



# THE KINGSMEN

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Courtesy ODT



Above two of the four inducted into the 2021 Wall of Fame, singer and television personality Craig Scott (left) and former All Black Ben Smith.

Presentations were made at the School on Thursday 12th August.

Citations of the four are as follows:

## Graham Sinclair 1949–1953—Business



Graham, who sadly died in Wanaka, earlier this year was the middle (and sole survivor) of three siblings who attended King's High School. While there he won academic awards each year and excelled at Shooting and Rugby. In his final year he was a Prefect, a Company Sergeant Major (CSM) in the school cadet corps and was awarded a Rugby Blue. Leaving school, he studied Law at University of Otago, completing his LLB Degree by correspondence while working for a law firm in Gore. By now he was married to Helen a Primary School teacher whom (like many of their generation) had met through the social activities of Bible Class and they were still inseparable after 70 years. Together, they drew up a plan to find a town with the right mix of population, business activity, and ageing lawyers, which led them to settle in the farming supply centre of Ashburton.

Having established his law practice, Graham worked nights at the local Woollen Mill to help pay the bills and was initially regarded with some suspicion by his fellow workers, however, by solving a legal problem faced by a son of one of the foremen, his practice took off. This solution was also the result of his lifelong attention to detail.

In the late 1960's Graham became heavily involved in the Jaycee Movement and was elected NZ president; after a year working nationally, he became World President in 1971 and travelled dozens of countries to publicise the significant community work which Jaycee International was undertaking around the globe.

As his Ashburton law practice grew, Graham became increasingly involved in community affairs, including serving as the local Coroner, and as chair of the local hospital board. The family moved into a sizeable but somewhat rundown house in the suburb of Tinwald, which he renovated to become the family home for nearly 20 years, and the venue for social occasions with the staff of the organisations with which he had become involved. However, before they had owned any other property, in 1963 the Sinclair's had purchased a section in Wanaka, initially to park the caravan and subsequently on which to build and from where Graham, who was a keen private pilot, could commute to Ashburton for summer weekdays. In 1978 the Sinclair's moved permanently to Wanaka, once there,

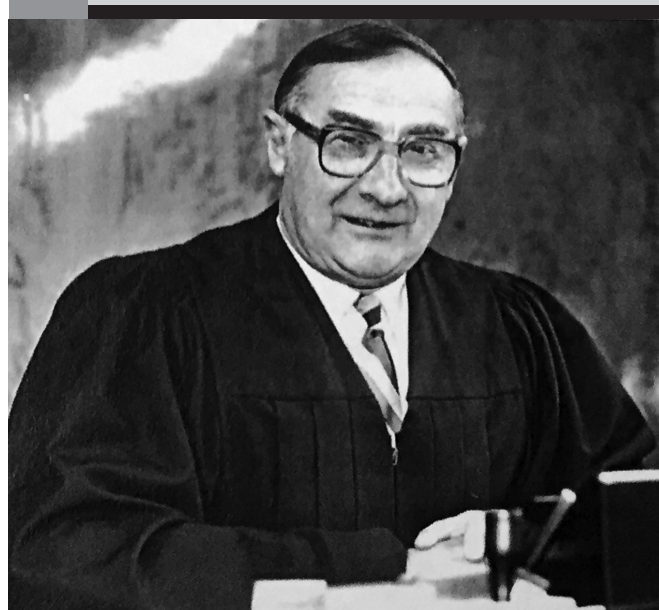
along with other like-minded business associates, notable the Wallis Brothers, they purchased the Treble Cone Ski Field, then merely a club field maintained by local enthusiasts. Graham provided his legal skills and business acumen and used his family to provide the physical labour to develop the ski field which soon had a chair lift, a snow groomer and the modern facilities required. As well as marketing the venue nationally, he travelled to North America seeking advice and ideas: ultimately the US Ski Team was training there during their off season.

As Treble Cone matured in the late 1980's, it became the catalyst for various other companies involving aviation, farming, the environment and the community, a notable example being The Helicopter Line. Companies House records 147 entries bearing Graham's name and he was also committed to the community via pro bono work, charitable trusts and foundations, school, and hospital boards: indeed, he acted as a trustee for the King's High School Old Boys' Association fundraising ventures. He was involved in dozens of more private businesses while expanding his own: as well as Nichol, Sinclair, Cooney & Co in Ashburton he pulled together three established Dunedin law firms to form Gallaway, Haggitt & Sinclair. In 2002 Graham was awarded Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to business and the community.

When reflecting on his career, Graham regarded his seven years with Kai Tahu as his most fulfilling work, where he was a Director, Chairman and briefly even CEO of Ngai Tahu Holdings. In a note to his family a Kaiwhakahaere (executive) commented on how he was part of the team which established their sound commercial structure, ensured their profitable investments and for the astute, professional, competence which he brought to their decision making.

Above all, Graham was a devoted family man who enjoyed participating in their lives: he admitted two granddaughters to the bar. Alongside Helen, he enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great grand children growing up around them.

## E.B. (Joe) Anderson 1945–1949—Humanities



King's High School in 1948 was one of many schools still struggling with the aftermath of WW2. Many of the staff were returned servicemen trying to readjust to civilian life, especially those who had served overseas; some were trying to resume normal family life, others were trying to start normal

family life; several were studying part-time to complete interrupted academic qualifications; some experienced staff were being promoted to more senior positions in other schools; a new Rector was feeling his way; discipline was rigidly enforced by the many staff who had been exposed to years of military discipline; and military drill was an important part of the school curriculum. In the 5th Form of that year was a considerable cohort of late-maturing pupils, many of whom would become high achievers if properly nurtured.

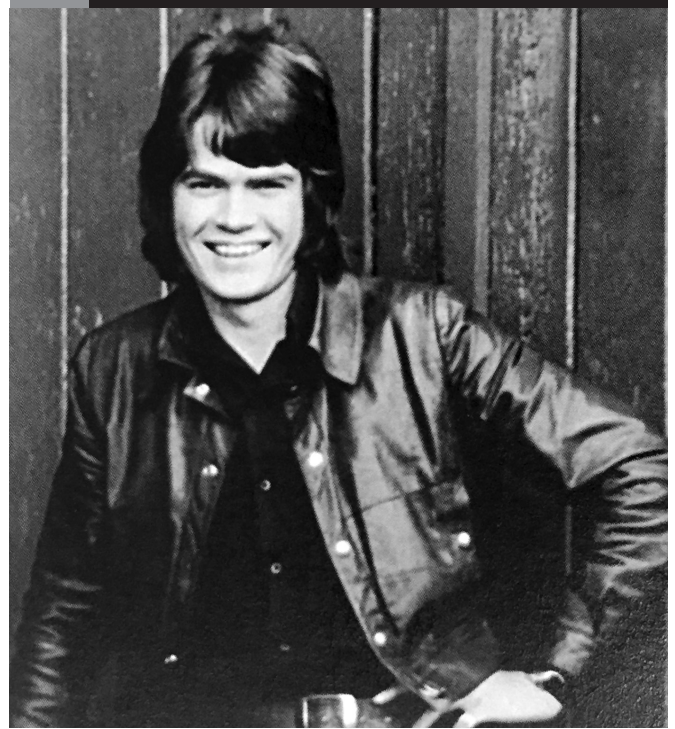
Eric Anderson was one of this cohort; the son of a Dunedin lawyer of the same name, which may explain why he was known as “Joe.” As a runner he began to flourish, and with the expert coaching he received from former Empire Games athlete Arnold Anderson, he began winning races (100 yards, 440 yards) and by placing 3rd in the Senior Cup the following year, was selected for the school’s Athletics Team. Joe’s father was a decorated WW1 veteran who had also served in WW2, and his son’s lifelong interest in matters military was both whetted and cemented by Ross Fraser, the Deputy Rector who commanded the school cadet corps. Joe duly won the cup for the best Sergeant in A Company. In his final year at school, he was made a Prefect, and served on the committee which organised the school’s Rugby Programme.

On leaving school, Joe chose to study Law at the University of Otago. In those days Law students studied full-time for two years, then studied part-time while working in a law office. He attended the early morning and early evening classes, getting there mainly by bicycle. He worked for his father’s firm Webb, Allan, Walker & Anderson, and was admitted to the bar on the morning of February 14, 1956, before marrying Lee in the afternoon. He continued working for the firm, doing court work, and advisory work for the local authorities throughout Otago and Southland on planning matters. He eventually moved to Mosgiel to help run their office there.

