a Cabinet Minister in three Muldoon administrations, mainly in communication and economics portfolios, especially in energy self-sufficiency programmes. As Minister of Trade and Industry he was responsible for setting up the CER Trade Agreement with Australia, and worked closely with his Australian counterparts in convincing leaders on both sides of the Tasman of the benefits which would accrue from such an agreement.

Hugh lost his seat in 1984 with the election of the fourth Labour Government, and became a consultant at home and abroad, and in the finance sector. In 1992 the NZ Government rewarded him with the Queen's Service Order (QSO). In 2009, the Australian Government rewarded him with honorary membership of the Order of Australia (OA) for "service to Australian-New Zealand relations, particularly through the establishment of CER." The Order of Australia is that country's highest honour, and Hugh was invested by Prime Minister Julia Gillard at a special ceremony held in Canberra in February 2011.

Hugh was the first student from King's to win a Rhodes Scholarship, the first MP, and also its first Minister of the Crown. In his retirement he has maintained his interests in history, politics, philosophy, and in the Presbyterian Church. He has been writing and editing NZ political history, and has written the story of his clan: the Templetons of Southland.

## Humanities—The Very Reverend John Murray (1943–47)

While at King's, John was a member of the bugle band, a CSM, a librarian, a prefect, a member of the 1st XV, and won a University National Scholarship. At Otago University he

was awarded the James Clark Prize, and graduated BA, then MA with 1st class honours in Latin. Awarded a Lewis/Gibson Scholarship, he proceeded to King's College and Westminster

College at Cambridge University where he graduated MA in theology, before receiving a Diploma in Ecumenical Studies following further study at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Geneva.

Returning to NZ in 1956, John was ordained as a Presbyterian minister, and served in Taihape, Christchurch, and Wellington, interrupted by a six-year stint as National Council of Churches chaplain to Victoria University and Wellington Teachers' College students. During his nearly 20 years tenure as minister of St Andrew's on the Terrace, the church became a centre for the arts, and for social and political debate and action, and his skills were reinforced by a year spent as Churchill Fellow studying "centre city" churches in Britain and North America. As well as serving as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ (PCANZ) and presiding over the 150th anniversary celebrations of that body in 1990, he remained staunchly ecumenical, being founder and chairman for 30 years of the NZ Hymnbook Trust which published NZ hymns and songs for NZ churches in both book and video form, and president of Frederick Wall House, an ecumenical retreat centre in Lower Hutt.

John has always been committed to addressing controversial public issues of the times, both national and international, and from 1975 to 1982 he was Convenor of the Public Questions

Committee of PCANZ. He has opposed NZ participation in the Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars; crusaded against racism in sport, and especially the 1981 Spingbok tour; promoted human rights through Amnesty International; advocated the elimination of nuclear weaponry; supported the liberalisation of abortion law, homosexual law reform, and the legalising of euthanasia; and urged the preservation of historic buildings, and the protection of the environment.

In 1993, John retired from active ministry and shifted to the Kapiti Coast, where he became heavily involved in community affairs, re-invigorating Amnesty International there, and being a founding member of the Kapiti University of the Third Age, where he continues to tutor on religious, political, and social matters. He worked with local mayors to establish civic and community celebration of Waitangi Day, and became a member of an inter iwi/Pakeha group seeking better relations between the different ethnic groups on the Kapiti Coast. In 1994 he went to South Africa as a World Church peace monitor to oversee their first democratic elections.

Throughout his life, John has shown the ability and the willingness to lead from the front, whatever the cause. This was recognised by the Government in 2000, when he was awarded Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for service to the community.

## Missing

Included in this *Kingsmen* are photos of the 1961 intake, which with later inclusions numbered 195, of which 18 are known to have died. The circumstances of the following 73 are either unknown to us, or lack the required precision: Graeme Murray Asher, Nicholas Raymond Baldwin, Geoffrey Hugh Ballantyne, John Jermyn Black, Graeme John Blair, Graeme Stewart Blair, Ian Robert Blyth (was Lower Hutt), Geoffrey Roy Bosworth, Kenneth Christopher Boucher (Oz?), Erin Edward Boyd, Warren Baxter Brown, Robert William Campbell, Neil John Dennison, Barry Francis Ennion, James Mark Ferrier (NZ Football Rep, Oz?), Rev Michael William Flavell, John Darryl Fogarty, Graham George Leslie Foley (was Berwick), Bryan Allan Foubister, Gregan Russell French (Oz?), Russell Heathcote Garland (Oz?), Christin William Gillan, Bryn Gradwell, Jeffrey Thomas Nicol Grant, Charles Rodney Green, Colin Graham Helson, Denis Graham Holland, Brian Gordon Horn, Kenneth David Humphrey, Jeremy Ward James, Allan Lloyd Jones, Derek Keith, Donald Robertson Kerr, Christopher

