



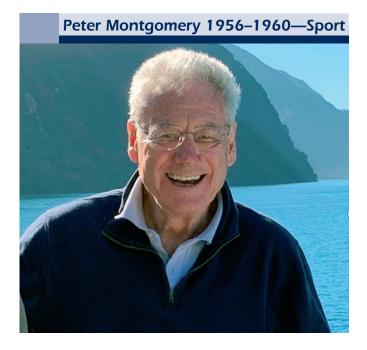
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Above two of the five inducted into the 2022 Wall of Fame, sports journalist plus face and voice for 40 years of the NZ America's Cup Yachting, Peter Montgomery (left) and Ross Black Otago Rescue Helicopter founder and business man.

The other three were Ken Graham who performed NZ's first heart transplant, Brendon McCullum NZ Black Caps legend



and current England Cricket Team Coach and Anthony Simpson New Zealand Ambassador to Italy.

On the 29th July the two who attended spoke to the School, whilst the others who were unable to attend provided a message for students through the Rector, or clip/messages.

Citations of the five are as follows:

Peter attended College Street Primary School, Caversham Primary School and Macandrew Intermediate before attending King's High School. When his parents moved to Belleknowes, Peter was faced with the dilemma of which High School to attend—King's or Otago Boys'. He was adamant that he wanted to go to King's, and so he did. Peter has remained a proud Kingsman ever since, and although a long-time resident in Auckland, Dunedin is never far from his mind.

Peter's feat in establishing a record for the 200m (a blistering time of 23.26 sec) in 1960 is part of King's folklore. Of note, fellow "Wall of Famer" Erik Olssen ran second in the race. The record stood until 2015 when it was finally broken by Rory O'Neill. Peter promptly rang Rory to congratulate him on breaking the record.

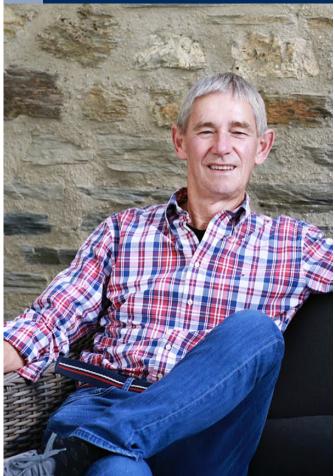
On leaving school, Peter embarked on his career in sports broadcasting through the influence of fellow Kingsman Bill McCarthy, who was already established in the profession. Peter was side line comments man, and Bill the main match commentator for the first live TV Rugby test match—the New Zealand v Australia game in 1972. There was a void in yachting commentary at the time, and Pete stepped into that, while maintaining his involvement with other sports. Although best known for his television yachting commentary, he is respected amongst his fellow journalists as a true professional, covering sports as diverse as rugby, rowing, and swimming, on both television and radio. His career has taken him to all parts of the globe covering, 2 Commonwealth games, 13 Americas Cup racing, 13 Whitbread-Volvo around the world racing competitions and 10 Olympic games.

His career took off in the mid-1980's when New Zealand became competitive, and then dominant, in the Americas Cup. Rightfully crowned as "The Voice of the America's cup" his commentary has allowed everyday New Zealanders to understand the Americas cup, the people involved, the tactics employed and the crew functions. His commentating expertise, and the technological improvements in presenting the racing on television, has elevated Americas Cup racing to the top of Kiwi sporting interests.

Pete's commentary in the ensuing 40 years of Americas Cup racing has become part of the fabric of New Zealand and no doubt the international yacht racing world. His "The America's Cup, is now, New Zealand Cup" is immortal! Every Kiwi of a certain generation knows exactly what he was talking about and its context.

Peter has been heavily involved in a number of charitable organisations over the years including the Prostate Cancer Foundation, and the Blind Sailing New Zealand organisation. Peter's contribution has been recognised with numerous broadcasting awards, being awarded an MBE (Member of the British Empire) in the Queens Birthdays Honours List of 1995, and his admission to the Americas Cup Wall of Fame in 2021.





Ross enjoyed his five years at King's and was appointed as a prefect during his final year, before leaving school to pursue a business career. Four years later, while maintaining his full-time employment, he enrolled at the University of Otago to study commerce part-time. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing in 1975.

His business career may conveniently be described as one of two halves. He spent the first twenty-five years initially gaining sales and manufacturing experience. In 1977, Ross co-founded Sunshine Leisure Products which manufactured and marketed camping and outdoor leisure products across New Zealand and Australia. As Sunshine expanded, it acquired the business of The Great Outdoors Coy, Hallmark and Fairy Down. Sunshine was subsequently sold to Dunedin public company, Donaghys Ltd, in 1990

During the second twenty-four years, Ross pursued a career as a professional company director—serving as Chairman of Farra Engineering for 26 years, a Director of Port Otago for 21 years, a Director of the Canterbury District Health Board for 5 years, Chairman of the Otago District Health Board for 3.5 years, Chairman of Timberlands West Coast for 7 years and the first non-farmer Director of the Southland Dairy Cooperative for 6 years and as a director of a number of other companies.

In 1998, Ross founded the Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust to provide dedicated, intensive care rescue helicopter services across the lower half of the South Island and served as Founding Chairman for 22 years. He spearheaded a \$3.5m funding drive to provide the emergency medical equipment in the helicopter, build the helipad on Dunedin Hospital and establish the service. During his chairmanship the Otago Rescue Helicopter transported more than 9500 patients involved in workplace, sporting and vehicle accidents, sea or land rescues, and transfers between hospitals.

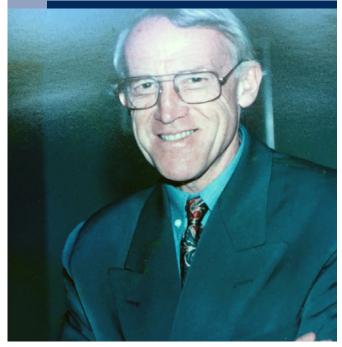
He was instrumental in obtaining a significant amount of donated professional services which support the day-to-day operations of the service as well as innovating equipment upgrades such as night-vision goggles, advanced navigation and GPS routes that enabled safer missions in inclement conditions. The Otago Rescue Helicopter service now operates 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 also 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 whilst gifting \$10 million for equipment, training, research, and community projects.