In 1970 Joe was approached by J. D. Willis, the Stipendiary Magistrate (S.M. as judges were termed then) to consider coming on to the bench, but he declined the offer, feeling that he was too young. Two years later he was again approached and decided to accept thereby becoming one of youngest S.Ms to be appointed (nowadays aspiring judges apply for such a position).

As a judge was not allowed to serve on the bench where he had previously practised Invercargill and its court became home. Joe served on the bench from 1972–1990, much of that time as a sole judge travelling throughout Southland and to Queenstown for court sittings. He was known and respected as a no-nonsense judge, at one time termed “*Smokin Joe*”—testament to the summary justice he dispensed! On retiring from the bench Joe worked on a temporary warrant travelling throughout New Zealand and then served on the Parole Board for a time before becoming fully retired.

When Joe left school, he had joined the Territorial Army, and progressed through the ranks to become Lieutenant-Colonel of the 4th Otago and Southland Battalion. At their 150-year celebrations in 2010, by then Honorary Colonel Joe, he extolled the virtues of the former Compulsory Military Training (CMT) Scheme for its character building (which he believed had to be taught) and lamented the scheme’s demise (while acknowledging its expense). He also chaired the panel which chose Rugby Southland’s new board and received the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Awards for his community and legal services. Widely respected for his integrity, Joe is the epitome of the true Southern Man.



*Craig’s entertainment years.*

Music did not feature prominently in the school curriculum during Craig’s sojourn at King’s High School and what there was failed to inspire him. However, there must be something in the air or water in Corstorphine and Craig was the first (but not the last!) singer to tap into this advantage. He left school to become a bank clerk, initially singing with local band *Klap*, before joining *Fantasy* which shortly thereafter moved to Christchurch to become the resident group at *The Scene*, a Dance Hall/Night Club. In 1969 Craig joined *Revival*, which won a Battle of the Bands contest: this brought the band to the attention of HMV Records, and they were invited to Wellington to record a single ‘Viva Bobby Joe’ at their Wakefield St studio.

In 1970 Craig was offered a solo career and was given a starring role in the television music series *Happen Inn* and was also a frequent guest on the programme *C’mon*. During this time, his rendition of ‘Star Crossed Lovers’ topped the popularity charts for four weeks in a row! In 1971 ‘Smiley’ won the Loxene Golden Disc Award and reached No.3 on the charts, while other hit singles included, ‘Lets Get a Little Sentimental’, ‘Ciao Baby’, ‘When Jojo Runs’ and ‘Wind and Rain’. In 1972 he was named NZ Entertainer of the Year. He played concerts attended by thousands of screaming fans and produced singles, EP Recordings, albums, CD’s, and videos. His manager had the ability to read the market and the artist had excellent arrangers, an engineer and a lot of good people around him.

But all good things come to an end: in 1974 *Happen Inn* was cancelled and Craig’s popularity began to wane as his visibility declined and by 1977, he felt that he had done all that he could in New Zealand. He was philosophical and pragmatic about his situation: he could have gone overseas (to Australia?) to repeat it all again, but with no guarantee of success and by then he was married to Jo and they had started a family. He had spent some four years as NZ’s number one teen heart throb!

So Craig became a music promoter, offering sage advice to future entertainers such as “get a good manager, a good lawyer, and a good accountant”. He further recommended that they

took as much interest in the other side of the business as they did the creative side, that they enjoy every moment for success could be fleeting, and to be kind to people around them especially on the way up, for they would surely meet them all again on the way back down! He then started NZ's first video rental business in Auckland before managing Warner Brothers Video NZ for some 15 years. Around the year 2000, he and Jo moved back to Dunedin and set up a property renovating business Scott & Scott Design. More recently they shifted to Arrowtown where they qualified as Real Estate Agents while working for Ray White: recently they joined Bayley's.

But this is not the end of Craig's story. In 2007, members of the former Dunedin rock band *Lutha* decided that after 34 years in retirement, they might stage a reunion. This was potentially disastrous for only one of them was still a musician, and only one was a resident in Dunedin: the others were widely dispersed in NZ and even in Australia, which would inhibit both practising and rehearsing. Fitness might also be a problem! So, they called for the help of "friends" (who were similarly widely dispersed). Several of both the band and the 'friends' had been to King's together, and Craig, despite not having appeared on stage for nearly 30 years responded to the appeal of a lifelong mate! Despite all these potential difficulties, *Lutha & Friends* provided a fitting final to the Dunedin Heritage Festival and played to a capacity (and unlikely!) audience comprising parents, siblings, grown-up offspring (who had never seen their parents perform!), former schoolmates and pupils from both King's and Queen's, and former neighbours. Craig demonstrated that he still retained his former charisma, even if he had to read the words of some of his lyrics! The *ODT* reviewer claimed that "the reunion gig was some party, we were lucky enough to be invited to!"

### Ben Smith 2000–2004—Sport



Ben's main sporting interest during the five years at King's was rugby, where he played at half-back, winning several awards for his prowess, and being selected for appropriate aged-based Otago teams. In his final year, as well as being a Prefect, he was the Captain of the 1st XV (which achieved a long overdue victory over Otago Boys' High School), awarded a Blue in both Rugby and Touch, and received the Peter Hill Cup for services to King's High School Rugby.

Leaving school, he spent a gap year mainly in the UK, where he taught briefly in a school in Bristol before returning to Dunedin to enrol as a Physical Education student at the University of Otago. However, he played his rugby for Green Island where he had started as a small boy: ultimately, he played 50 matches for the senior team.

Ben was first selected for the Senior Otago Team in 2007, and represented the province in 44 matches, scoring 55 points. That year he was also selected for NZ U21 Team, scoring a try. From 2009 until 2019 he represented the Highlanders franchise in 153 matches (the record), scoring 200 points. His performances during the 2009 season saw his selection for the NZ autumn tour to the northern hemisphere as All Black No. 1100 and he made his debut against Italy in Milan and scored his first All Black try against the Barbarians on Twickenham.

In 2010 Ben was not required for the All Blacks but was selected for the national Rugby Sevens squad which competed at the Commonwealth Games held in Delhi in India, where he helped NZ achieve the Gold Medal. He is the only King's sportsman to have achieved this feat.

In 2012 Ben was once more selected for the All Blacks mainly as a full-back or wing, occasionally as an outside centre and he even returned briefly to half-back in a test against Ireland when the incumbent was sin-binned! In 2015 he was selected as the sole full-back in the 31-member squad to defend the Rugby World Cup and played in all seven matches to achieve this unprecedented feat. In 2016 because of international or complete retirements by several players Ben was appointed Vice-Captain of the All Blacks and in the following year in the temporary absence of the regular incumbent he became the 68th player to captain the All Blacks: victory in this test against Samoa in preparation for an increasingly rare series against the touring Lions enabled him to join the never defeated previous All Black Captains from King's High School, Chris Laidlaw and Tom Willis! Sadly, Ben only lasted 21 minutes in the first test before being misdiagnosed as having been concussed; he missed the rest of the drawn series and was sorely missed. Further medical checks proved that the vertigo was caused by an inner ear infection, so he resumed his place for the two subsequent Bledisloe Cup tests, scoring a try in each, before taking a year-long sabbatical from all Rugby.

Ben returned to international Rugby in 2018 and despite mixed form in 2019 was selected for the 31-member squad to defend the Rugby World Cup. He played in all three pool matches, which included victory over South Africa (the ultimate winner), he was not selected for either the quarter final victory, nor the semi-final loss. But in the Bronze final versus Wales, he produced a standout performance, and in scoring two tries showed what might have been! Following this third place Ben retired from international Rugby, having represented his country in 84 test matches and scored 195 points. He has since played six matches for the Pau Club in France and is currently playing as a wing for the Kobelco Steelers in the Japanese Top League.

"Loyalty" and "decency" are two words which describe Ben's attitude to life. He sponsors a Scholarship to Year 9 students at King's, while as a sportsman he has represented one club, one school, one province, one franchise and one country. Most of his many supporters would probably agree that full-back rather than wing is his better position on the playing field: it gave him more options, and he seldom lost contact with his support players. He brought a refreshing flair to his game and is a true and genuine sportsman.