David Lampen, Gary William Lane, Bryan Campbell Laybourn, Raymond John Luscombe, Leslie Raymond Mackle (was Invercargill), Gregory MacBeath MacLean, Ross Ronald MacLeod, Peter John Maher, Robert Johnson Mankelow, Brian George McDonald, James Hall McLaren, John Alexander McLay, John Malcolm McMillan (Myross Bush? was Q'town), Ronald Thomas McNulty, James Crampton Mitchell, Dennis Leslie Moore, Paul Hugh Morrison, Keith Charles Nieper, Peter Stanley Pascoe, John Kenneth Philpott, Brian Anthony Preston, Graeme Leslie Robertson (was Millers Flat), Peter William Rolls, Anthony John Russell, Paul Marsh Satchell (Oz?), Alexander Robert Bruce Scott, Michael Scoullar, Keith Richard Searle, Peter James Seear, Dennis McLay Smith, Murray David Spackman, Graeme George Spence, Brian Kenneth Taylor, Errol Graeme Tilbury, Darrel Franklin Tuck (Gold Coast, Oz?), Michael John Tyson, David Bruce Walker, Edward Roy Leslie Wilson, Brian Thomas Wishart (Brisbane?), Ewan Wright.

## Over the Years

We have been reproducing the Third form photos from 1936 and now we are up to 1961. Unfortunately until about the 1980's the boys were not named in the school magazines.

About twenty years ago Bob Booth commenced a project to have all class photos named. This has been continued for the Third forms for publication in the *Kingsmen*, apart from historical reasons, by Bob Glass. The majority of Third formers to 1960 have been named.

John Barr has had available photographs placed on the website: [www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle](http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle) and ex-pupils have recorded names, hopefully correctly.

There was a period of years when a professional photographer took the photos, as opposed to staff, and these have been located at the Hocken Library. The difficulty here is obtaining

copies without high cost, apart from effort, and those with knowledge to identify.

Back to the 1961 photos, Form 3AL have been named, apart from row 5 far left. Form 3AG have been named, but row 3 left, on the website shows Brian McDonald, but the class list shows an R. W. McDonald (school register for 1961 shows Rex), whilst Form 3BG class list has a B. G. McDonald and a B. S. McDonald.

Only a few in Forms 3BL, 3BG, 3CG and 3C have been named!?

From this it will be seen that much help is required, and that really applies to all years. Concentration for the exercise has been on Third forms for the *Kingsmen*, but there are the other classes!!

## 1961 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3AL Form Photo

- Row 5: ????, Alan Carter, Nick Bovett, Steve Scoles, Joe Laney, John Millar, Robert Parker  
Row 4: Bruce Scott, Roger Dodds, Paul Satchell, David Foote, Ken Humphrey, Terry Peters, David Walker, Alan Isaac  
Row 3: Tim Hazeldine, John McMillan, Jim Mitchell, Ian Reddington, Graeme Tilbury, Keith Lees Stuart Gubbins, Brian Niven, Paul Morrison  
Row 2: Keith Aitken, Robert Dey, Mike Cooper?, Gary Lane?, Mr Arnold Anderson, Keith Searle Robert Mathews, Chris Read, Trevor Millar  
Row 1: Michael Herd, Philip Godfrey  
On roll but not in photo: Alan Carman, Derek Keith, Tony Lawrence, John Williams, Roy Wilson



### 3BL Form Photo



### 3AG Form Photo

- Row 4: Jeff Parker, Jim Steffens, Bruce Hedge David Patillo, Bruce Gardner, Errol Rix  
 Row 3: Brian McDonald?, Keith Gilmore, Keith Neiper, Peter Maher, Murray Edlin, Wayne Summers, Brian Davidson  
 Row 2: Bill MacKay, Murray Todd, Darrel Tuck, Dennis Moore, Trevor Vercoe, Ray Harris, Jim Lewis, Gregan French  
 Row 1: Peter Tibbitts, Ron McNulty, Frank Kerr, Graham Robertson, Mr John Meiklejohn, Ian Kropp, Max South, John Philpott  
 On roll but not in photo: Ken Baker, Ian Blyth, Ross Clarkson, Brian Wishart



### 3BG Form Photo



3C Form Photo



3CG Form Photo

## Administration

### Subscriptions

At the time of writing there are still many subscriptions for 2012 and further back unpaid. As advised they may be forwarded to Box 163, Dunedin, or by Direct Credit to our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, now called George Street, Dunedin, 020900-0062936-00. Ex-pupils living overseas may forward their country's cheque direct to us for conversion and banking.

With the 75th Reunion in 2010, added to our membership campaign, we had an influx of new members. That was good, but regrettably some have not paid since, thus incurring us with continuing costs for no recompense.

### Lost Members

We usually receive a few *Kingsmen* back "Gone no address" but are able to trace the members. However we have been unable to find R. A. C. (Robin) Fastier (1949–52), who was in Dunedin, P. R. (Peter) Pettigrew (1947–48) Morrinsville and T. L. (Les) Reid (1936–41) Christchurch from the last mailing.

## Activities Around the Country

### Dunedin

#### 1. Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held on the evening of the 13th September with John Murray and Hugh Templeton as the speakers with an attendance in the 60's.

