

THE KINGSMEN

King's High School Old Boys Association



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Generations of Bezetts making a difference in their community



Graeme Bezett with grandson Billy and son Darren celebrating Green Island retaining the Bezett Memorial Trophy against Taieri at King's Birthday Weekend.

Every now and then, a family of Kingsmen makes a contribution to their local community or sporting club that stands out from the crowd.

That's the case of the Bezetts of Green Island. For at least five generations now, a number of the family have been stalwarts of the Green Island Rugby Club and contributed to the wider Dunedin business and civic community—and some have passed through King's along the way.

Firstly, some history: It all started with the late Ted Bezett, who was a Green Island club stalwart and local identity for many years through his butchery business. He had a healthy rivalry with another butcher "over the hill" in Mosgiel.

Whenever they met at Master Butcher conferences, they would discuss the progress of their respective clubs—Green Island and Taieri. Rugby, rather than sides of mutton, was top of their agenda.

In 1972, the Green Island seniors had just defeated Pirates at Tahuna Park, when Ted unfortunately collapsed and passed away at the ground shortly after the game. His family and community were devastated.

The following year, the Dunedin Master Butchers Association presented the Bezett Memorial Trophy in memory of Ted. It was to be played for annually between the Green Island and Taieri senior teams.

Ted started something of a legacy, with all seven of his sons being involved with the club, in addition to dozens of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

So there were plenty of Bezetts present to watch Green Island take out the "Battle of the Saddle" Bezett memorial match at King's Birthday this year, when Green Island celebrated its 140th reunion.

Kingsmen Graeme Bezett (King's 1962–64), his son Darren (1985–89) and grandson Billy (2019–23) were among the family members on hand to ensure the trophy was locked away for another summer.

No doubt, Ted would be more than a little happy with that result.

And a reasonably well-known club member and Kingsman named Ben Smith also made a popular appearance.

Basketball New Zealand's Kingsmen

Two of the seven Executive Board members of Basketball New Zealand are Kingsmen.

Rob Gold is the Chairman. He is a barrister and solicitor with a specialisation in employment law, currently working for a large government agency. He brings legal knowledge and business acumen along with a current knowledge and involvement of the game, from grassroots to high performance.

He served as a board member since May 2015.

Two of Robert's sons are playing at United States universities. Ben, who is 6 foot 11 inches tall, is at Marquette in Milwaukee. Sam is at Milligan in Tennessee. He is 6 foot 7 inches.

Ben has been selected for the New Zealand Tall Blacks and Sam plays for the Wellington Saints. Another brother, Thomas, has also played for the Wellington Saints.

Glen Denham is the second Kingsman on the Basketball New Zealand board. Glen has been in the education sector in both Britain and New Zealand and is currently the Headmaster of Wellington College.

He has solid education governance experience as both a Board of Trustees member and Principal reporting to the board.

Glen is a Basketball New Zealand alumnus; Tall Black 1984–1998, captaining the team 1988–1998. He has been an appointed Board Member at Wellington College since May 2022.

Editor's Note

We've got a bit of a sporting theme running through the mid-year edition of *The Kingsmen*, mixed in with some of our regular updates from the school and our Old Boys.

As always, we're keen to hear from you about what you would like to read in what is your newsletter. We're always looking at ways to sharpen things up.

Feel free to send in any items or photos you would like us to consider for publication, so they can be shared with your fellow Kingsmen.

The best way to reach us is to flick us an email: kingshsoba@gmail.com—look forward to hearing from you.

Craig Howie
EDITOR—*The Kingsmen*

Our 2024 Annual General Meeting

We gathered at the Waterloo Hotel in Dunedin on 24 April for the 2024 annual meeting.

The meeting started with a minute's silence to remember Old Boys who have passed away during the year—we noted 54 of these. However, there will be others living overseas or out of our immediate area that will be missed.

If you know of any overseas or others who have passed, please let John Barr know at: barnone1944@gmail.com

The accounts were presented and approved by the meeting. It was agreed that annual subscriptions remain at \$25.