AGM 2021

Dunedin

1. The Annual Meeting for the year ended 31st December 2020 was held on the 15th April 2021.

The following report was supplied by Committee member Glenn Dickson.

This year we welcomed two new members to the Committee—Grant Howie and Mark Scott. President Chris George made a presentation to Christine Bell who retired from the Committee after five years of service.

Rector Nick McIvor reported to the meeting on the difficulties of last year when the school was in lock down and how well the boys had coped. Our academic results were excellent and King’s compares very well with schools that have twice our roll. Schools like the top North Island schools for example Auckland Grammar with a roll of 2606 pupils or Christchurch’s Burnside High School with a roll of 2499. The Hockey Turf which the School has use of until 4.30 each day is well under way. Major gymnasium developments and the creation of a Maori cultural space will be happening this year.

Guest Speaker Hugh Kidd was presented with a King’s High School Commemorative Cap by President Chris. Hugh spoke about his life from 1937 through the difficulties of the WW2 years and problems with school staffing. A large number of staff members were away at the war and untrained and retired teachers were helping to staff primary and secondary schools. King’s had nine staff who went to the war—quite a lot out of a staff of about 14. After the war returning soldiers who wanted to teach were given a 1 year “pressure cooker” teacher training course and rushed into service to cope with the rapidly growing school populations. These were difficult years.

The evening was rounded off by President Chris gaining the meeting’s approval to purchase recognition badges for the Rector to award to pupils who were demonstrating good achievement with the School Strategic objectives of excellence, respect, integrity, fairness, responsibility, participation and compassion.

It was resolved that our subscriptions remain at \$20.

Office bearers elected or appointed are as follows:

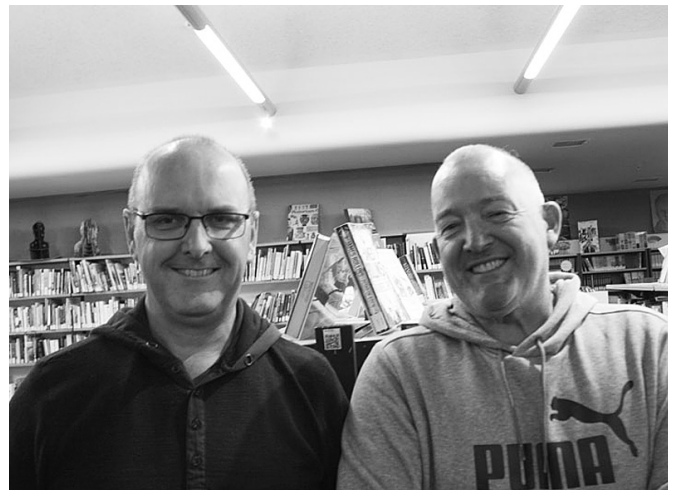
- Patron: Nick McIvor (Rector 2019–)
- President: Chris George (1978–82)
- Past President: Doug Jackson (1960–63)
- Vice President: Mack Stephens (1952–56)
- Secretary: David Horne (1954–58)
- Treasurer: Target Accounting  
Assisted by Doug Jackson
- Registrar: Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
- Committee: Glenn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

Sub Committees

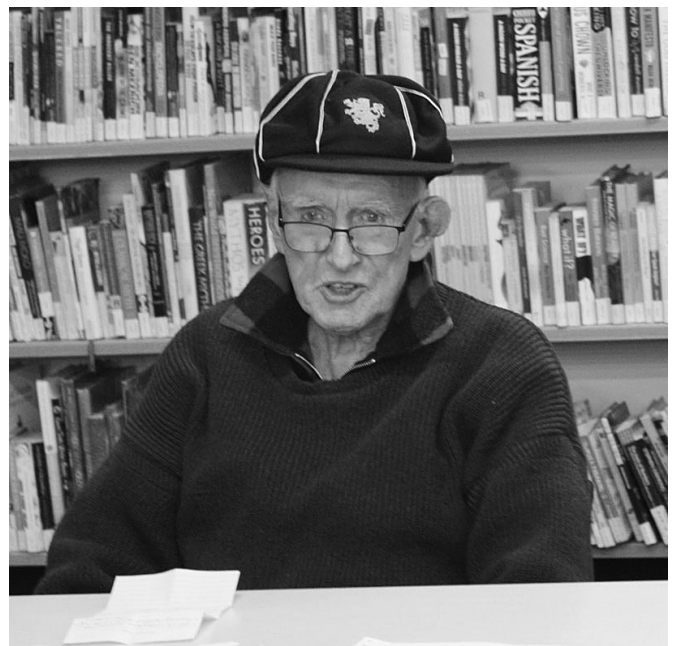
- Kingsmen: Bob Glass (1948–52)  
Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
- Website: John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008)



Chris George (1978–82) presents flowers to Christine Bell (Associate).



Grant Howie and Mark Scott (both 1978–82) new Committee members.



Hugh Kidd (1950–54).



## 2. Anzac Service

To have a whole school so silent while its students and staff stand in quiet contemplation, is truly moving.

The Anzac Service held on the morning of Tuesday, the 13th of April was to commemorate those who died in service of our country and to honour our returned service men and women. The boys in attendance rose to the occasion with respect.

Appreciation goes to the Old Boys, PTSA, Ministry of Education, Queen's High School and Dunedin RSA representatives who joined us. A special thank you also goes to our guest speaker, teacher Wayne McMillan, who supported by family members, shared reflections on his family connections to King's going back to 1936, and the impact war had on them. Our three prefect leaders delivered their readings poignantly too.

From the King's Roll of Honour, we paid tribute to 15 Old Boys who died in World War II. The biographical summaries were read for three selected men in recognition. In 2021 this was Petty Officer Harry Willis, Private Jack Triggs and Major Win Wood (a former King's teacher who served with his pupils).

## 3. Annual Dinner

This was held on the night of 12th August.

Association President—Chris George advised:

Sadly, Joe Anderson couldn't make it through from Invercargill on doctors' orders, so if Muhammad won't come to the mountain, the mountain might have to go to Muhammad. I will be looking into making a trip south to make the presentation to Joe, or arranging another time for the presentation in Dunedin when he is able to come through. Watch this space.

Craig and Jo Scott came through from Central Otago and were joined by family members including brother Peter and son, as well as two grandchildren. The grand kids got the obligatory photo with Ben Smith at the school = very cool.

Craig spent time looking through the school music rooms and the performing arts centre. Things have changed quite a lot from his last visit to the school when he left in the 1960's.

Ben Smith attended the assembly and was the guest speaker at the annual dinner. The quintessential Kingsman and everyone appreciated him giving up family time to come along. Ben and Katie are expecting their third child and we wish them all the best for a safe and healthy addition to the family. We gave a kids book *Pigs a plenty, pigs galore* to Ben as a little something to acknowledge the responsibilities of a dad with little ones. Ben—I hope you and Katie get as much enjoyment reading the book to your kids, as I did with mine.

Mark Sinclair attended the assembly and dinner on behalf of the Sinclair family. Though not an old boy himself, hopefully he enjoyed the Kings experience and the hospitality from Mark Scott, Kelvin Maker. Cam Wilson and myself that extended into the wee small hours of the morning!!

We had a good turnout of about 80 people at the annual dinner and the night was very enjoyable.

Doug Jackson got presented with a cap to acknowledge his role as a stalwart of the association, and looked very dapper in his new headwear.

I want to acknowledge the work done by Doug, Mack Stephens and Hugh Kidd in making the Wall of Fame and the dinner a success.

Hugh has spent hours researching the citations for the inductees, and his contribution to the success of the Wall of Fame ceremony cannot be overestimated.

Mack Stephens did a great job co-ordinating things with the caterers and the golf club. The food was very nice and the table presentation was great. They even managed to get the Kings logo on the tables. Truth be told I had warned them that if there was a repeat of last year (when the Otago Boys logo was put on the tables by mistake) they would be sacked and thrown off Lawyer's Head!

## DINNER 2021



Brian (1959–61) and Alan Nicholls (1968–71).



Barry Dodds (1969–72) of Hawea Flat and Ken Harris (1967–70).



Paul Grainger (1960–64) of Christchurch and Lox Kellas (1960–66).