Ross was awarded an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for Services to Health in the Queen's Birthday Honour's List of 2021. 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.

In recognition of his services to the business community, Ross was elected a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Directors and Fellow of the NZ Institute of Management. He is now retired and living in Wanaka.

Ken Graham 1950–1955—Humanities



Ken grew up on an 80-acre North Taieri farm, where his father produced potatoes, grain crops and sheep and cattle livestock. He attended the nearby two teacher Wylies Crossing Primary School which had a roll of some 50 pupils. He was a member of a class of five with a wonderful teacher who had high aspirations for them all. In 1950 he was duly enrolled in Form 3L at King's High School—the top academic class.

Getting to King's required Ken to leave home by 7.50am, cycle the 5km to Mosgiel Railway Station, catch the commuter train to Dunedin and walk nearly the length of Surrey Street from the Caversham Railway Station and across Tonga Park to school. During the following decade, Ken, his younger brother Fred and two first cousins each attended King's. During this time his eldest sister married a former King's pupil and through their Finnie children and Finnie and Howie grandchildren, the Graham family has maintained a more than 60-year association with the school.

While at King's Ken was a cornetist in the school's brass band each year. In 1954 he won the cup for the best sergeant in the school's A Company cadet corps and in 1955 was appointed Head Prefect and RSM (Regimental Sergeant-Major) of the school's cadet corps.

Ken moved on to the University of Otago, where he studied for his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, graduating in 1962. From then until 1967 he served as a registrar in both Nelson and Dunedin, before heading north to become a cardio-thoracic registrar at Green Lane Hospital in Auckland, where being left-handed in surgeries designed to cater for the great majority of right-handed surgeons, caused him a few difficulties.

In 1970 Ken was awarded an American Public Health Fellowship and he and his young family moved to Portland, Oregon for Ken to work under the well-known surgeon Albert Starr for 18 months. He returned to Green Lane in 1972 as a Consultant Cardiac Surgeon. Ken rose steadily in responsibility through the years and in December 1987 led the surgical team which performed the first New Zealand heart transplant. Typically modest in his achievements, he admitted privately that technically replacing an unhealthy heart with a healthy transplant was no bigger deal than replacing a car engine; it was surgery with an unhealthy heart that was much more problematic.

Ken retired as a heart surgeon in 2005 and he returned to his family's farming roots when he and his wife Patricia purchased a one-hundred-acre property on the Bombay hills on which to run cattle and some sheep. On about 5 acres of sunfacing slopes they planted grapes of Italian varieties and they marketed the wine under the Hitchen Road label.

Ken also resumed his cycling and after the pruning of their boutique vineyard had been completed and arrangements made to feed cattle, they headed to Europe where they toured extensively by cycling, notably an epic ride from London to Rome. They also cycled in the UK, France, and the Iberian Peninsula.

The relentless spread of Auckland into rural areas has meant they sold their property to a developer and retired to a rural area above Pokeno, although they still own a small property some 15km distant on which they run cattle.

Brendon McCullum 1995–1999—Sport



Brendon played 1st XI Cricket and 1st XV Rugby. He was awarded the Salter Trophy in 1999 as our top sportsman. In 1999 he was also Joint Head Prefect, showing the extent of his leadership qualities.

Brendon attended King's as did his brother Nathan and father Stu, having come from St Clair Primary School and Macandrew Intermediate. He grew up on nearby Waterloo Street.

The McCullum and Rutherford families form an incredibly strong part of the cricketing tradition at King's and have made massive contributions to King's, Otago and New Zealand cricket. That tradition reinforced the foundations laid by other cricketing Kingsmen such as Warren Lees, Warren Shirley, and Ross Murray. Stu McCullum played first class cricket for Otago and Nathan McCullum played with distinction for both Otago and New Zealand.

Brendon's sporting abilities were evident from a young age. He represented the First XI Cricket team from 1996 to 1999 under

the tutelage of John Cushen (Deputy Rector and father of current staff member Simon Cushen). Furthermore, as a gifted rugby player, Brendon had the distinction of relegating future All Black Dan Carter to the reserves bench – when selected in the South Island Secondary School rugby team in 2000 ahead of Carter.

There is simply not room to give a fitting summary of his career here, but it is no exaggeration to say that Brendon went on to become one of New Zealand's finest cricketers (first as a keeper/batsman, then as a batsman in his own right) in all formats of the game.

Brendon's career was not without controversy. Brendon stood up for the values for cricket in a match fixing allegation involving international players, from 2011 to 2013. Brendon faced these challenges with a straight bat and soon silenced his critics with his deed on the field. He was promoted to the Black Caps Captaincy by coach Mike Hesson in 2012 and took over from Ross Taylor.

The New Zealand Team enjoyed considerable success under the McCullum-Hesson era, and it laid the foundation for the recent successes under Kane Williamson and Gary Stead.

Brendon's most notable cricketing achievements for New Zealand include:

- He became the first New Zealander to score a triple hundred in a Test—302 runs against India on 18 February 2014
- In 2014, he became the first New Zealander to score 1000 test runs in a calendar year (1164). (The record was bettered by Kane Williamson with 1172 runs in 2015).
- He was awarded the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal for his performances in the 2014-2015 season
- Brendon was awarded an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for Services to Cricket in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours list
- He won the New Zealand Sportsman of The Year Award in 2014, and then the Sport New Zealand Leadership Award in 2016
- In his last Test outing on 20 February 2016, McCullum posted the fastest ever Test century, in 54 balls, (beating the 56-ball record previously held by Vivian Richards of the West Indies), scoring a total of 145 off 79 balls.
- In June 2016, just a few months after his retirement from international cricket, Brendon was honoured with an invitation to deliver the prestigious MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdrey Lecture. He became only the second New Zealand player ever to be invited to deliver the Cowdrey lecture, the other being the late Martin Crowe.