John Barr reported on the website, the Facebook page and the newsletter. He also reported on the Old Boys' profiles that have been printed in the school's weekly newsletter the *Kings Week*.

The Kingsmen website was set up by John Barr in 2009. John Has been grateful to have had help from Wing Yee this year, as there is an ongoing flow of information and articles to upload to the site.

Doug Jackson suggested we need to start thinking about King's High's 90th reunion in 2026. There was general support for the idea. John Barr was appointed as chair for setting up and running the reunion.

The election of office bearers followed (see details in the President's note on the following page).

We were then presented with a lively and interesting talk by our guest speaker Kelvin Maker.



Committee Secretary Rose Johnston and President Chris George in action



Assistant Treasurer Doug Jackson delivers his financial report



Committee member Mack Stephens studies the agenda



Kelvin Maker, Mark Scott and Grant Howie at the AGM



KINGSMEN ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 26th July, 6pm

Book Now—\$60 Ticket (includes buffet dinner)
Venue: Chisholm Park Golf Club—Dunedin

It's time to get the gorse out of your pocket, dust off the number ones and get organised for the Kingsmen annual dinner. We had a great turnout last year, so book now so you don't miss out (seats are limited).

Let us know if you'd like your own table set aside. Partners are more than welcome.

Email your name to our Treasurer Doug Jackson. Payment can be made directly into our bank account below.

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Email: djmosgiel@gmail.com
to book your ticket

Football celebration

This year's dinner will be a celebration of football at King's. The guest speaker will be Kingsman Graham Marshall, the All Whites Captain in the 1990s. Marshy will be inducted onto the King's Wall of Fame this year, so it will be a great honour to have him attend the dinner along with some family members. All of Marshy's old schoolmates are encouraged to come along and have a beer together.

The 1974 King's First XI is holding a reunion and will attend the dinner as part of their weekend activities. These guys won the 1974 Fletcher Cup and were one of the best 1st XI's fielded by King's. Gareth Laws has been doing a sterling job organising the reunion with teammates travelling from all over the country to attend. If you'd like to make contact with Gareth about the reunion email: k.g.laws@xtra.co.nz

Football dream team competition

After the success of last year's rugby dream team, we've decided that this year we will do the same for football. It's time to put all your King's football knowledge to the test and select your best 1st XI of all time. Whoever is the closest to our guest selectors wins a Kingsmen prize pack (and bragging rights!). Our guest selectors are: Darren Munro (Convenor), Jim Muir (Graham Marshall's coach back in the 1980s), Gareth Laws, and Graeme Smail.

Email your entry to Darren Munro:
darren.munro@ajg.co.nz

Bay of Plenty Kingsmen—we need you

Jim Lawry attended King's High School from 1947 to 1949. Now living in Rotorua, he has been self-employed for over 50 years. Jim is eager to connect with fellow Old Boys in the Bay of Plenty to establish a new Kingsmen group in the region.

On leaving King's Jim joined the Army and he was commissioned in 1954. He joined the Fletcher Timber Company in Dunedin in 1958 and became a Chartered Accountant 1960.

Jim now lives in Rotorua where he has been self-employed for 52 years.

If you would like to join Jim for lunch in Rotorua, please contact him by email at: jimlawrynz@gmail.com or by phone or text on 07 562 5333.

A note from our President



My fellow Kingsmen,

I trust this finds you fit and well, and that you're keeping the winter blues at bay!

Things are swinging into gear for the annual dinner, so if you haven't already please book your seat as tickets are limited.

The tickets are \$60, the venue is the Chisholm Park Golf Club and it's on Friday 26 July 2024.

Football is the focus of this year's dinner, and the 1974 Fletcher Cup King's High First XI are having a reunion. Gareth Laws has done a great job organising the reunion, and we're looking forward to hearing all of the stories from back in the day.

Former All Whites captain Graham Marshall is being inducted to the Wall of Fame this year and he is our guest speaker/interviewee at the annual dinner.

The dream team competition to select the best King's XI is bound to generate some intense debate, and I strongly doubt there will ever be a consensus as to who should be in it!