#### 4. King's Lions Sport hosted by the annual King's of the Pride Day.

King's of the Pride is a selection of King's most influential Old Boys' and staff who share an entrusted ownership of the vision for King's High School Lions' Sport

This special event was held at King's on Saturday 24th July. The day started with speeches from Rector, Mr McIvor, Deputy Head Boy, Patrick Ward and Director of Sport, Glenn Dickson.

The guest speaker was King's High School Old Boy and the "voice of the America's Cup" **Peter Montgomery MBE**. This was a memorable day and we are thankful to everyone for giving up their time to enjoy this day. The day culminated in watching the King's 1st XV v OBHS 1st XV Rugby Match.

*If you are interested in being part of the "King's of the Pride" please contact Glenn Dickson on:*  
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### The School

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

#### 1(a) NZQA Scholarship

*The legacy of personal excellence in King's students in the Scholarship Exams continues to grow. But it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that Scholarship is just another exam when in reality it is actually a competition. Its cutthroat competition which is entered by choice and a competition in which only 3% of eligible students gain the award known as Scholarship.*

*The chances of failure are high. There is no walking into an exam with internal credits under the belt or an endorsement already in the bag. Each Scholarship candidate went into the competition with nothing to their name. Each of these Scholarship winners took a risk when the chances of failure were highly likely.*

*In their own respective subject areas, some across multiple disciplines, and some across multiple years, they have reached a level of excellence that is the pinnacle in the*

New Zealand schooling system. From tens of thousands of eligible entries across the country, these young men chose to enter a competition that has such a low success rate that most choose to stay away from it. They have gone into the competition with the best competitors in their favourite areas, and they have been judged to be among the very best.

To the current group of King's men. I think you are very fortunate to go to a school where all of this is possible and is encouraged. The academic programmes and support established over the past years at our school can allow you to succeed and pursue your interests to the highest level. These winners here today are proof that it can be done.

To those of you who have attempted Scholarship before. Please do not see your experience last year as a final failure—we are proud of you, that you took the risk. Our wish is that you see it as part of the success that awaits you.

And to those of you considering entering Scholarship at any point in the future, know that there is ample opportunity and support here at King's to succeed.

While the individual performances of the students ultimately comes down to their work behind the scenes, it is important that we reflect on the input from the staff. To all the staff of King's High School who have been involved with any of our Scholarship candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, at any stage of their journeys and in any capacity, be it academic, cultural or sporting: your efforts are vital in supporting the culture that has allowed these young men to succeed. Your dedication to our school is appreciated.

#### **King's results 2020**

Our updated results are as follows:

- In 2020, **31 Scholarships** were awarded to **17 students** across **17 different subject disciplines**. This included **seven Outstanding Scholarships**.

Our 31 Scholarships confirmed King's as:

- **Top performer in NZQA Scholarships in Otago and Southland**
- **Top four in the South Island overall**
- **Top seven among boys' schools in New Zealand**

In Otago and Southland the second highest number was that of Logan Park High School with 21 Scholarships. The names and subjects passed were recorded in the March 2021 "Kingsmen."

#### **(b) Cambridge International Programme**

The Cambridge International programme continues to provide meaningful extension for our top academic Year 10 students. They are exposed to a depth and breadth of content and critical thinking that is both challenging and interesting and provides an examination that ensures that their NCEA experience is one in which they can excel post-Cambridge.

In 2020, seven students received an A\* award in the Cambridge exams. The award of A\* goes to students who achieve a percentage uniform mark of 90% or above in a subject.

#### **(c) NCEA**

2020 was a difficult year for many students. However a significant number of our boys excelled in 2020, passing their respective Level of NCEA endorsed with Excellence. In 2020, students needed to pass 46 credits with Excellence in Level 1, 2 or 3 to qualify for Excellence endorsement.

At King's:

**61 Achieved Level 1 NCEA with Excellence**

**44 Achieved Level 2 NCEA with Excellence**

**21 Achieved Level 3 NCEA with Excellence**

The achievements of these students were recognised with the awarding of an Academic Blue at assemblies held during Term 1.

#### **2. Cultural Awards**

Zac Bell won the prestigious award for outstanding individual in a tragedy role at the New Zealand Shellah Winn Shakespeare Festival in Wellington.

The festival had 48 performances from schools around the country.

Drama group members, consisting of Cullan Rolton, Daniel Honey and Zed Ramsay won the "Outstanding Stage Combat" award.

#### **3. Rugby**

New Zealand Rugby announced its New Zealand Schools, New Zealand Barbarians Under 18 and New Zealand Maori Under 18 Nga Whatukura teams in September.

Steve Salelea and Mahonri Auvāa both Year 13 students were selected in the Barbarians squad, which is the NZ second team. Steve Salelea was also selected last year.

#### **4. King's Turf Official Opening**

It was our privilege and honour to officially open the Otago Community Trust King's Hockey Turf on Monday. It's a fantastic addition to the sport and recreation of the school, city, and nation.

For a long time, this Turf existed as a very worthy aspiration. Then it became a large hole in the ground (fuelling speculation that a new swimming pool was on the way). Now it's finished as a stunning, new, modern facility for the young and not-so-young, to enjoy Hockey participation and performance, and for wider multi-sport use in King's Sport and PE.

The Turf represents a uniting of the school, Otago Hockey, Sport Otago, and the City Council.

For King's, the Turf is a welcome extension to the breadth of high-quality education we offer. Excellent education is, in part, a healthy and competitive one, in which teams grow and individuals thrive. Personal excellence is found on the end of a Hockey stick as well as the end of a pen, brush, workshop tool or keyboard. This Turf's also the convergence of generous goodwill and expertise from a range of people, who have made it all happen.

A special thank you goes to all our key funders who joined the school, Otago Hockey and the DCC in funding this superb project The Otago Community Trust, The Lottery Community Facilities Fund, The Alexander McMillan Trust, The New Zealand Community Trust, The Lion Foundation, The Bendigo Trust and the AAW Jones Charitable Trust.

The Turf also came from essential work by the King's Board of Trustees and the Project Control Group of **Mark Todd, John Brimble, Mike Kain, Karl Thom, Andy Mclean, David Booth, Taryn Gudmanz and Richard Wingham** (David, Taryn and Richard also on the King's Board).

Earlier in the day, we blessed the Turf at sunrise with karakia and appropriate observance of tikanga. Thank you to Matu Pene for leading this important cultural dimension.



There were four main speakers for the occasion.

- Mayor **Aaron Hawkins** spoke about how the facility added to the city's attractions and sporting opportunities, as a community asset.
- **John Daniel**, from Otago Hockey, described the longer-term origins of the project and all those involved in driving it, as a true team effort over time. He applauded the personal commitment and work for a "hope-filled future" that brings people together on site.
- **Patrick Ward**, 2021 Deputy Head Boy and First XI Hockey Player, read a statement on behalf of Old Boy Darren Smith (Black Sticks Coach) who is currently at the Olympics. In it, Darren paid tribute to the school and the influence and service of Dave Ross as a master coach in getting him and others to the highest level. This gratitude was reiterated later with a special award for services to New Zealand Hockey presented to Dave by the CEO of New Zealand Hockey, **Anthony Crummy**.

The final speaker was Deputy Prime Minister, loyal Old Boy and former Head Prefect, **Grant Robertson**. Grant acknowledged the personal support he and his family received at King's and from Rector **Ian Simpson**. He also described South Dunedin as 'rich in every way' and as 'a community to be proud of'. He talked a little about his formative experiences at King's, with strengths primarily academic but including proud forays into our sport in his youth. Grant also praised the community, King's staff, Otago Hockey and Hockey New Zealand for their huge efforts and achievement. Grant said he never imagined that such a world-class facility could be here when he was at the school.

During the morning Grant met all Year 13 and Year 9 Economics students—potentially getting some of the hardest questions he may have faced for a while!

Grant ended the official opening proceedings by taking a ceremonial shot at goal along with Dave Ross, Patrick Ward and Jenny McDonald (described by those in the know as 'hockey royalty').

Nick McIvor

5. **Farewell to Jo Harford** who has left to take up a new position teaching English at Foundation Studies at Otago University after 18 years.