#### 2. Luncheon

For about twenty years a small group of past and present committee members, along with a partner or two has been meeting, once a month for lunch. The number varies between say 4 and 10, with occasionally a returning or visiting sole to Dunedin attending. For some years the group met at the Waterloo Hotel, but have been at Mitchell's Tavern for many years now. No reservation is made, except in December, and Mitchells, knowing the regular day of the month, place an appropriate large reserve notice on the usual table along the lines "Young King's Old Boys."

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

*Grahame Howley and John Somerville reported.*

A fourth function for the year was held on the 20th September, this time a luncheon at the Bays Club, with 29 in attendance. It was a glorious day and all enjoyed catching up and there was plenty of talk and mirth around the tables.

They have what they call a "hard core" of around 50, most of whom would get to at least 2 functions a year.

The fifth and final (Christmas) lunch for the year will be held at the Bays Club on Thursday 29 November where they can get together and enjoy a couple of free drinks from the proceeds of fines John imposed over a couple of meetings.

### Christchurch and Nelson

It appears that our branches have slipped into abeyance. Hopefully someone will step forward to organise one function a year, or even an occasional small group, like in Dunedin, as mentioned previously.

Please advise ourselves

or Murray Dunbar (1953–57), 38 Colombo Street, Lower Cashmere, Christchurch. Email: rmdunbar@clear.net.nz  
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Names and addresses are available.

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## The School

It took just under a year to complete but the wait was finally worth it as all 13 King's High School All Black's signatures were finally unveiled on a framed All Black jersey to two special guests, Ray Bell, King's first All Black and Ben Smith, King's 13th and most recent All Black.

The idea came from Paul Miller (1994–95, Staff 2011–), King's Sports Coordinator, as a fundraising venture for sport at King's, but little did he know how long the finished product would actually take. Not only did the jerseys travel nationally, but also internationally including Wales, France and Italy.

"I wanted to do something that was unique and one off but also preserve the history that King's has achieved in a rugby sense and what better way to do it than capturing the signatures of the 13 All Blacks that King's has produced onto one jersey."

"What makes it more special though is the actual framing was made from the original rimu wood used when King's was first built in 1936 so it definitely does have an added history to it." "Most of the praise must go to Ants Anema, our woodwork technician, as he spent many of his own hours working on the framing and the finished product is a testament to his expertise."

Paul hopes to sell the framed jersey for an undisclosed amount while the other one will be on display along with the Portraits of King's High School All Blacks. "My first intention is to market it properly and hopefully somebody who has an affiliation with this type of thing will provide a reasonable offer for it." Anybody wishing to see the jersey up close and personal can give Paul a ring at school or email him at paulm@kingshigh.school.nz.



Professor, and currently chairman of what is now called the Department of History and Art History, Dr A. J. (Tony) Ballantyne (1985–89) was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ (FRSNZ) at the society's AGM in Wellington. The society has 382 fellows, and 58 honorary fellows, and the honour is only awarded to top researchers. Fellows are expected to provide expert advice, promote best practice, and disseminate information on the sciences and humanities.

M. L. (Michael) Andrewes (1957–61) was recently one of four presented with a gold award from the Really Authentic Gilbert and Sullivan Performance Trust (RAGSPT) for being associated with every one of the 13 surviving operas performed in chronological order and in an authentic style since the Trust was established in 2001. When the project was first mooted, many wondered at their sanity, for it is believed to be unique in the world, but with Michael (who had taken early retirement from operating the language laboratory at Otago University's Department of Modern Languages) as the musical director, he became the driving force behind the project. Over the years more than 500 people have become involved with the RAGSPT (90% unpaid!): there have been 250 singers and 5 directors, with 25–27 members of the Southern Sinfonia required for each production. Obviously full houses could not be guaranteed, or even expected, so funding has always been a challenge (professionals had to be paid) so budgets ranging from \$100,000–\$150,000 have been required, but the Otago Community Trust, and the Dunedin City Council have been very supportive, and they wouldn't have survived without charitable and pokie trusts money (despite the ethical dilemmas, but that is how the "system" works). Somewhat miraculously the Trust managed to keep on the right side of the ledger, and even built up assets (costumes, librettos, scores, etc). At the final performance which featured *The Grand Duke*, the one-act *Trial By Jury* was performed as a "curtain raiser:" this required separate teams of principal singers, although the same chorus performed at both—a huge effort on the part of all concerned.

K. J. (Kevin) Cunningham (1958–62) died in 2002 after a 20 year struggle with multiple sclerosis. He graduated BA, then MA in English from Otago University, before travelling via India to Britain, where he studied on a Commonwealth Scholarship. In London, while working for the UK Council for Overseas Student Affairs, he and Bill Manhire set up Amphedema Press which published small books of NZ poetry, including his own work. Back in New Zealand he worked in Wellington for the Institute of International Affairs before moving into librarianship, ultimately becoming McNab Librarian at the Dunedin Public Library. In this role, his assistance in the field of NZ literature was acknowledged by numerous writers and scholars, both local and overseas, and he also produced the monthly radio programme *Poetry*. His (1983) edition of Frank Sargeson's critical writing *Conversations in a Train*, remains his most substantial publication, although his poems and book reviews appeared regularly in periodicals such as *Islands*. While he gradually lost the ability to walk, write, type, read, and even speak, he remained at the centre of a large "circle" of friends who regularly gathered to share a common passion for poetry, fiction, history, criticism, biography and the last literary gossip. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of his death, a booklet is being published containing some of his poetry selected by Bill Manhire, who also has written the introduction. It is being hand-printed by Dr John Homes, master printer-in-residence

at the Otakou Press Room of the Otago University Library: in another life he is Otago-Southland medical officer of health! The booklet will be available for sale, so for more information visit [www.otago.ac.nz/books/about](http://www.otago.ac.nz/books/about).