Brendon went on to become a much sought-after commentator and has made a rapid rise with coaching. His recent promotion to the England head coaching role in May 2022 has yielded instant results (to the detriment of New Zealand) and a change of approach by the England team that would have taken many cricketing traditionalists by surprise.

Throughout his cricketing success, Brendon has never lost sight of his roots and continues to sponsor the King's Year 9 Cricket Sporting Scholarship.

When, on scoring his triple century in 2014 he was asked by the commentator for some illuminating thoughts and innermost feelings about the feat, he answered simply "No mate, I'm a bogan from South D".

When back in New Zealand Brendon resides in Matamata where he can more easily pursue his horse racing interests.

Anthony Simpson 1988–1992—Humanities



Anthony Simpson had a distinguished career at King's High School and was particularly strong in the academic, debating and performing arts areas. He won the coveted Bremner Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and was awarded a blue for Drama, having had the lead roles in Oliver and The Pirates of Penzance.

In his final year at school Anthony was a School Prefect, School Dux, winner of the English, History, Classical Studies and Art History prizes, the school representative in the mini–United Nations Assembly, the school council secretary and a member of the workday committee, the formal committee, and the common room committee.

On leaving King's Anthony spent from 1993 to 1998 studying at the University of Otago. He graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts with Double Honours Degrees in English and Political Studies. He continued his study from 2008 to 2009 when he completed an Executive Master of Public Administration degree with the School of Government at Victoria University.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2000 and has remained there since, in a variety of roles in the areas of trade and economic policy, international security, regional integration, and multilateral diplomacy. These include:

- Policy Officer in the United Nations and Commonwealth Division.
- Second Secretary (Trade) at NZ Embassy in Tokyo (including two years Japanese language training).
- Senior Policy Officer, Economic Division, covering APEC issues.
- First Secretary, NZ Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, with a particular focus on NZ's campaign for a seat on the UN Security Council.
- From 2015 he spent two years leading the New Zealand's capital-based team coordinating New Zealand's policies and positions during its term as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.
- He then spent two years as the deputy head of the Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade responsible for New Zealand's relations with Europe, contributing to New Zealand's response to Brexit and its lobbying for an FTA with the European Union.

In May 2019 he was appointed as New Zealand's Ambassador to the Italian Republic, which also involves service as the nonresident Ambassador to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

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Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, and Serbia.

He is also the Permanent Representative to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

President's Report

My fellow Kingsmen,

This will be the last *Kingsmen* of the year, and I wanted extend best wishes for the Christmas season to you and your families. As we look back on the year, the memories of the floods in Tasman/Nelson region fade, the traumatic All Blacks series loss to Ireland still burns, and the effect of the pandemic seem to lessen.

We have enjoyed watching the lambs bouncing about the country side and the flash of colour from the daffodils. Do we dare hope for a summer that approaches something like normal?

All in all, Dunedin has fared pretty well.

I want to take time to recognise the outstanding contribution to this publication by Bob Glass and Hugh Kidd. For decades they have tirelessly put together a newsletter that has kept us abreast of developments amongst our number.

I have finally (I think) managed to convince them to take a well earned rest.

As a committee we have discussed the future of the newsletter and resolved to continue it.

The process will be that we will be encouraging people to contribute articles of interest to our social media sites, and three times a year we will take the best articles from there and prepare the newsletter from that. So all you Kingsmen that may have a journalistic gene or two rattling around your body, go to it! Even in these electronic times, there is still something about sitting down with a cup of coffee and reading *The Kingsmen* Newsletter.

To recognise the contribution of Bob and Hugh, they are being the subject of the first Legacy Scholarship that we have put in place. A senior student at King's, Massimo Pezuto is interviewing Bob and Hugh and recording their recollections of life at King's in the 1940's and 50's, Massimo is of Italian descent and is one of the top history students at King's. The scholarship is for \$500 and we look forward to receiving the fruits of his labours. We intend to make this an annual scholarship in the future.

Coming events include the **Christmas Luncheon—Mitchells Tavern on Wednesday 7th December at 12 noon**, and The Kingsmen Community Clean Up on Sunday 20th November, and Christmas Beersies on Monday 19th December—so mark these dates on your calendar now.

The Kingsmen Community Clean Up is a new venture where we will look to raise funds for a worthy cause by sponsorship. Kings pupils and Kingsmen will work together to clean up the beaches, and other locations that could do with a bit of love and attention. You will hear plenty more about this in the weeks to come, but if you are able to give up a Sunday afternoon for the good of the School, and the Community please do so.

Well that's enough from me for now. I hope you enjoy your Newsletter—have a great Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Regards,

Chris George President

Administration

Subscriptions

The 31st December is the end of the financial year and the vast majority of subscriptions are paid. However there are some for 2022 and before, which are outstanding and members are asked to forward their payment as soon as possible. Payments may be forwarded by direct credit to our bank (BNZ George Street) 02-0900-0062936-00 clearly stating your name, or forwarded to PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054. There is also a facility through the Association's website to pay subscriptions and donations. Those members in default have been contacted either by email or by an enclosed statement with this edition of the Kingsmen.

Communications

With Association and ex-pupil matters our official email is: djmosgiel@gmail.com and our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054.

Website and Facebook

Our Website is: http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz and the facebook page:

www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys

Activities Around the Country

 The Annual Meeting for the year ended 31st December 2021 was held on the 14th April 2022. Below is a summary of the meeting, which was preceded by the usual social gathering and followed by a speaker.

President Chris

- A. Acknowledged the efforts of retiring Committee member, Rhondda Martin with a floral tribute. Bryan Frost also stood down from the committee.
- B. Presented Mack Stephens with a commemorative cap in recognition of his many years service to the Association.
- C. Spoke of the desire to get the membership of the Association up to 1,000.
- D. Put the proposal to amend the name of the Association to *The Kingsmen* with "The Association of King's High School Old Boys" added as a sub heading. This was passed by the meeting, but will require some fine tuning to gain acceptance under the Incorporated Societies Act, which was under review at the time by the Government.