Be in to win—we are donating a goody bag to the person who chooses or gets closest to choosing the dream team. The selection panel of Darrin Munro, Jim Muir, Graeme Smaill and Gareth Laws have accepted the challenge, so now it's up to us to try and match their selection.

In case you're wondering who is looking after *The Kingsmen* this year, the following committee was appointed at the recent annual meeting:

- President: Chris George
- Vice President: Grant Howie
- Assistant Treasurer: Doug Jackson
- Secretary: Rose Johnston
- Committee:
 - John Barr (social media portfolio assisted by Wing Yee)
 - Craig Howie (editor of *The Kingsmen*)
 - Mark Scott ■ Mack Stevens ■ Logan Wilson
 - Graeme Helm ■ Hugh Kidd

Glenn Dickson, in his new role as real estate agent with Bayleys, is sponsoring this edition of *The Kingsmen*. We wish Glenn all the best in his new career, and also to Rod Bannister taking over from Glenn as the Director of Sport at King's.

So enjoy the newsletter. Take care, hope to see you all at the annual dinner.

Cheers,

Chris George
President

Wall of Fame—five new inductees in 2024

This year the King's High School Wall of Fame's new inductees will be:

Alan Somerville (1952–1953)

Alan is skilled in all artistic mediums and is a master sculptor. He has obtained a countless number of awards and showed at many exhibitions. He is now based in Australia.

Geoffrey Thomas (1958–1962)

Geoff is a Chartered Fellow of Institute of Directors and more recently a Distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Directors'

(The highest accolade of the Institute). Geoff has governed many prominent Otago organisations and companies.

Graham Ian Marshall (1981–1985)

Graham made a wonderful contribution to King's High School football. He has played for a number of football clubs throughout New Zealand, as well as the Crystal Palace Reserves, and the New Zealand All Whites.

James Sneyd (1975–1979)

James was School Dux in 1979. On leaving King's, he studied mathematics at the University of Otago. He furthered his mathematical studies at New York University where he completed his doctorate. James is now Professor of Applied Mathematics at the University of Auckland.

Timothy Hazledine (1961–1965)

Tim was School Dux in 1965. He was educated at Otago and Canterbury Universities before enrolling at Warwick University (UK) in 1972 to study industrial organisation. He has taught at Otago, Warwick, Balliol College Oxford, Queen's University in Ontario and at the University of British Columbia. Tim was a Professor of Economics in the University of Auckland Business School.

A reminder: Subscriptions due now

All Kingsmen members should have recently received a \$25 invoice for their 2024 annual subscription, either by email or by post. A gentle reminder that this is now due for payment and a big thanks to those who have already paid.

Please double check your spam email, just in case it has ended up there.

Your subscription goes towards running the Old Boys' Association and towards supporting various aspects of the school such as end of year prizes, scholarships and donations for other projects or equipment.

There is a choice to pay for a Membership for Life—\$250 (members who are 60 years and over) or \$500 for members under 60.

The Association's bank account is: 02-0900-0062936-00.

We seem to have lost contact with the following members: *C M Burt (Canada), D Chris Reid, A E D Dowall and Roderick Cameron*. If you can help with their contact details, please contact Doug Jackson at djmosgiel@gmail.com

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We thank Glenn for his support and wish him all the best for the future.



Head Prefect Ted Menzies delivers reading



Crosses commemorate those on the King's roll of honour



Rector Nick McIvor & Chris George



Ben (Tuong) Nguyen



The school pays its respects



Raymond Graham

Lest we forget—Anzac Day marked at King's

The Anzac Day service at King's is a poignant occasion that bridges the gap between the school's past and present.

It provides a great opportunity for the Kingsmen to participate with the present-day staff and pupils from the school in this solemn event.

On stage for the ceremony were Kevin Weir (Dunedin RSA President and RNZAF Liaison Officer), Lox Kellas (Otago District RSA President), Karyn Fielding from the Ministry of Education, Barbara Agnew and Stephanie Ashton (Principal and Deputy Principal of Queen's High School respectively), and our King's Trustees members of the Old Boys Association (the Kingsmen).