The Dunedin Camera Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in July, and featured presentations by key past and present members. A. J. V. (John) Hart (1952–56) presented a retrospective of some of his best exhibition work, entitled "My Kind of Photography."

S (Stewart) Harvey (1953–56) was recognised by the NZ Historic Places Trust when he was presented with a NZHPT certificate of merit award for outstanding leadership and services to the preservation, restoration, and protection of Dunedin's historic places. He is a founding trustee and chairman of the Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of NZ. In 2006 he initiated the restoration of the 130-year-old vandalised Larnach family tomb in the Northern Cemetery, and through "exhaustive efforts" secured \$350,000, which by 2011 saw the project completed on time and within budget: it won the heritage interiors category in this year's Dunedin Heritage Awards. Stewart is currently leading the Dunedin Prison Charitable Trust which has purchased the former prison with the aim of converting it into a multi-use venue and attraction for the city: already tours of the building may be arranged.

Otago University regularly presents lectures, seminars, music performances, exhibitions which are open to the public, and advertised on the back page of the *ODT* every Thursday. Recently Associate Professor C. R. (Clive) Pearson (1966–70), Head of the School of Theology, Charles Sturt University at Parramatta, NSW, gave a letter entitled "In defence of the alienated neighbour: Christ, Cronulla, and Charicature." He is one of the sons of K. L. (Ken) Pearson (1938–41).

Radio Dunedin (previously 4XD, 4ZD, 4ZB, 4AB, and originally DN) recently celebrated its 90th birthday, having hit the airwaves on 4th October 1922: it is one of the oldest radio stations in the world. Operated by the Otago Radio Association, it withstood the challenge of commercial radio in the 1930s, and continued in its amateur format until coming under the Media-Works umbrella in 1993. Even today Radio Dunedin only has four paid broadcasters during the day, one being L. A. (Lindsay) Rackley (1958–59); under a lease agreement with Media-Works, some 20 ORA volunteers run the station from 6.00pm until midnight, at weekends and on public holidays. From time to time the voice of N. E. (Neil) Macandrew (1959–62) may be heard ....

In September, high country artist N. D. (Norman) Sinclair (1964–66) staged an exhibition, *High Endeavour*, at the Fern Gallery in Princes Street, just south of the Octagon.

This year, G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) presented the Michael King Memorial Lecture at the Otago University, entitled "Regionalism Forever: Reflections on My Backyard." This annual lecture is sponsored by the Department of History and Art History as a "forum for leading thinkers to reflect upon key cultural and historical issues of particular pertinence to New Zealanders."

Taieri artist K. J. (John) Toomer (1970–73) first exhibited at the Otago Art Society when aged only 15; recently he and his 15 year old daughter Alice exhibited at the OAS, with John's landscapes featuring scenes more suburban than hitherto!



## Business Sector

In the previous *Kingsmen* it was mentioned that A. E. (Alex) Aerakis (1993–97, Board of Trustees 1997) was one of the owners of the new Brew Cafe and Bar at Musselburgh; some may not know that he was one of the owners of the Salt Bar and Restaurant which opened some five years ago in an art deco building on the corner of Forbury Road and Bedford Street in St Clair, where patrons may also suck up the sun in the outside seated area. Salt is open for lunch and dinner on weekdays, and for brunch and dinner at weekends.

L. J. (Lindsay) Brown (1956–60), a partner in Deloitte Dunedin for 30 years, a self-employed professional director and trustee for the past 11 years, and Chancellor of Otago University for 5 years has taken on a new role, Otago-Southland chairman of BNZ Partners. He will mentor and coach senior business banking staff in the region.

R. A. (Russell) Brown (1965) established a veterinary practice in 1985, which he relocated to Bank Street in 2001. Gardens Vet and Pet Planet is both a vet clinic and a pet store, together with an on-site grooming facility; it is a 3-vet general practice, and employs 16 full and part-time staff. Originally from Invercargill, after graduating from Massey University, Russell worked in rural practices in Southland, before working for a vaccine company in Melbourne. Returning to NZ, he worked for the Ministry of Agriculture in Dunedin before setting up in practice. These days pets are part of the family, so overall welfare is important, as are dental and geriatric checks, while surgery to remove bowel obstruction may encounter stones, corn cobs, socks, and knickers! Russell was also involved with setting up a venison processing operation based at Invermay, and is a director of Otago Venison which employs 25 staff, and can handle 40,000 animals a year—although this year was likely to process only half that number. He claims that the veterinary profession is great to be involved with, he welcomes students who come for work experience, and points out that there are many different directions which graduates might take.