Associate and Committee member receiving flowers.



Mack Stephens (1952–56) having received cap.

The Rector, Nick McIvor, addressed the meeting.

- A. The intake for 2022 was 205 boys.
- B. Our Scholarship candidate in 2021 was ranked 1st in Otago, 3rd in the South Island, behind Burnside High School and Christ College students and in the top 10 in New Zealand.
- C. The school has been doing very well in debating and in the Shakespeare performance competition. The boys excel in fight scenes.
- D. The small gymnasium is being converted into a High Performance Centre and the large gym is being seriously upgraded. Our new hockey turf has made it possible for the Senior Men's National Tournament to be held in Dunedin. The School should gain some major publicity from this event.

Our Webmaster, John Barr reported on the Facebook Page and the Website. "I try to keep a mix of profiles of successful old boys and important School events. These include boys who were School Dux, Head Boys and other boys we should consider special. All the profiles posted have been well received. Four have received over 1000 views and others between 4 and 8 hundred views."

The Websites recent additions include the 2021 group photos, sports team photos and results, cultural activities,

staff, prefects, the School Dux, Head boys. The school's pupil and staff member's databases have been updated and several hard-to-find profiles from earlier years have been researched and added. "I will keep working on Head Boys and sporting personalities, Military personnel, and special Old Boys who have made the news. It would be a pity if these people are not given recognition before they vanish into history and become difficult to track down. Any suggestions or help in finding people would be appreciated." (Send to barrnone@xtra.co.nz) Statistics for the Website www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz Best day 362 Views June 14, 2021.

Best Month August 2021 2178 Unique visitors. We get over 1600 views per month on average.

All Black Paul Miller gave a very interesting address to the meeting detailing his rugby career, playing relationships with various teams, battle with cancer and successes with Māori apprentice training.

Office bearers elected or appointed are as follows:

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

Sub Committees

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

The School Anzac Service



The School Anzac Service was attended by the President of the Old Boys' Association, Chris George, and several other Old Boys' and guests.

The Guest Speaker was Miss Gabriella Hyndman, a Teacher from the School who delivered a fascinating speech about her grandmother's involvement in WWII and the role many women played in the War.

As has become tradition, Rector, Nick McIvor told the students the stories of three of the 15 former pupils, plus a staff member who lost their lives during WWII. Throughout

our students five years at King's, they will hear all 16 stories. During the service, 'Anzac wreaths' were laid and opportunity was provided the for each guest to lay a poppy next to the wreath as a way to remember. This was followed by the usual minutes silence, then a student, playing the 'Last Post' and the 'Reveille.'

Year 13 students were part of the service in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) all other students watched the service Livestream in their classrooms respecting and honouring all those men and women who sacrificed for our nation.

Annual Dinner

This was held at the Chisholm Park Golf Clubhouse on Friday 29th July. The date was slightly earlier than most years to coincide with the Wall of Fame presentations at the School.

The function was a success and well attended by just over 70 Kingsmen and their partners.

Last year the number attending was in the mid seventies, which seems to be the best we have been able to achieve. There were a good number from out of Dunedin.

Peter Montgomery was an entertaining guest speaker, and it was great to host Ross and Sue Black (Wall of Fame 2022). Unfortunately our other wall of famers this year, Brendan McCullum, Anthony Simpson and Ken Graham couldn't attend for various reasons but we'll get them along at some stage. It was fantastic to have Joe Anderson (Wall of Fame 2021) and family able to attend. Three generation of the Anderson Clan were represented at the dinner, and James (resplendent in Anderson tartan) gave a humorous speech reflecting on his father's career. Joe delivered the Gaelic grace before dinner was served—great stuff.





Brian Boomer (1956–60) from Christchurch

John Roche (1956–60) from Alexandra



Ric Mains (1957–61) of Dunedin Grant Hedges (1956–59) from Invercargill



Graeme Bezett (1962–64), David Laws (1962–64) both Dunedin



Allan Thomas (1956–60) from Christchurch Chris Herbert (1978–82) from Wellington



Hartley Meder (1960–64), Russell Wall (1959–64) both Dunedin

Annual King's of the Pride Day This was held on Saturday 30th July.

Guests of Honour were Otago Basketballer Josh Aitcheson (2012–2016), ex Black Cap and Coach Warren Lees (1965–1969) and Former International Cricketer Nathan McCullum (1994–1998).

On the same day there was the unveiling of the McCullum Family High Performance Cricket Centre.

Ex Black Cap and Coach Warren Lees spoke about the McCullum Family and the boys from 'South D' and Nathan McCullum carried out the unveiling on behalf of the McCullum Family.

Every year on KING'S OF THE PRIDE DAY a selection of King's most influential Old Boys and staff meet. They support all aspects of the King's Lions' Sport Programme and share an entrusted ownership for the vision of Lions' Sport Programme.



Natham McCullum & Warren Lees

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The School

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

Academic

The 2021 NCEA pass rates in Otago were still motivated, despite the struggles of schooling throughout the pandemic.

King's has maintained its high rating during those years.

OTAGO pupils are leading the country in NCEA achievement, the region having recorded the highest rates across all three levels last year.

Otago had the highest level 1 attainment rate among year 11s with 83%. The highest level 2 rate among year 12s with 85% and the highest level 3 rate among year 13s with 79%.

Nationally, the attainment rate was 69% for level 1 in year 11, 77% for level 2 in year 12 and 70% for level 3 in year 13s.

The School's results for 2022 in NZQA Scholarship, Cambridge International and NCEA should be available early next year.

Chemistry Olympiad

Once again our students are passionate about Science, presenting excellent results.

The Chemistry Olympiad is an international competition for which NZ sends a group of four chemists chosen from throughout the country. To be selected for the team, the hopefuls must first perform to a high level in the first selection test which will then qualify them for the training team.

Both **Reuben Blair and Cam Fraser** were selected for the team which is then put through more learning and testing before the final team selected to travel to Tianjin, China.