Kingsmen attending were President Chris George, Doug Jackson, Huia Ockwell, Harold Browett, John Barr and Mack Stephens.

During the service, Head Prefect Ted Menzies and Deputy Head Prefects Hugh Jack and Paddy Tyrrell delivered readings, including excerpts from Ecclesiasticus, Pericles and Atatürk. A particularly moving part of the service was the reading of the names from the roll of honour by Ted Menzies.

Each year, one of the members of the King's Roll of Honour has their life presented to the school.

This year's guest speaker, Randal Scott, a King's teacher, presented the life of Raymond Edward Graham. Sergeant Ray Graham was an Air Gunner in 218 Squadron RAF Bomber Command.

At school, Ray was a very quiet, reserved boy with dark curly hair. He lived in Caversham and came to King's in 1936 after

one year at Otago Boys. He left at the end of 1936, to join the Post and Telegraph. He was killed, along with his Canadian pilot and five other crew, on his first operation on September 10, 1942. Of the 429 bombers attacked Dusseldorf, 38 were lost.

Ray's Stirling BF351/C was shot down over Holland at 11.40pm, by a night fighter, crashing at St Philipsland. All seven are buried at Bergen-op-Zoom, north of Antwerp. Ray was 21.

At the conclusion of the ceremony this year, those assembled moved outside to join the full school and face the quadrangle flagpole. Rector Nick McIvor and Chris George placed wreaths on the base of the flagpole.

Poppies were then placed alongside the wreaths.

A special acknowledgement goes to Year 10 pupil Ben (Tuong) Nguyen for his poignant playing of the Last Post and Reveille to the school. It was a fitting end to the occasion.

The Rector said: *"It's important that boys have this day as part of their values education, and also understand the threat of conflict is not diminished."*

The boys showed great respect for the occasion and the values it embodies. We came together to commemorate the Old Boys who served in World War Two and in conflicts after it. It's the local connection ... it becomes more real for the boys.

I hope pupils come to appreciate that the potential for more conflict and its terrible impact remains, unless we learn from the past."

Senior volleyball team seventh in NZ



The King's High School senior volleyball team returned from the New Zealand Secondary School championships in Palmerston North as the seventh ranked side in the country, after an outstanding week of top-level competition.

Head Coach Andy Campbell said the result is nothing short of exceptional considering the team was granted a wildcard exemption into division one just before the event, coming up against and competing with schools that had very well-resourced volleyball programmes.

Leading into the event, King's won the Otago regional championships convincingly, beating all Otago high school contenders 3-nil.

In the New Zealand champs playoff for seventh and eighth, they managed to get up and win their final game 3-2 over Takapuna Grammar.

After the tournament, a number of our volleyball players were selected to play for Otago at the interprovincial championships in Wellington. Well, done Luke Brinkley, Charlie Jackson, Finn Apii, Tom Severne, Lafa Tofiga, Harlen Whitfield, and Tevita Tu'i.

King's making more waves on the waves



Our surfers at King's have continued to hold up a long tradition of dominating competitions around New Zealand over the summer.

This year saw the South Island open men's title go to Flint Sherborne-France, who has

had a run of great results winning the Otago under 14 champs.

He later won the Duke Festival of Surfing under 14 contest in Christchurch, putting him into the top four for ranked surfers in New Zealand in the Grom Series.

Flint then gained second place in the South Island under 14 champs and a fifth equal in the under 16s at St Clair Beach. Congratulations Flint—you've been on fire lately.

Jack Higgins is 'Mr Consistent', as always, racking up the points on the Grom series and winning the under 14 Otago champs and a fourth place in the under 16s.

He placed a creditable seventh in the recent South Island under 16 champs and a fifth at the Duke in Christchurch.

Keo Morrison is the powerhouse of the bunch. He really comes alive when the surf gets over head height. He gained a fourth in both the under 16s and under 18s in the Otago Champs. He also gained fifth places in both the under 16s and under 18s at the South Island Champs.