Hundreds of young men, in Media Studies, Drama and English, have taken much from her positive influence and personal regard. She's also been a dynamic and dedicated Head of Performing Arts and Media Studies.

Jo became an accomplished King's marketer in recent times too, working on strategies, materials and communications to promote King's. She has been responsible for the School Magazine and the *Kings Week*. Jo has also built Drama outside the classroom—especially the boys' magnificent Theatre Sport and Production performances both regionally and nationally.

Her mother Jenni was the school Librarian for several years until 2002, whilst her father Graeme was at King's from 1949–1952, as also were uncles the late Warwick (1946–49) and the late Byron (1951–54).

## Honours

Queen Elizabeth has this year demonstrated her appreciation of King's educated menfolk big time with three being rewarded in the recently published Birthday Honours List, which included

the school's second knight, Sir Frank Holmes (1937–41) having been the first many years previously. G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) was awarded Knight Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (KNZM) for services to Art. During Grahame's sojourn at King's, he represented the school at swimming was a prefect rising to head prefect in his final year, but there were no formal classes in art, although he revealed his talent by contributing sketches to the school magazine, and providing backdrops for the school's drama productions. Upon leaving school he showed his maturity by following a carefully thought plan: he would study for an arts degree at Otago University (OU), seek a bond to qualify as a schoolteacher, teach to fulfil the requirements of the bond, then see whether he could make a living as an artist who could return to teaching if his plan was unsuccessful. He duly graduated with a B.A majoring in geography and English, qualified as a teacher at Christchurch Teacher's College then taught for three years at the secondary school in Cromwell. Grahame then spent two years in Europe, but the art on display there failed to inspire him, and he returned to NZ to establish his own style which was supported by family, friends, and associates. His ultimate five decade career has spanned water colour, egg tempera, oil, lithograph, etching, and photography: he had found a formula, and stuck with it. Labelled a realist (a title he disagrees with) his style has not evolved much during his career. Grahame is best known for his depiction of Central Otago landscapes, and his works are represented in NZ's major galleries, and in private collections here and overseas. So his original plan has succeeded, but it was designed for survival and not for the successes which have come his way: people's attitudes have changed over the years, and affluence has grown; he feels that to some extent he is riding on the coat-tails of previous NZ artists whose works were not so appreciated during their lifetimes. Success which has come his way was not specifically planned for: his exhibitions have attracted record crowd numbers, and his books which are expensive to produce have often required reprinting. Unplanned honours have also come his way: a Frances Hodgkins fellowship at OU, commissioned by the NZ Govt to produce a painting which would be NZ's official gift to Nelson Mandela (sadly he felt the responsibility to fulfil this commission to be unpleasantly stressful); he was made an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) in 2004 for services to Art; and in 2010 he was one of the six original inductees on the King's High School's Wall of Fame.

Grahame was the driving force behind the creation of the Henderson House Artists in Residence programme in Alexandra, and remains chairman of the Henderson Arts Trust. A passionate environmentalist, he was involved in the successful Save Central campaign, and was a founding member of the Central Otago Wilding Conifer Control Group. He lives in Cambrian.

The second recipient was D. R. (Ross) Black (1961–65) who was awarded Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to Health. He was a prefect in his final year at King's and left to pursue a business career, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) from OU in 1975. Ross founded the Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust, being chairman from 1998–2019, having spearheaded the \$3.5 million funding drive to establish a dedicated rescue helicopter service for the Otago area. During his chairmanship this regional service transported more than 9500 patients involved in workplace, sporting, and vehicle accidents, sea or land rescues, and transfers between hospitals. He was instrumental in obtaining a significant amount of donated professional services to support the day-to-day operations of the service, as well as innovating equipment

upgrades such as night-vision goggles and GPS routes that enabled missions despite inclement conditions, and the Trust now possesses a fleet of four dedicated machines. Ross says that it has been a privilege to have been involved with such a service and particularly with such incredibly dedicated pilots and paramedics who provide a 24/7 service at all times of the year. He was trustee and chairman of the Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust from 1999–2014, overseeing an investment policy that built the Trust's Funds to more than \$17 million for equipment, training, research, and community projects. He was also a director of the Canterbury District Health Board 1996–2001, and chairman of the Otago DHB 1998–2001. Ross claims that the Honour is not merely in recognition of his own efforts, but is also for the efforts of other long-serving trustees, and ultimately for the Trust itself. He is now retired, and lives in Wanaka.

The third recipient was P. E. (Paul) Tyson (1968–69) who was awarded a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to Sport and the Community. Paul had started his secondary education at Southland Boys High School, but after two years enrolled at King's when his father, a detective, was transferred back to Dunedin: his elder brother M. J. (Michael) Tyson (1961–63) had earlier attended King's. Paul spent his two years at King's playing rugby for the 1st XV before he left to enter Dunedin Teachers College in 1970: such was his general training record that he was offered a third year to specialise in Physical Education. An injury brought his active playing days to an end, but mentored by Dave Millar, an international rugby referee who was the College's deputy principal, he took up refereeing in his spare time. Paul began his teaching career in the Wanganui area, before moving to Southland and ultimately before retiring after 42 years while teaching at Kaikorai Valley College in 2014. Being a teacher he was aware of the value of physical activity, and strived to give children the opportunity to take part in sport, grow, and achieve their goals, and has been volunteer in sport as a coach, manager, event official, organiser and support worker from grassroots to International governance level, after he had completed his school time duties, and particularly in athletics. A former president of both the Otago and NZ Children's Athletics Association, and Athletics Otago, he is an elected life member of all three organisations. His passion for athletics began in 1984 when his then 6 year old daughter saw over the fence in Otautau children participating in athletics and asked him whether she might try it: she duly joined the Otautau club, and he started helping and has never really stopped! At the other end of life's spectrum, Paul has been a board member of the Dunedin South Lions Club for some 20 years, secretary since 2014 and is a former president. He was formerly also involved with Junior Chamber International (JCI) NZ.

Interestingly, all three recipients are residents of Murihiku!

## Cultural Affairs

"The most significant events in history can often be expressed in the words of a single speech." So claim the four authors of their recently compiled publication *Speeches that Shaped New Zealand*: H. C. (Hugh) Templeton (1945–47) a former diplomat, politician, and published historian; his twin I. C. (Ian) Templeton (1945–46), doyen of NZ political reporting; Josh Easby, publisher, writer, editor, and former business executive; and Dave Leggett, an experienced journalist and newspaper editor. They cite as examples Winston Churchill, Dr Martin Luther King, and President John F Kennedy, and note sadly that there hasn't ever been a published collection of

speeches illuminating NZ's history. To remedy this, they have compiled a 940 page three volume publication containing 95 such speeches dating from the Rev Samuel Marsden's 1814 Christmas Day sermon at the Bay of Islands, to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's 2019 speech following the Christchurch massacre: some speakers feature more than once, but usually on different topics. Volume 1 covers the period from 1814 to 1938 (35 speakers); Volume 2 covers the period from 1939 to 1978 (33 speakers), and Volume 3 covers the period from 1979 to 2019 (27 speakers), and the case-bound paperbacked set costs \$69.99. King's-educated speakers include Hugh Templeton, MP for Awarua's maiden speech to Parliament in 1970 which outlined future economic steps which NZ might take should the UK enter the EEC; M. J. C. (Malcolm) Templeton (1936–40), NZ permanent representative to the UN advancing the concept of a 200 mile sea zone at a conference in Caracas, Venezuela, which led a decade later to NZ securing the 4th largest sea zone in the world; Hugh Templeton, Minister of Trade and Industry in a 1982 speech in Canberra outlining the benefits to both Australia and NZ of a Closer Economic Relationship (CER) agreement; and C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61) at a 1998 conference in Wellington outlining the benefits of sport in establishing national identity.

Late last year, the Covid-19 delayed exhibition "suite 20-21: Part One" was presented by the Dunedin Public Art Gallery. In March this year, the follow-up "Suite 20-21: Part Two" was presented, and four artists invited to display their wares. One of these was photographer J. J. (Justin) Spiers (1977–81). Entitled "The Kingdom," it reflected his fascination with he relationships between humans and animals, and he has filmed their interactions for more than a decade. Justin is known for his "Pet Photo Booth" (in collaboration with Yvonne Doherty) which creates studio portraits of house pets with a human, complete with a scenic wallpaper back drop.