Alex Campbell Menswear is celebrating 75 years of business in South Dunedin, and has recently returned to Mosgiel after an absence of 10 years. Grandson of the founder is current company director L. W. (Lindsay) Campbell (1971–75), whose nephew B. R. (Bevan) Campbell (1995–2000) manages the Mosgiel shop.

The DCC is sitting on a \$ half-billion property empire (not all in Dunedin) which produced a dividend of \$4.2 million last year. The city's property manager since 2008 has been R. A. (Robert) Clark (1965–69). Also on DCC property, the roading maintenance engineer is P. K. (Peter) Standring (1975–79).

The reference in the previous *Kingsmen* to events at Momona airport brought back memories for A. E. (Arthur) Crimp (1946–50), son of S. R. (Bob) Crimp (Staff 1936–1961). As a newly graduated engineer, his first job was with the MOW carrying out the first survey for the proposed airport which was to be constructed on dairy farmland. Working among cows was different, but a survey grid was set out, and levels taken over the whole site. It became apparent that the chainmen were locating the foot of the staff on the top of the nearest tuft of grass: while it might merely have been 20mm high, it could have led to the oversupply of 10,000 cubic metres of spoil!!

S. S. (Sean) Heseltine (1981–85) and his brother P. C. (Phil) Heseltine (1983–87) both have water-based careers. Sean, a former signwriter, schoolteacher and deckhand is now a

skipper on the award-winning tourist vessel *Monarch* and barely emerges from the confines of Otago Harbour; while Phil, a former cabinetmaker works on the Otago University research vessel *Polaris II* which may be working in the southern ocean for up to seven weeks at a time. Both grew up at Broad Bay, and have personal reservations as to access to formerly freely accessible beaches, the lack of marine reserves, the use of sonar gear by seismic survey vessels, and the release of salmon into the harbour. While Phil is helping students study the physical aspects of the environment, Sean is showing the public the best elements of the environment.

D. N. (Dave) Humphrey (1951–54) is a member of the Rotary Club of Dunedin Central, and has been the driving force behind the establishment of a Sunday market at the Forsyth Barr Stadium. He describes it as a “serendipitous market—where you find unexpected things in unexpected places.” The inaugural market attracted more than 100 stall holders, and thousands of customers, and was a joint venture between the Club and Dunedin Venues Management Ltd.

Otago University is converting the former Gardens Tavern into the \$3.3 million Marsh Study Centre, a satellite study environment at the northern end of the Campus. Naylor Love are the contractors, and J. P. (Jason) Tutty (1986–90) is the project manager. The Project is scheduled for completion by February 2013.

Palmers Mechanical is hoping that growing demand for its large mobile mixing units from the Australian mining industry will lead to increased economic activity and is investing \$2.5 million to expand the business, mainly by buying adjacent land no longer required for the building of the stadium. A new workshop will be erected, which could lead to the employment of a further 12 workers. The hydraulic manager of the plant is K. V. (Ken) Woodhouse (1977–79).

## Bits and Pieces

N. C. (Neville) Bain (1953–56) who died in May was recognised as a truly international businessman, but like Bill Sykes in the musical *Oliver* he started small, as a delivery boy for W. Harris, shoe retailers, with a big basket on the front of his bicycle! He left school at age 16 and worked for the Inland Revenue Office; studying part-time, he swotted day and night and never went out, thereby qualifying as a chartered accountant aged 19, a chartered secretary aged 20 and winning the Hogan Prize for the best New Zealand-wide exam results. In 1960 he joined the accounting firm of Anderson & Co and in 1963 moved to Cadbury Schweppes Hudson, with whom he was to spend the next 27 years, as a cost accountant. Part-time study at Otago University led to him graduating with two B.Com degrees in accounting and economics, culminating in an M.Com. with honours in economics in 1968. He also found the time for public service: lecturing in management at Otago Polytechnic, becoming a JP, a vice-president of the local Marriage Guidance Council, and a Sunday school teacher; in 1972 he won the Wills Outstanding-Young Man-of-the-Year Award for Otago-Southland. At Cadbury's he had risen through Financial Controller to become New Zealand Company Secretary and Financial Director. He was sent to Cadbury's sister organisation in Johannesburg, where he became a managing director—the first New Zealand executive to move internationally. In 1980 he was moved to the London headquarters as Group Strategic Planning Director, rising to become Deputy Group Chief Executive and Group Finance Director. In 1990, Neville joined Coats Viyella, a huge international company with branches in nearly 50 countries, an annual turnover of

more than \$6 billion, and employing some 60,000 people, as Group Chief Executive. After that he became Chairman of Consignia (formerly British Royal Mail), and then Chairman of the Institute of Directors, a Nonexecutive Director (NED) chairing audit committees of several pension funds, and a consultant in India and Russia as well as in the United Kingdom. Keenly interested in business education, he wrote many papers and several books on management. But despite his many years at the highest levels of corporate business, Neville never forgot his roots; he contributed significant funds to the Otago University Foundation Trust as well as delivering guest lectures—in recognition of his support and status, the University awarded him an honorary LLD in 1994, and the OU Medal for Outstanding Alumni Service in 2008. For King's he made a substantial financial contribution funding several prestige prizes for all-round academic excellence, and facilitated a meeting for Old Boys in the United Kingdom. In 2010 he was inducted on to the King's High School Wall of Fame as an outstanding businessman.