To reach the training team the students throughout NZ were tested on their Level 2 understanding and to be selected is no mean feat.



Distinction in Economics

The New Zealand Economics Competition is the most prestigious competition of its kind for secondary students.

Approximately 2,000 students from around 90 schools compete each year in an online multi-choice quiz that tests classroom theory and general knowledge of current economic issues.

Congratulations are in order for:

- Calan McDermott, who earned a High Distinction and was ranked 41st in his division, and 51st nationally
- **Russell Gin,** who earned a Distinction and was ranked 100th in his division
- Sasha Gaffikin, who earned a Distinction and was ranked 143rd in his division.

The competition is sponsored by the University of Auckland Business School, the Treasury, and the Kelliher Economics Foundation.



SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

The hot streak of three years in a row, winning the best 15 Minute Scene at the Otago Regionals continues.

On Thursday, the 31st March Otago Regional SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Festival was held in the King's High School Performing Arts Centre, where nine Dunedin secondary schools brought scenes to present and compete.

We were one of the lucky regions of New Zealand to actually hold a live event, rather than 'going digital,' although Covid complications meant the festival was not open to the public and extended friends/family like it normally is.

King's entered two pieces: *Hamlet* for the 15 Minute Category and *All's Well That Ends Well* for the 5 Minute Scene Category. The School won outstanding 15 Minute Scene *Hamlet*. There were strong showings from the other schools, and the day was an awesome success.

Over Queen's Birthday weekend, the Drama Shakespeare Group of ten students and two teachers flew up to Wellington to present our 15-minute excerpt from 'Hamlet' at the SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn National Shakespeare Festival.

This was a five-day trip filled with adventure and intrigue!

Awesome moments included:

- seeing two amazing shows, *Too Much Hair* at Bats Theatre and *Rope* at Gryphon Theatre
- attending awesome Acting Workshops at Wellington East Girls' College on Friday morning

- getting to explore Wellington and go shopping
- making awesome new friends with students from other schools across Aotearoa
- rehearsing our adjusted scene at a park on the Wellington waterfront on Saturday afternoon
- the thrill of performing in the Michael Fowler Centre to a crowd of about 800, and the amazing response afterwards. There was even a rumour the cast let a teacher perform as the missing fourth chorus member!

This year, the judges didn't warm to our scene, although the audience and collegial response was overwhelmingly positive. The team performed incredibly, and no one would have guessed there was a missing cast member on the day, not to mention the other hiccups.

Instrumental Music Scholarship for Emmanuel Keane Year 13 student Emmanuel Keane took out first place in the

2022 Instrumental Scholarship Competition winning a \$1,000 Scholarship towards music tuition costs.

Emmanuel prepared and presented the following two pieces on piano:

- 1. Polka in F by Smetana
- 2. Winsboro Cotton Mill Blues by Frederic Rzewski.

This Scholarship win follows Emmanuel's recent gaining of the demanding Trinity Fellowship Performance Diploma Examination. **Congratulations, well done, Emmanuel.**

Held in Marama Hall, at the University of Otago, the 2022 Instrumental Scholarship Competition is open to solo performers who are secondary school students from the Otago/Southland region, and who are students of teachers who are members of the Otago Branch of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers NZ.



King's wins the Regional Debating Tournament for the first time in 25 years

The King's 1 Team, made up of John Warman, Ben Hawke, and Cam Fraser represented the school in the 2022 Otago Regional Debating Competition.

16 teams competed across two days, with six preliminary rounds to determine the semi-finalists. After debating such diverse motions as "assuming it were possible, this house would allow you to trade in years of your life to enhance your skills, traits or appearance" and "consider a small nation with highly aggressive neighbours (for example, Ukraine, Taiwan) that can no longer rely on powerful allies for protection, this house prefers a world where that nation has nuclear weapons". King's emerged from the preliminary rounds undefeated on 6 wins and 1521.8 points.

Because of this initial performance, King's broke 1st to the semi-finals, facing Logan Park 1. They successfully negated the motion "this house would actively disincentivise the production of art that glorifies or establishes societal tolerance for acts that are considered morally reprehensible," winning the debate on a unanimous verdict from a panel of three judges.

Moving through to the final to face Otago Girls' 1, they affirmed the motion "given the technology to accurately measure and transfer happiness, this house would progressively tax and redistribute happiness." They were successful, with a panel of five judges unanimously awarding them the title of Regional Champions.

From this stellar performance, Cam Fraser was selected for the Otago Regional Team to compete at the New Zealand School's Debating Competition in late May 2022.

Ben Hawke was selected for the Gold Squad, and John Warman was selected for the Development Squad.

This is the first time King's has won the Regional Debating Tournament in 25 years and just the second time we have won in the competition's 34 year history.



Summer Sports Blue's in 2022

Four students received Silver for their New Zealand Representation:

Oscar Cameron Yr 13. Touch Blue & NZ Silver U16 Oram Gutsell Yr 13. Cricket Blue & NZ Silver NSS Maori XI Dylan Pledger Yr 12. Touch Blue & NZ Silver U16 Orland Tuhega-Vaitupu Yr 13. Touch Blue & NZ Silver U18

Summer Surfing

During a term break, four King's students participated in the South Island Championships, held over Easter weekend.

The South Coast Boardriders Association (SCBRA) Competition saw some great results from Lewis Murphy in the under 16 group who was placed first. In the under 18 group Lewis placed second.

Great surfing by Lewis Murphy, Karne Gabbott, Flynn Dewey.

Football

King's 1st XI won the Malcolm Cowie Football Tournament held in Papakura, Auckland, beating a variety of schools with strong footballing pedigree. After three days and five games of Football, King's finished top of its group with four wins and one draw. They won their Quarter Final against Takapuna Grammar School and then defending champs St Andrew's College in a Semi-Final clash.

The Final was played against Burnside High School, where Captain Max Davidson stepped up and with ice in his veins, shut out all the noise and pressure to calmly slot a penalty and put King's one nil up. The final few minutes of the game saw Burnside High School pile on the pressure, but just like they had all Tournament the King's lads defended their hearts out and refused to concede.