## Business Sector

Ayers Shoe Repairs has recently been forced to vacate the building which it has occupied in upper Stuart Street for many years because of structural problems. With little time to find somewhere else, owner P. A. (Paul) Ayers (1974–75) has shifted operations to 166 Hillside Road. Paul joined his father in 1975 as an apprentice, and has remained in the business ever since. He offers a great range of repair services which include patching, stitching, and stretching footwear, belts, and bags, cutting keys and selling quality shoe care products and a large range of laces. Paul has run the business for more than 20 years since taking over from his father, and offers customers a free local pick-up and drop-off service, discounts for Super Gold card holders, maintains 10 hour workdays, resoles, reheels, and water proofs, and renews zips.

Positive Property Ltd director, J. E. (Justin) Stott (1988–92) grew up in South Dunedin and has recently purchased three earthquake-prone buildings in King Edward Street including the fire-damaged former Wolfenden and Russell store, and will replace them with a three-level building providing retail and office space and parking for 40 cars. He is also negotiating to purchase an adjacent building which will be strengthened and refurbished as a heritage building. Justin has spent 10 years redeveloping the former Mainland cheese factory in Macandrew Road into a mixed-use commercial site, and expects this new development, along with the planned South Dunedin library and community complex, together with the upgrading of the Hillside railway workshops will reinvigorate the area. He was a member of the South Dunedin Action Group which formed following the 2015 flooding of the area.

Some Kingsmen would appear to have acquired a sweet tooth early in their lives and are heavily into the production of honey. Further evidence of this may be read in the Bits and Pieces section of this newsletter!

Mount Parker Honey is produced on Mount Parker Station and its neighbouring farms in the Waitaki Valley near Kurow. Mount Parker station is owned by King's Old Boy, R. J. (Robbie) McIlraith (1994–1998) and has been owned by the McIlraith family for 100 years. Together with a good mate and also a King's Old Boy, D. G. (Dana) Young (1994–1998) from Lawrence, they run 150 beehives producing some high-quality pure Clover Honey. The Tuapeka Honey is from beehives in the hills around Lawrence.

During his time at King's, Robbie was Head Boy in 1998, a member of the 1st XV Rugby Team, and was also the Athletics Champion. Robbie has had a lot of success from the opportunities presented to him from his time at King's. Dana was also a Prefect, and member of the 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Cricket Teams. Both have very fond memories and are grateful that they got the chance to go to King's and meet the people they did. "As you can now see the relationships fostered at King's have remained, and whilst we do run the hives as a business it's also important that we get our families together regularly and by doing the bees together it gives us a good balance of work and relaxing/catching up with friends."

## Obituaries

- I. R. (Ian) Black (1962–65) died at N.S.W. 28.8.2019  
R. W. (Ron) Sutherland (1959–60) died at Mosgiel 30.10.20  
P. C. (Phillip) Thomason (1956, 1958–60) of Waikanae, died 13.1.21  
S. J. (Stephen) Barber (1964–67) died  
B. T. (Bevan) Graves (1974–77) died at Hyde 25.2.21  
A. W. (Alistair) McRobie (1977–79) died  
K. I. (Keegan) Fraser (2015–19) died at Mosgiel 6.3.21  
W. Y. (Bill) Tempelton (1947–49) died at North Shore 1.4.21  
G. A. (Grant) Autridge (1985–88) died at Milton 4.4.21  
N. J. (Neville) Esquilant (1953–55) died at Masterton 14.4.21  
S. I. (Stan) Hughes (1955) died at Dunedin 16.4.21  
S. O. (Stan) Todd (1947–48) died at Blenheim 17.4.21  
R. L. W. (Les) Duncan (1952–54) died at Dunedin 18.4.21  
N. M. (Matheson) Beaumont (1941–44) of Dunedin, died at Havelock North 19.4.21  
W. C. (Bill) Arnold (1956) died at Dunedin 29.4.21  
A. J. (Jack) Ross (1944–46) of Mosgiel, died Dunedin 30.4.21  
D. L. (Darrel) Robinson (1957–60) died at Dunedin 5.5.21  
D. N. (Neville) Hay (1948–51) died at Dunedin 7.5.21  
D. J. (Don) Bruce (1950–53) died at Alexandra 8.5.21  
D. R. (Ross) Fenton (1965–68) died at Ballina, N.S.W. 11.5.21  
R. A. (Robin) Laing (1968–69) of Waikouaiti, died 13.5.21  
J. R. (Jack) Cadzow (1944–45) died at Dunedin 18.5.21

P. J. (Peter) Hook (1977) of Lake Hawea, died at Dunedin 26.5.21

G. R. (Graeme) Page (1946–47) died at Dunedin 31.5.21

O. W. (Owen) Lattimore (1939–42) died at Tauranga 3.6.21

T. B. (Tony) Ludlow (1994–98) died at Dunedin 5.6.21

N. J. (Nigel) Blackler (1977–79) of Gore, died at Christchurch 7.6.21

R. J. (Ron) Cain (1945–47) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 7.6.21

E. C. (Eric) Shaw (1949–51) died at Ashburton 8.6.21

R. D. (Ricky) Page (1997–99) died 19.6.21

B. J. (Barry) Garland (1956–57) died at Sydney, N.S.W. 30.6.21

G. R. (Graeme) Brinsdon (1950–51) died at Gore 6.7.21

D. W. (Don) Hughes (1965–67) died at Dunedin 6.7.21

E. A. B. (Ted) Jenner (1963–64) died at Auckland 8.7.21

D. R. (David) Watts (1977–82) died at Dunedin 8.7.21

P. M. (Peter) Espie (1963–65) died at Christchurch 13.7.21

G. R. (Gerald) Hill (1956–57) died at Dunedin 18.7.21

W. H. (Bill) Ellett (1960–61) died at Hamilton 23.7.21

P. J. R. (Paul) Guy (1976–78) died at Dunedin 5.8.21

L. J. W. (Les) Stewart (1945) died at Dunedin 5.8.21

D. E. C. (Don) McKechnie (1957–62) of Milton died at Balclutha 10.8.21

A. (Anne) Turvey (Board of Governors 1982–85) died at Dunedin 1.9.21

K. W. (Ken) Adam (1954–58) of Te Anau, died at Rangiora 6.9.21

D. G. (Dennis) Breese (1958–62) of Diamond Harbour, died at Christchurch 6.9.21

E. H. (Ed) Ryan (1938–40) died at Mosgiel 16.9.21

J. R. (Jack) McGregor (1963–67) died at Mosgiel 20.9.21

C. G. (Colin) McKay (1951–56) died at Alexandra 21.9.21

A. J. (Tony) Smith (1971–72) died at Auckland 21.9.21

R. K. (Bob) Chetwin (1942–45) died at Blenheim 26.9.21

## Bits and Pieces

Each year the ODT stages a "Class Art" whereby southern secondary schools select two of their promising students to represent them at a function where the Prime Minister presents them with a certificate to mark the occasion. It has also become customary for the ODT to check their subsequent careers 10 years later to see whether they have fulfilled their promise. Sadly, as in 2020, the actual function has been cancelled due to Covid-19, but the newspaper has checked the 2011 selections, when King's was represented by H. A. (Hayden) King, and C. J. (Caleb) Gray.

In 2011 Hayden had been selected for the NZ under-17 futsal team for three years, and in 2008 had been a member of the Otago under-16 football development squad which had travelled to Asia. He hoped to study design, and do more travelling. He duly gained an honours degree in visual communication design and is now employed as a product

designer by Wellington-based Volpara Health which creates AI-powered software with the aim of helping clinicians detect lung and breast cancer earlier, when they are most successfully treatable. His work, which involves considerable interviewing of clinicians has taken on extra significance for Hayden, for his stepfather, whom he regarded as his role model, battled lung cancer unsuccessfully for more than a year, and died earlier this year. The largest customer base for their product is USA, to which he has travelled, but he only plays sport socially nowadays.

In 2011 Caleb was head boy at King's, vice captain of the Otago under-18 rugby team, the recipient of an Otago Polytechnic Mana Pounamu High Achiever's Scholarship, and he planned to study law. Nowadays he is the chief financial officer for Settlers Honey, one of NZ's largest Manuka honey producers. He has qualified as a chartered accountant, worked and travelled overseas, and now plays club rugby in Whanganui.