A. J. (John) Campbell (1952–56) who died in June was a tireless advocate for New Zealand war veterans.

He attended Teachers' College before being called up for compulsory military training in 1957 and became a Territorial, before enlisting in the regular army, receiving a commission, then being posted to Vietnam in 1969. He spent almost a decade with the regular force. Upon leaving the regulars in 1979 he rejoined the Territorials taking command of the 3rd Field Ambulance.

That year he became chief administration officer with the Otago Hospital Board before moving into the private sector. In 1982 he joined Command Services Corp being managing director from 1983 to 1985. He retired as a Territorial soldier in 1984 and from 1985 to 1990 was group managing director for Australasia and Asia in the large company ADT Ltd. Between 1992 and 1995 he was owner and director of another substantial firm Temp New Zealand Ltd.

John was made the first honorary colonel of the Royal New Zealand Logistics Regt, colonel commandant of the Royal New Zealand Ordinance Corps, appointed for a 5 year term as a trustee on the National Army Museum board of governors, and the New Zealand Patriotic Funds Board management committee.

During 32 years of service to the RSA, and between 2001 to 2007 he was Dunedin president, Otago-Southland president and RNZRSA national president. After retirement he served the association as the lay member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Veterans' Health. In Dunedin he made significant contributions at Montecillo Veterans' Home and Hospital on the management board, a trustee, and its restructuring.

He was a dedicated champion of war veterans' rights, actively helping to achieve national milestones such as the return of the Unknown Warrior in 2004, the installation of the Year of the Veteran in 2006, and the Government's public apology to Vietnam veterans.

In 2008 he was made an officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to returned services personnel, and in 2011 received the RNZRSA Badge of Gold, its highest honour for significant service.

C. J. W. (Cory) Ferguson (1991–92) received a merit award, and his 14 year old nephew M. (Micah) Wharerimu (Year 10) received a certificate of appreciation from Water Safety NZ and from Dunedin Marine Search and Rescue for saving the lives of relatives and friends who were washed off rocks at Cape Saunders in May. After instructing Micah to throw a life ring into the water, then telephone for help, Cory jumped into

the turbulent water and manoeuvred the life ring towards the others. Micah drove a van some 2km to raise the alarm. Two months later Water Safety NZ presented Coastguard Dunedin, with its annual prevention award for its foresight in installing the life ring: this was received by E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66), president of Coastguard Dunedin and the local policeman, at a ceremony in Wellington.

The production of the iconic Volkswagen Kombie will stop at the end of next year: nowadays it is only manufactured in Brazil! Volkswagen-trained mechanic K. V. (Ken) Berry (1954–56), who had himself owned six, explained that new safety regulations being introduced in Brazil would require the installation of anti-lock brakes and front airbags, which would require major structural changes to the design of the vehicle. Over the years the Kombie with its versatile interior space, has transported many younger Kiwis around Europe during their OE.

Older members will be interested to learn that Lynn McKenzie, a management consultant providing leadership of projects in the not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation and government sectors in Wellington, was recently installed as president of Zonta International at a ceremony at Turin Italy. She has a BA degree in geography and a postgraduate diploma in regional and resource planning from OU, and is the daughter of the late F. B. (Farquhar) McKenzie (1940–44). The organisation works closely with Unicef in many parts of the under developed world.

In March, Berwick farmer D. W. (Dan) Lyders (1950–53), grew tired of his requests to the Otago Regional Council for the upgrade of a floodbank, and thereby protect land from less serious inundation being ignored: he believed that it should have been part of the 1980s Waipori flood scheme to which he had contributed \$25,000. So he did the job himself! However the ORC did not appreciate his generosity of spirit, and are taking court action for his breaching of a Flood Protection Management By-law and for ignoring the Resource Management Act, and have issued Dan with a Notice to Remedy under the By-law to reinstate the floodbank to its previous level. Dan is declining to do this, and has issued the ORC with a \$40,000 claim for damages resulting from a 2010 flood, and \$2,412 for the costs of his labour. There at the moment the matter rests, but can our hero succeed in his one-man battle with the rural equivalent of City Hall? Watch this space ....

Nowadays medical science and untold potions are allowing people to live longer, so the celebration of a golden wedding is not as uncommon as previously: the most recent we know of is that of J. J. (John) Somerville (1950–54) and his wife Julie of North Shore. However obviously D. H. (Don) McMaster (1939–42) believes that this is kidstuff: he and his wife Evelyn of Hampden have recently celebrated 65 years of married life (Blue Sapphire)!