The moment when the full time whistle blew will be one that lives long in the memory for these young men, in particular for the eight Year 13 students who finish their careers at King's as champions.

- 7 wins, 1 draw
- 18 goals scored, 3 goals conceded
- 5 clean sheets
- Defence wins championships.

Rugby

Year 12 King's Dylan Pledger was the only Otago player named in the New Zealand Schools team for a quadrangular tournament played in Hamilton.

The halfback or first five becomes a dual national representative following his appearance in a NZ age group team in touch.

He is one of five South Islanders named in the squad.

King's are Winners at new National Sports Event



The photo shows pupils (from left) Alex McKean (16), Max Hodgins (15), Chay-Hong Rasmey-Suos (16) and Hunter Bowen (13).

Twenty-four teams were present at the competition from intermediate and high schools around New Zealand. They competed for a \$5,000 prize pool.

The grand final came down to a King's 1 vs King's 2 matchup, with King's 1, taking home the first prize of \$1,000 and King's 2, the runner up prize of \$800.

King's 1 Team-Ryan Hawker, Chay-Hong Rasmey-Suos and Max Hodgins

King's 2 Team—Alex McKean, Josh Leishman and Hunter Bowen

The tournament called the Southern Rocket Masters Open Competition is based on the fast-growing world of competitive video gaming. This international phenomenon with millions of fans and billions of dollars up for grabs—380 million people worldwide will watch eSports this year. Tournaments and other events can attract viewing crowds that rival most traditional professional sports outings. The League of Legends World Championship drew more than 80 million viewers.

E-sports will be a pilot event at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham with aspirations to becoming a full medal discipline at the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Three different esports titles will be up for grabs.

Welcome to the Covid-19 issue of the *Kingsmen*, the production of which has been hampered by two-thirds of the production team, Mark the printer, and Bob the editor, contracting the disease at different times. Hugh, a writer and researcher has also suffered from on-going health issues unrelated to the pandemic, and to the lockdown which as restricted access to the Hocken Collections.

Obituaries

K. (Karen) McGrath (Staff 1998–2020) died at Mosgiel

D. (Donna) Young (Staff 2020–21) died at Dunedin (?? 2021)

P. K. (Kelly) Gilchrist (1975–77) died at Timaru 12.3.22

J. D. (John) Bradley (1951–54) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 18.3.22

M. J. (Mike) Cleveland (1971–73) of Concord, died at Dunedin 23.3.22

B. J. (Brian) Nicholls (1959-61) died at Dunedin 27.3.22

R. G. (Graham) Skelton (1945–48) died at Dunedin 27.3.22

M. W. (Marty) Rowlands (1970–71) died at Dunedin 28.3.22

G. B. (Graham) Gosney (1950–55) died at Dunedin 15.4.22

H. J. (Herb) Ritchie (1951–54) died at Tauranga 20.4.22

R. R. (Dick) Domigan (1945–49) died at Dunedin 30.4.22

A. J. (Arthur) McCormick (1961) died at Dunedin 30.4.22

H. M. (Harry) Price (1956–60) died at Dalesford, Queenstown 9.5.22

N. E. (Noel) Still (1953–59 died at Dunedin 9.5.22

A. E. (Arthur) White (Staff 1985–?) died at Taieri Mouth 24.5.22

R. W. (Roger) Parsons (1961–62) died at Dunedin 5.6.22

C. A. (Colin) Wilson (1947–48) died at Henley 10.6.22

R. G. (Ron) Dodds (1952–55) died at Waterloo, Canada 11.6.22

R. (Bob) Bruce (1960-61) died at Dunedin 14.6.22

R. A. (Ross) Davey (1959–63) died at Wanaka 15.6.22

L. W. (Laurie) Kenworthy (1946–49) died at Christchurch 16.6.22

W. J. (Bill) Crawley (1946) died at Dunedin 17.6.22

S. W. A. (Stan) Ralston (1946) died at Wellington 26.6.22

G. A. (Graeme) Waugh (1963–64) died at Dunedin 27.6.22

D. J. (David) Stevenson (1957–60) died at Dunedin 30.6.22

B. D. (Brent) Davidson (1964–67) of Wanaka, died at Dunedin 4.7.22

J. A. (John) Ewart (1953–56) died at Mosgiel 10.7.22

H. S. (Herb) Parslow (1946–47) died at Dunedin 18.7.22

S. J. (Sean) Buis (2008–09) killed at Dunedin 24.7.22

D. E. (Derek) Hughes (1949–52) died at Rosewill, Sth Canterbury 22.7.22

S. D. (Shannon) Burns (1992–94) died at Dunedin 12.8.22M. D. (Martin) Finnie (1971–72) of Maheno, died 13.8.22

G. W. (Gordon) Spittle (1963–67) died at Auckland ?8.22

R. N. (Reginald) Booth (1961–63) of Wanaka, died at Orari, Sth Canterbury 22.8.22

M. M. ("Bill") McIndoe (1945–46) of Careys Bay, died at Dunedin 28.8.22

D. G. (Dave) Lattimer (1942–46) died at Oamaru 30.8.22

E. L. (Ted) Berney (1944–46) died at Dunedin 7.9.22

V. M. P. (Valentine) Guytonbeck (1966–71) died at Phuket, Thailand 15.9.22 E. A. ("Buster") Sinclair (1947–51) died at Alexandra 18.9.22

I. H. A. (Ian) Macandrew (1953–57) died at Auckland 28.9.22

W. E. (Bill) Traill (1942–46) died at Motueka 4.10.22

C. A. (Chris) Gould (1988–93) died at Sweden 6.10.22

R. A. (Alan) Reid (1960–62) of Abbotsford, died at Dunedin 6.10.22

M. R. (Mike) Oliphant (1961-64) died at Clyde 9.10.22

J. B. (Jim) Keene (1950–53) of Islington, died at Christchurch 11.10.22

R. (Rewi) Wong (1963–67) died at Zurich, Switzerland 11.10.22

B. S. (Brian) Hall (1948–52) of Wanaka, died at Clyde 22.10.22

This list of 47 names is greater than any previous list recorded in any previous issue of the *Kingsmen*. The reasons for this are unclear and may not necessarily have been caused by the pandemic.