N. J. (Nicholas) Lee (1991–95) has enjoyed an amazing year; apart from winning the 2021 Brisbane marathon, he completed his PhD in philosophy. In his final year at King's he was a prefect, received blues in athletics, harriers, cricket, and football, was a nominee for the Salter Trophy awarded to the school's top sportsman, won the prize for all-round merit, the Mayhew Memorial prize for history, and an excellence prize in five subjects! While at King's, he also had some amazing sporting achievements:

- He was the NZ Secondary School Junior Cross-Country Champion in 1993.
- He won the 400 Metre Junior Silver Medal at 1993 NZ Secondary School Champs and the 800 Metre Senior Silver Medal at 1995 NZ Secondary School Champs.
- He was first in the Senior race at the Otago/Southland Cross Country Championships. In the 1995 National Cross-Country Championships senior U19 ½ race and finished 6th and was selected for the NZ Schools Team. He was trained by Old Boy J. L. (Lin) Rayner (1938–41).
- Nicholas was a top footballer playing for the King's First Football XI and for Otago Representative Football sides. He was also included in the NZ training squad at the U16 level.
- Nicholas played cricket for the King's First XI and for Otago representative sides until 18 as well.

On leaving school Nicholas put Football and Cricket to one side and focused on running. In 1996 he became the NZ 800 Metre under 18 Champion. Nicholas started at Otago University in 1996 graduating with an Honours Degree in Philosophy in 1999. He lived in Sydney for a few years before fulfilling a long-time dream to experience Russia, where he lived and taught English for a couple of years (2003–2004). He became very ill in Russia and returned to NZ to recover.

In 2005 he completed a Diploma of Teaching (Secondary Education) at Dunedin College of Education before moving to London and teaching in Harrow for five years. With his wife and first child, he returned to Dunedin in 2012 to teach at Columba College before moving to Brisbane in 2013. He is currently teaching Philosophy and Reason at St Joseph's, Nudgee College in Brisbane. Nicholas returned to competitive running in 2015, trying to find time to run when he could balance three kids, teaching, his doctorate and training. His win in the 2021 Brisbane Marathon this year was only his 5th Marathon to date.

The NZ Masters Games will return to Dunedin next February, but will no longer take place under the chairmanship of J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–89, Board of Trustees 1989–94) who has retired after 28 years at the helm. Interestingly he has been succeeded by J. P. (John) Brimble (Staff 2000–2004), CEO of Sport Otago, who actually chaired the games' board in its first year (1991)! On average the games have brought between \$3–5 million of economic benefit to the city every two years.

### Athletics

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) was second, and D. G. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) came third in the Otago cross-country championships held at Chisholm Park. Earlier, Daniel came second in the Edmond Cup race held at Wingatui.

### Basketball

In May, G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82) was inducted into Basketball NZ's Hall of Fame. He had played 169 matches for the Tall Blacks, including 53 tests, and captained the team for 13 years. In April, he had been adjudged the 10th greatest player in NBL history. Glen is currently principal of Massey High School in Auckland.

At the same ceremony, M. A. (Marc) Hinton (1978–82), son of W. P. (Bill) Hinton (1948–49), nowadays an Auckland-based journalist and himself a former Otago Nugget won a contribution to basketball award.

### Bowls

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) took up bowls after his representative golfing career which lasted 16 years was taking a toll on his family life. Earlier this year he won the champion-of-champions title in his third appearance in the final and was named in the Dunedin team for the national intercentre tournament in Wellington. Brent picked up bowls reasonably quickly, and believes that the mental side of playing golf had actually helped his bowling career. His wife also plays bowls, so it was something they could do together.

### Cricket

B. (Beckham) Wheeler-Greenall (2016–2020) left NZ in April to further his cricketing career by gaining experience in the UK. He will play for the Hampstead club in the premier league of the Middlesex Country Cricket League. Beckham was one of the stars for NZ at the ICC under-19 World Cup held in South Africa last year, and struck an unbeaten 75 from 83 deliveries in the semifinal against Bangladesh, who subsequently defeated India in the final to win the tournament.

### Hockey

In May, three Otago players were selected for the under-18 NZ squad: Z. B. (Zachary) Mason (2013–17), J. D. (James) Nicolson (2016–20), and F. M. (Finn) Ward (2014–18).

In June, included in the Otago team to play Canterbury in the Mainland Cup competition were J. T. (Jordan) Ward (2012–16), F. M. (Finn) Ward (2014–18) and P. (Patrick) Ward (2017–): it was the first time that the trio had played together for the same team!

### Ice Hockey

In this sport only 6 players are on the ice for any team at a given time, 3 forwards, 2 defenders and a goalie. The forwards are called a line, and as each line may be substituted regularly during a match, a team usually has multiple sets of lines. Last year former defence man D. (Dylan) Devlin (2011–15) moved forward to join J. R. (Joe) Orr (2010–14) and J. P. (Jacob) Hurring (2011–15) in a so-called King line; the Phoenix

Thunder coach was aware that the trio had been friends even before they attended King's and thought that the tactic might boost the line. It has, and may have been one of the reason why Dylan was recalled to the Ice Blacks, who recently made a rare visit to Dunedin and Dylan was thrilled to at last play in NZ colours on his own rink!

### Racing

In April last year Trackside was taken off the air due to the impact of Covid-19, with the TAB saying that the decision would be reviewed when racing resumed in NZ—but it never came back! Radio Sport had also succumbed a month earlier. However the Australian-based Sports Entertainment Network (SEN) has acquired radio licences, and plans to become the NZ home for sport and racing. No date has been mentioned for when this will happen, but it is known that B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) is part of the setup, and will front the all-important breakfast shift. The former cricketing star is now a racehorse owner, and was commentating for Spark Sport last cricket season.

### Rugby

When L. D. (Lee) Smith (1959–64) died in January, his death received little more than perfunctory mention in the nation's press, even in its rugby literature, but then few New Zealanders were aware of his role at World Rugby (previously the IRB). His friend and school team-mate T. S. (Trevor) McKinlay (1959–68) attempted to remedy this by writing a half-page obituary published by the *ODT* on August 28, and what follows is largely based on that article.

While at King's, Lee's leadership qualities steadily emerged, and in his final year he was head-prefect, Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of the school's cadet battalion (having won a regional prize for his qualities), and was captain of the 1st rugby XV (winning 3 rugby blues and junior grade Otago selection). He had also played a key role in establishing basketball at the school, strongly successful from its start, which earned him 3 blues and Otago premier selection while still a schoolboy! Leaving school he entered OU, graduating BA in 1969 and MA in geography in 1971—he had married Noelene Burrow in 1967. Following teacher training in Christchurch, he taught at Bayfield High School for some 15 years, before being appointed deputy-principal at Naenae College in Lower Hutt. While there, principal B. A. G. Murray, the former test cricketer forecast a future successful career for him as a school principal if he chose such a pathway, but his passion for rugby got in the way.

Lee had been vice-captain of Southern when it won the 1969 Dunedin premiership, but repeated concussions led to his retirement and switch to coaching, both at school and for Southern. He raised eyebrows in 1978 when he left Southern to coach at the arch-rival University club but the change in atmosphere better suited his temperament, and he felt able to coach in the way in which he would have liked to have been coached himself, thereby allowing players to flourish in their own styles and the right to do so (his University B team defeating University A in the process!). After coaching Otago B, from 1980–82 he was entrusted with the Otago representative team which merely achieved a modest record, although it was only defeated by the controversial 1981 Springboks in the final minutes—to show his disapproval of the South African government's apartheid policy, he refused to attend post-match functions. After moving north he enjoyed considerable success coaching Wellington provincial school teams, and was appointed coaching director for the NZ Rugby Union from 1988–95, where he developed a full coaching

programme which was subsequently translated by the IRB into 10 languages, but again came into conflict with internal politicking which seemed to be endemic in NZ rugby circles. From 1996–2001, Lee became IRB development director, based in Ireland, and from 2001–2010 Oceania development manager based back in NZ. As Sir Bill Beaumont, Chairman of World Rugby stated in January after Lee's death; "Lee Smith was a high performance and coaching visionary making his mark on so many teams, unions, and rugby as a whole, and leading many long-standing initiatives such as a global coach education pathway, coaching qualification, development funding bands, and the law review process." As IRB development director Lee was responsible for the development of union and regional development grants focused on the technical advancement of rugby globally. His vision introduced a system which now sees £8 million (\$NZ 15.5 million) per year invested in grants for unions and regions. From 2001 as Oceania development manager Lee worked tirelessly with member unions there, providing technical support to Asia rugby, and the Korean RFU.