## Sporting Triumphs

Recently the Skeggs Foundation boosted its twice-yearly grants, to 167 athletes in 36 sports, by \$50,000, reflecting its success in enabling six competitors to attend the London Olympics: the total grant now being \$150,000. Long-serving trustee G. B. (Graham) Gosney (1950–55) has retired, but a successor has yet to be appointed

### Athletics.

R. T. (Ron) Cain (1945–47) has been involved with athletics for 67 years, as a competitor, official, and administrator, and is already a life member of the Caversham Club, Athletics

Otago, and Athletics NZ. But it was a complete surprise when he cleared the mail from his letterbox one day in September to find an envelope from the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) enclosing an unexpected Certificate of Gratitude and Recognition to mark their centennial celebrations. As Ron said, receiving his previous honours “was nice, but getting this recognition from the IAAF was special.”

In August, N. A. (Norman) Chan (1973–77), better known for his wine selling and judging expertise, chose the Otago marathon as the occasion for running his 100th marathon, thereby becoming the 37th member of the NZ 100 Marathons Club. He broke the record for the fastest to achieve this target (9 years and two days, set by Ingrid Frost), it taking him just 6 years, 5 months and 8 days. Despite having heard that nobody should run more than 5 marathons in one year, following advice from Arthur Lydiard to build up his base fitness through “long, slow distances,” and meeting the veteran Hutt Valley runner Mike Stewart (who is nearing 500 marathons!), he ran 26 in one year. He now intends to move into ultra marathons. Nowadays resident in Christchurch, Norman was named best all-round student at King’s, before graduating B.Sc in biology and B.Com in marketing from Otago University; his three sons are national title holders in fencing!

Strong running over the hilly first three legs set the Hill City-University No. 1 team up for victory in the 63rd annual 38.5km Otago Peninsula Relay in September. For C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) it was his second gold medal, his team having won from the back in 2005.

At the national road relays held on the Upper Moutere course near Nelson in October, Ariki won the B-grade title, helped by T. M. (Tim) Dobier (1993–97). T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) now runs for the South Auckland club Wesley, which came 3rd in the A-grade competition.

In August, rather appropriately given this Spring’s wet weather, a Mud, Sweat and Tears Challenge was set up at Wingatui Racecourse. This involved a 5km route, which included a water slide, a climbing frame, a maze, and plenty of mud; it was described as a cross between a cross country run and a commando obstacle course. Wearing thermals was highly recommended, as was taping running shoes to the feet to avoid losing them! Operations manager for the event was P. L. (Paul) Vlietstra (1979).

### Bowls

K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) won the final of the Professional Bowls Association (PBA) International Challenge at Tweed Heads in Australia in August, defeating Kelvin Kerkow, a former Oz international for 14 years who was gold medallist at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, and who won two bronze medals at the World Bowls Championships in 1996. Ken believes that young bowlers with ambition should join

the PBA, thereby having the opportunity to play against the world’s best and engendering a hard competitive approach; his own career has been given a spark since he joined. He has the top ranking of PBA bowlers in NZ, with others in the top 20 including S. (Simon) Nyhof (Staff 1981–2003).

### Cricket

Following the Twenty/20 World Cup Tournament, B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) was selected as wicketkeeper for the International Cricket Council’s team of the tournament, the sole NZ representative. During the tournament he top-scored with 123 off 58 balls, and now holds the highest aggregate in T20 internationals (1566) and the top average for the 20 highest runscorees (38.19): he is the first player to score two centuries in T20 internationals.

His brother N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) was also representing NZ at the World Cup, and has since helped the Sydney Sixers win the Champions League T20 final in South Africa.

Both Brendon and Nathan have been selected to represent NZ in the T20 and ODI matches against Sri Lanka, with Brendon continuing on for the test series.

At the 136th AGM of the Otago Cricket Association, R. (Russell) Hendry (1952–56) was elected life member: he played Plunket Shield cricket for ten years (being captain in his final season) and has spent many years administering the sport. He joins E. (Ted) Hayes (Staff 1936–67, 1971), D. A. (Doug) Morrison