Cultural Affairs

P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) had a glittering time at King's. In 1976 he was a member of the King's High School Orchestra and the First Hockey Eleven. He gained a school Blue in Hockey. At the end of the year prize going, he received a General Excellence Prize in English, Geography, Music and History and was awarded the Form 7 Geography Prize.

On leaving King's Peter attended the University of Otago. In 1978 he won the Dunedin Musical Society Prize for best music student, in 1979 he won the Charles Begg prize for music at Otago University, and the Philip Neill Memorial prize for composition, an award open to students and graduates of any New Zealand University. He has been a member of the National Youth Orchestra for 1979 and in 1980, being the principal clarinettist, and was also selected as a singer for the National Youth Choir in 1980 and 1981.

In Dunedin he has been linked with the Dunedin Youth Orchestra for many years. First as a clarinet player and later as deputy conductor, and he also has been conductor of the Otago Polytechnic Orchestra. He has played clarinet in the Dunedin Civic Orchestra and has been an active soloist or player with many university chamber music groups, and a singer in the Southern Consort of Voices. The activities of the Dunedin Musical Society and the Globe Theatre have also been strongly supported by him over the years. In 1979 the New Zealand Chamber Music Federation gave him travel grants to receive advanced lessons from Keith Spragg, in Christchurch, and the University of Otago assisted him to travel regularly to Wellington for lessons from Mr Walter Hamer, a member of the New Zealand symphony Orchestra. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music with Honours in 1981, having demonstrated his musical talent in many areas—playing the clarinet, gaining the LRSM, LTCL and FTCL as well as conducting and composing.

In 1981 he was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to undertake post-graduate study in music at King's College, London. At King's College he graduated with a master's degree in music (MMus (Lond)), specialising in the theory and analysis of music.

Peter is a respected conductor, especially recognised for his work with young people in youth orchestras and summer schools, the NZ Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra and the NZ National Youth Brass Band. He has also made many professional appearances in Dunedin conducting the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra and St Kilda Brass. For ten years he was musical director of the City Choir Dunedin. Peter is a leading figure in the NZ brass band scene and as well as conducting, he regularly adjudicates at brass band contests and festivals. As a composer, performances of his works can be found on CDs, YouTube and Vimeo, and several works have had score and parts published.

Peter has written reviews, programme notes, given pre-concert talks and other community and schools' presentations.

In 1990 Peter started work at the University of Otago as a Junior Lecturer. He has progressed up the ranks over the years and is now Professor of Music and lead course adviser. For his recent Inaugural Professorial Lecture his topic was entitled "Why music matters to me, and why it should matter to you."

I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) has recently written, and published his 29th book featuring NZ history, biography, culture and society. Entitled *Shooting Folly as it Flies* it is the biography of NZ's first political cartoonist, James Brown, the Dunedin engraver and artist, and reproduces all of his surviving cartoons, many of which had not previously been published. They constitute what the book describes as "a rare visual record of, and a remarkable and enduring commentary on the factional and fickle world of settler politics in Dunedin and Otago in the 1850s and 1860s."

Playwriter J. V. (Hone) Kouka (1982–85) has written the script for *Ngarorirori* the first of a series of plays to test the development of the post-civid landscape.

R. J. A. (Russell) Tregonning (1953-62) was an outstanding pupil while at King's. On the sporting field he was progressively junior, intermediate, and senior athletics champion, while as captain of the 1962 1st XV, he led the team to the school's interschool whitewash, albeit by close margins in low-scoring matches. He was a prominent actor in the school's dramatic activities, and in his final year was both head prefect, and Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of the school cadet corps. He then left to attend the University of Otago (O.U.), where before his recent retirement, he became one of NZ's leading orthopaedic surgeons. He helped to introduce pioneering methods of knee surgery into a resistant medical establishment, was a Senior Clinical Lecturer at the Otago School of Medicine, in Wellington, an orthopaedic surgeon at Wellington Hospital and President of the New Zealand Orthopaedics Association. In his recently published autobiography entitled Blood and Bone: Revelations of an Orthopaedic Surgeon Russell looks over his career, from his early days as a student at Otago Medical School when unmarried male and female students were still warned against flatting together, to his overseas training in London and Toronto where he learned pioneering techniques of keyhole surgery, but also became overwhelmed by the demands of the job and was institutionalised for a short time with a breakdown—an incident that would later affect his job prospects back in New Zealand. He describes the bullying and sexism which is endemic in the medical system: in one chapter he interviews several of his female colleagues about the sexism they have encountered whilst trying to pursue a career in medicine.

Russell also describes the techniques and skills involved in orthopaedic surgery, the almost medieval brutality of it: *There's a piercing whine from the power tools as we cut the bone. The expression "dry as a bone" refers only to the dead. The bone of a living person is full of blood and fatty marrow. We stir up a cloud of bone dust, blood, and marrow droplets that threatens to* coat our glasses and visors. My assistant adds to the cacophony with a loud gurgling noise as a sucker vacuums away the smoke of burning bone and bits of bone and body juices flying into the air.

Errors are inevitable in a long career in surgery and Russell revisits some of the most traumatic and unfortunate ones, the guilt and pain that accompanies them still acute after thirty years. Other incidents with less serious outcomes include a knee reconstruction on well-known rugby commentator Grant Nisbett, who still walks around with a steel guide rod in his knee that was inadvertently left there at the end of his operation. The rod came to be nicknamed "the Nisbo" so that it would always be checked for by name at the end of surgery, before closing-up.

Since retiring as a surgeon Russell has pursued an environmental agenda, as a trustee of The Great Harbour Way Coalition, executive member of Waterfront Watch, supporter of Buy Back The Bay: Shelly Bay For All, a founding member of FIT Wellington: Advocating for all-electric public transport for Wellington, executive member of OraTaiao: NZ medical professionals calling for fast and fair climate action, and involvement in several other organisations. Russell has exchanged the intensity and drama of surgery for the political processes of trying to preserve and improve the environment, a task in its way as complex and demanding.