Lee wrote two books: *Rugby 101*, and the more autobiographical *Brought Up on the Flat* which blends the different phases of his life with reflections on the game's development. He was a visionary, hailed as a man of dignity and patience, motivated by seeing others improve and succeed. When he died, messages poured in from rugby superstars globally, and his funeral service was attended by former teaching colleagues, schoolmates, and the rugby fraternity in general, and was streamed world-wide: M. J. B. (Murray) Deaker (1958–62) providing a moving tribute. Later when more than 100 people gathered at his Orewa home, a van arrived, and from it came more than enough delicious Korean food to feed all present, and an accompanying card which simply read "We send this on behalf of the Korean Rugby Union which has had the benefit of learning rugby from Lee Smith, an outstanding teacher and true friend." Lee is survived by Noelene, his wife of 54 years, 4 children, and 12 grandchildren.

With retirements, injuries, and players moving both within NZ and overseas, coach Tom Donnelly was forced to name a larger training squad of 33 for the Otago NPC team. While some Super Rugby players have become available, many are young and lacking in experience. Covid-19 lockdowns have further exacerbated his problems, but N. (Nathan) Hastie (2016–20) has been selected as one of the halfbacks, and G. (Giovanni) Leituala (2017–19) as a midfielder.

Despite Scott Robertson winning yet another Super Rugby with the Crusaders (his fifth!), not everybody believes that he is necessarily what the All Blacks need in their coaching mix. Gregor Paul, an esteemed rugby writer, while acknowledging Robertson's record, believes that T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) was the real coaching superstar: with easily the weakest squad in the competition they had defeated the Crusaders, Blues, and Chiefs with performances that were "ridiculously brave, dynamic, and innovative." He further claimed that there was "much of a muchness in Super Rugby Aotearoa this year, a predictable pattern from which four of the teams operated ... then there was the Highlanders dancing to a different beat." Former All Black coach Wayne Smith concurred with this halfway through the season when he said that "much of the rugby felt robotic, with the exception of the Highlanders" Smith felt that Tony "had a plan that was different to everyone else's, and that somehow he enabled the bulk of his squad to play at, or close to the peak of their ability. "The writer would

agree with these opinions, feels that the players enjoy playing in this atmosphere no matter who their opponents are, and that Tony is never sucked in by pre-match comments from the opposition coaches, as the victory over the British and Irish Lions demonstrated.

J. M. (Jason) Macdonald (1995–98) has returned to Dunedin after four years coaching in Japan. Once again he coached the Taieri team to victory in the local club competition, and at the ripe old age of 40, he has enrolled at the College of Education to train as a schoolteacher.

## Administration

### Communications

1. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: [djmosgiel@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:djmosgiel@gmail.com)

### Subscriptions

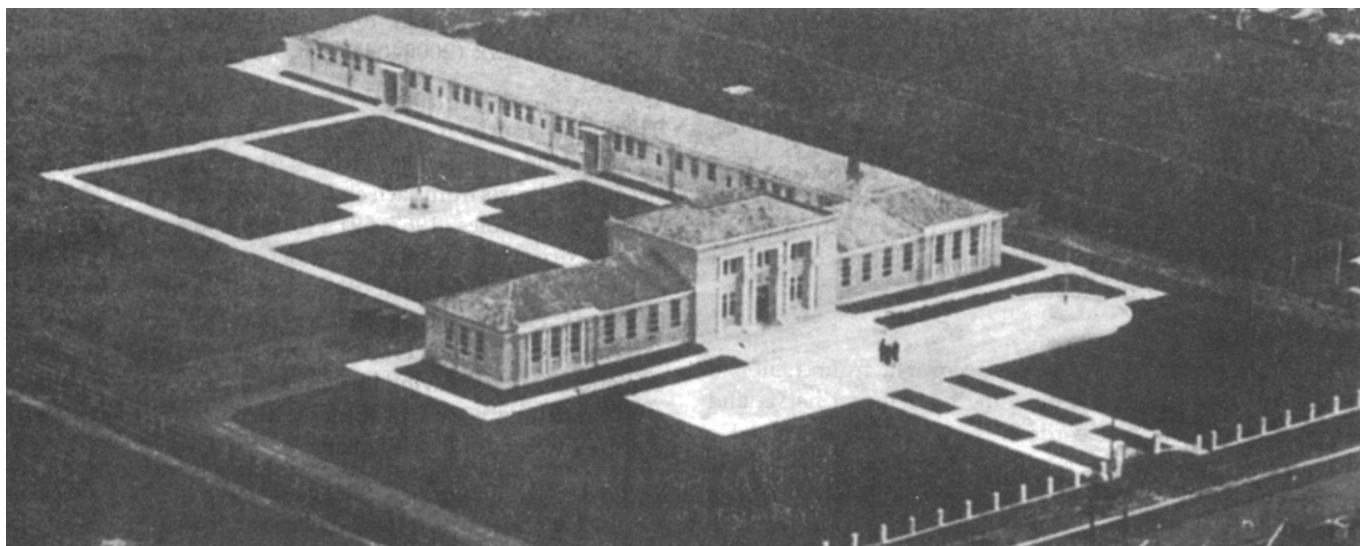
The year is heading towards the 31st December which is the end of our financial year.

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.*

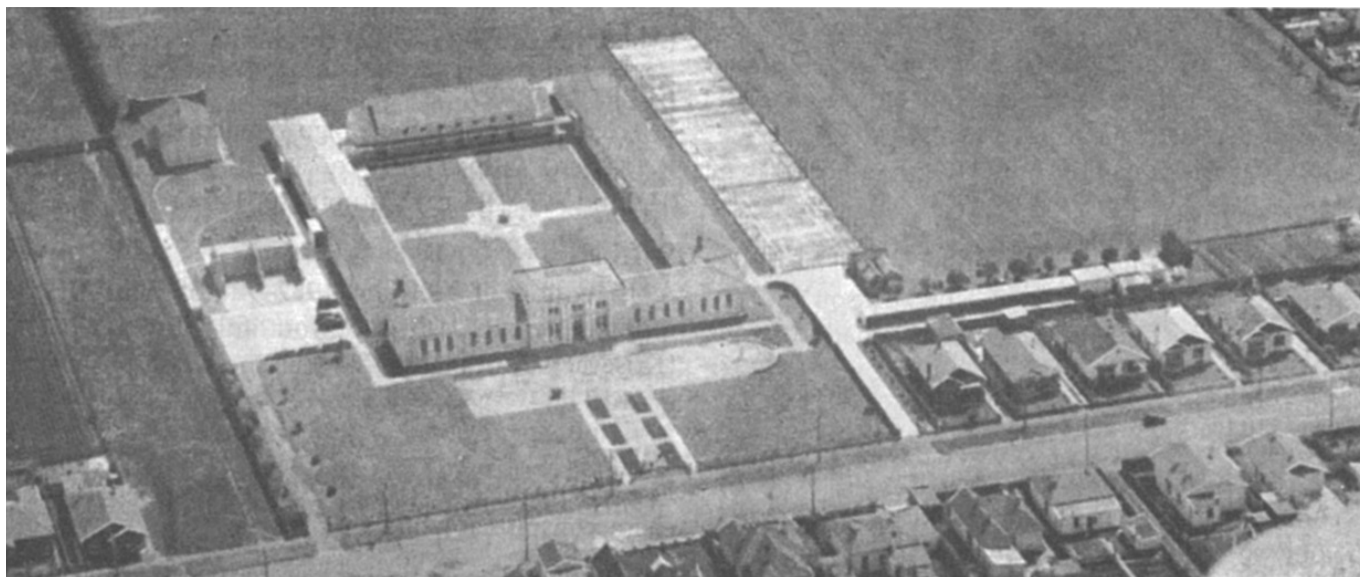
### Website and Facebook

Our Website is: <http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz>  
and the Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys](http://www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys)

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King's High School 1936.



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