## Obituaries

M. R. (Murray) McCracken (1938–41) at Cranbourne East, Vic, Oz 17.3.12

J. W. (John) Jephson (1968–69) died at Timaru 17.7.12

N. P. (Noel) Timlin (Staff 1967–84) died at Christchurch 23.7.12

T. F. (Tony) Crammond (1981–83) of Oamaru, died at Timaru 28.7.12

R. J. (Robert) Fleury (1974–76) died at Dunedin 5.8.12

W. R. (Walter) Myers (1942) died at Dunedin 5.8.12

A. N. (Neil) Armstrong (1957–58, Staff 1975–86) died at Dunedin 9.8.12

R. E. (Richard) Ferris (1966) died at Dunedin 18.8.12

M. S. (Mike) La Hood (1967–70) died at Christchurch ? 8.12

R. W. (Bob) Crawford (1957–60) died at Dunedin 27.8.12

P. M. (Philip) Barham (1943–45) died at Hibiscus Coast 1.9.12

T. W. (Trevor) Aitken (1963–64) died at Fairfield 2.9.12

P. J. (Peter) Harrison (1966–70) died at Mosgiel 8.9.12

J. W. F. (Jim) Cashman (1959–63) killed in accident near Genoa, Italy 15.9.12

W. G. (Bill) Clayton (1938–42) died at Paraparaumu 15.9.12

T. H. (Trevor) Vercoe (1961–62) died at Christchurch 16.9.12

D. E. (Doug) Pearson (1946–49) died at Christchurch 27.9.12

J. (Jack) Hackett (1940–41) died at Palmerston North 28.9.12

J. N. (Norman) Dickson (1937–41) died at Timaru 5.10.12

J. I. (Irvine) Packer (1946–47) died at Dunedin 5.10.12

B. E. (Brian) Bennett (1942–45) died at Dunedin 16.10.12

P. K. (Keith) Knox (1938–39) died at Mosgiel 16.10.12

I. A. (Ian) Murdoch (1936–38) died at Mosgiel 23.10.12

M. (Manuel) Smith (1983–85) died at Dunedin 23.10.12

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(Staff 1947–56), T. F. C. (Clive) Geary (1936–40, Staff 1951–81), J. H. (John) Heslop (1938–42) and W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56).

The resignation of an assistant coach who wished to continue to help and promote the sport in Hong Kong has led to a reshuffle with Otago's coaching ranks. So N. P. (Nathan) King (1996–2000) a former coach of the Otago Sparks (i.e., women!) will join the coaching staff of the Otago Volts (i.e., men!). W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69) nowadays "semi-retired" in Clyde will step into the breach and coach the Sparks.

### Cycling

W. R. (Ross) Gamble (1960–62) finished strongly in the masters category 65 plus championship held in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa in August: he was 4th in the 61km road race, which featured a 14km climb in 40°C heat, and 6th in the 28km time trial.

### Football

Caversham, coached for the second year by R. L. (Richard) Murray (1998–94) has reclaimed the Football south Premier League title.

### Futsal

M. P. (Michael) Sannum (2003–07) has become Otago's first national representative in one of the fastest-growing sports in the world by representing NZ in a test series against Australia played in Auckland.

### Golf

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) obviously has a liking for the North Otago course: he recently won the Spring tournament for the sixth time, and holds the course record with a 9-under 63 scored in 2006.

### Hockey

In the Southern Men squad, which came second in the National Hockey League competition, were the captain C. W. (Chris) Ashton (1998–2002), J. A. (Jason) Dungey (2002–06), and D. A. (Damian) Watson (2000–04); the coach was D. E. (Dave) Ross (Staff 1985–).

P. W. (Peter) Ashton (1962–66) and his son Chris were elected Life Members of the Otago University Hockey Club. Peter and A. R. (Alan) Isacc (1961–65) were off again to play in an overseas tournament in September. This time the Grand Masters one in Oxford, England where NZ came 5th out of 10 countries.

### Powerlifting

Age is not wearying South Otago farmer B. R. (Bruce) Park

(1951–54): like good wine he gets better with age! Recently he set a NZ record when he lifted 415kg, before heading for Killean, Texas to compete at the World Masters' Powerlifting Championships, in the 66kg class of the 70–80 age group.

### Rugby

First a correction: we were supplied with the incorrect surname—it was the late R. W. (Bob) Crawford (*not* Campbell) who is believed to have played more than 200 premier matches for Southern.

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) continues to represent NZ, and has been selected to tour the northern hemisphere at the end of the season.

The ORFU has fallen on sad financial times, and shortly before the start of the ITM Cup competition, in which Otago plays in the Championship grade, there were serious doubts as to whether the province could afford to field a team! Fortunately supporters rallied, costs were cut (while the team didn't quite hitch-hike to away venues, it did stay in school hostels), mainly locals were selected (some only 18 years old!), and under the inspired coaching of T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) and Phil Young, Otago reached the final in some style. K. J. (Karl) Bloxham (1997–2001) was the team's strength and conditioning trainer: the son of All Black the late Ken Bloxham, he plays for the Taieri premier team, has a B.Phys Ed from Otago University, and spent five years training the Hawkes Bay team. Because of injury, latterly G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04) assumed the captaincy: his father R. C. (Craig) Dickson (1972–76) and grandfather had represented Otago (how local can you get?), and just before the final he wrote a most gracious open letter to the ODT thanking the Otago people for their support during the season.

The Otago women's team was in an even more parlous situation, for as a cost-saving measure, the ORFU withdrew the team from the competition! This decision was greeted with some fury, and led by the efforts of Adam Thomson, \$20,000 was raised in little more than a week, the team was reinstated, and coached by M. J. (Marty) Gray (Board of Trustees 2007–) the current chairman, finished in third place.

The Brighton Surf Club is trying to raise \$565,000 to build new clubrooms and a community facility. Club president S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) asked schoolmate C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97) if he could help, so Carl donated his 30th test jersey (defeated Oz 34–27). Clever marketing (only worn once by a careful All Black?) saw the jersey sell on Trade Me for \$4,000—the club had only placed a reserve of \$750 on it!!



P. G. (Phil) Connolly (1960–63) and G. R. (Greyson) Wills (1960–64) reading *Kingsmen* off the Queensland coast.