The book, published by Atuanui Press, was launched at Unity Books Wellington on the 20th October: priced at \$40 and is highly recommended by many leading authoritative critics. It should appeal to his former schoolmates, and classmates at O.U.



In the recent UK Jubilee Honours List P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher (1945–49) was appointed OBE (Order of the British Empire) "for services to Peace, Human Rights, Reconciliation and the Church." This is a rear honour, especially for somebody who is no longer a UK resident. Since leaving school, Paul has been a lifetime peace activist, a vice-president of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, a former Chairman of Amnesty International UK, and from 1985–97 was Canon Residentiary and Director of the International Centre for Reconciliation at Coventry cathedral which had been destroyed during a German bombing raid in World War 2. Among other humanitarian activities, Paul facilitated the release from an East German Stasi prison of Wellington-born Barbara Einhorn, whom he subsequently married sometime after the death of his first wife, Lore, in 2000: Barbara is currently Adjunct Professor of Victoria University of Wellington's Stout Centre in Wellington where they currently reside.

Paul was inducted on to the King's Wall of Fame under the humanities category when the Wall was established is 2010. At present, the junior leadership awards at King's are honoured by his name.



In the latest Queen's Birthday List, successful and long-time businessman, J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58) was rewarded with Membership of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to sport and recreation. The second of four siblings, he attended King's as a train boy from Green Island. On leaving school, John trained with a local firm to be a jeweller and watchmaker before setting up his own shop which he incorporated in 1979 to become J. T. Bezett Jewellers and Watchmakers Ltd. He was elected to the DCC in 1986 and remained as a councillor until 2016, famously portraying himself as "someone with basic commonsense, no-nonsense, I mean there's no bullshit with me." Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, he was involved in the upgrading of the Toitu Otago Settlers Museum, the Dunedin Town Hall, and the Dunedin Centre. He worked to modernise the city's water and waste water systems, and in the construction of the Forsyth Barr Stadium, advocated for the St Clair sea wall reconstruction and the upgrading of the saltwater pool and was instrumental in persuading basketball and other sports using the Dunedin Stadium to relocate to the Edgar Centre so that ice-sports could takeover the Stadium.

In 1993, John became Chairman of the NZ Masters Games a year after it was launched, and only stepped down from this role in 2021. The Games, which are NZ's largest sporting event are held annually but shared biennially between Dunedin and Whanganui, attract some 50,000 competitors (including John himself!) has been estimated to inject up to \$5 million into the economy of the venue each year. In 2014, John received Life Membership for his contribution to the organisation. He has led several tour groups on overseas trips, and was a member of the King's Board of Governors from 1985, and of its successor the Board of Trustees until 1995.

Sporting Triumphs

M. A. (MacKenzie) Haugh (2009–2013) has enjoyed a versatile and successful year. He was a member of the Southern premier team which rather unexpectedly defeated previously unbeaten Taieri to win the Dunedin club rugby championship. He was also a member of the Bush Pigs team which retained its NZ title, and is currently a member of the Otago Whalers rugby league team which is making good progress to retain the South Island title which it won last year—H. J. (Hagan) Free (2007– 10) is also a member of the team.

Cricket

At the recent AGM of the Otago Cricket Association, B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) was awarded life membership. His brother N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994– 98) was appointed to the Board of Control.

Cycling

J. E. (Justin) Stott (1988–92), a promising NZ Junior representative took a longer than usual so-called "sporting sabbatical" and only returned tot he sport a few years ago at the master's level. Earlier this year he became World Champion in his particular age group. Justin is also the entrepreneur who is currently renovating/replacing office/retail space in South Dunedin.

Hockey

After 114 years, Otago is at last NZ National Champion. Coached by D. E. (Dave) Ross (Staff 1985–) the team may have included some star players; this year's players combined as a team. Eight members represented King's in the past few years:

E. Buschl (2016–20), M. Buschl (2013–17), Z. Mason (2013– 17), J. Nicholson (2016–20), D. Thomas (2012–16), J. Ward (2012–16), F. Ward (2014–18), P. Ward (2017–21).

Hockey New Zealand has named Ezekiel Buschl, James Nicholson and Patrick Ward to a Junior Blacks Sticks under 21 programme camp.

Rugby

R. N. (Rohan) Wingham (2016–20), has represented North Otago.

Bits and Pieces

From ODT Class Act-2012 King's High School representatives



B. L. (Ben) Johnson (2008-12)

2012: Captain of the school 1st XV and the Otago under-17 mixed touch rugby team, Johnson was tossing up between playing rugby in England or staying in Otago. Ultimately, he wanted to become a sports physiotherapist.

2022: Johnson is a physiotherapist for Balance Physio and Physio NZ in Christchurch, as well as for Christchurch Boys' High School and its 1st XV. He has physical education and physiotherapy degrees and after leaving school, spent a year in the UK, where he played club rugby.

To date, the Honourable G. M. (Grant) Robertson (1985–89) being Deputy Prime Minister has climbed further up the political tree than any previous Old Boy. Indeed in recent times when Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has been absent from the country, he has been Acting Prime Minister. It is not



S. R. (Shaun) Markham (2008–12)

2012: School dux and the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics shot put and discus champion, Markham, who has cerebral palsy, said his greatest challenge was getting people to accept him for who he was and see past his disability. He planned to study economics and law and hoped to own his own business.

2022: Markham completed a master of economics, with distinction, and is a senior economist at the Reserve Bank in Wellington. He has been a member of an athletics club since moving to the capital in 2019 and still competes in shot put and discus.

known whether any Old Boy has previously filled this role, the only possibility being perhaps the Honourable W. E. (Warren) Cooper (1947–48) who was a Cabinet Minister when the Prime Minister was Rob Muldoon, but this possibility is considered to be unlikely.

King's High School 1936