Lewis Murphy followed up his fourth-place finish at last year's Scholastics Nationals with a fourth place in the under 16 South Island Champs. He continues to blow minds with his super-fast and dynamic style.

Year 9 Kalani Summerton is the next rising star for King's, placing third in the under 14s in the South Island champs. He also gained a third place in the Otago Champs and a fifth at the Duke at Christchurch.

King's enjoys more scholarship success



Back Row: John Warman, Ted Menzies, Alex MacDonald, Fletcher Hall, Ben Swain, Liam Thorne. Middle Row: Mr McPhail, Hugh Jack, Connor Gray, Samuel Mitchell, Trent Chalmers, Mr McIvor. Front Row: Lukas Ghidella, Jayden Burgess, Massimo Pezzuto, Paddy Tyrrell, Connor Knights.

In the 2023 New Zealand Qualifications Authority scholarship exams, 19 individual King's High students have attained a total of 30 scholarships across 14 different subject areas.

With 30 scholarship passes, King's again ranks as the top performing school in the region and one of the top performing boy's schools in the South Island.

While students change from year to year, the incredible work of our teaching and support staff remain consistent. They create an environment at King's that promotes the pursuit of academic excellence above all else.

Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival



The cast: Oberon—Ethan Towers; Titania—Chris Booyens; Puck—Ethan Shaw-Wood; Demetrius—Harvey Rawlings; Helena—Gregor Watts; Lysander—Declan Viljoen; and Hermia—Ben Downing.

This year over 5,500 students participated in the Shakespeare Festival and it was watched by more than 200,000 people. More than half the secondary schools in New Zealand are involved.

After an impressive round of auditions from around the school, a cast of seven actors was selected to rehearse Act 2, sc.1-2 of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The cast rehearsed two-three times a week.

There were seven schools from the region in our category. We were delighted to be selected on the day to represent Otago for the 15-minute category at the National Festival on King's Birthday weekend.

It was back to the future for King's when in the first Gilbert and Sullivan musicals were performed and boy sopranos played the ladies parts. This was also the case for our *A Midsummer Night's Dream* actors.



Christopher Darcy Read: Attended King's High School 1961–1966

Chris is an experienced and successful professional with a strong mix of tertiary training, governance, leadership, airport project, operational and readiness management. He operates through his company Airport Management Consultants Ltd (AMCL).

In his time at King's, Chris gained School Certificate, University Entrance and

Higher School Certificate. He was on the Organising Committee of the Camera Club.

On leaving King's Chris graduated with Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Otago. Later his education continued at Massey University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Aviation degree majoring in Airport Planning and Operations.

This led to a post grad Diploma in Aviation majoring in Airport Operational Management. He also holds a pilot's licence.

His career has spanned accountancy, ownership of a significant motor industry conglomerate and for 20 years' leadership of the dynamic and complex environment of Queenstown Airport—the fourth-largest and highest growth airport in New Zealand, along with two associated local aerodromes.

Chris has been very successful in his endeavours over the years. From 1970 until 1992, he was a chartered accountant and the principal and owner of a motor industry and financial group of companies.

Then from 1992 until 2012, he was the General Manager and Chief Executive of the Queenstown Airport Corporation. This led to him being the director of Airport Management Consultants Ltd (AMCL) from 2012 until 2024.

Currently, his role as an airport and aviation specialist in New Zealand and Australia includes project management, Civil Aviation Authority compliance, business evaluation, strategic and business planning, financial and capex budgets and training.

He also advises Human Resource companies on 'the right fit' for key aviation positions as well as evaluation of company staffing structure. He has given a wide range of advice to over 15 airports around New Zealand and internationally to several Pacific Islands, Bahrain, Mildura Airport (Australia) and also the NASA Columbia Scientific Balloon Mission Launch Programme at Wanaka airport.

Chris was a member of the New Zealand Institute of Accountants and was a Registered Chartered Accountant for 45 years. For 35 years, he was a member of the New Zealand Institute of Management. He is also an Associate Fellow of the Institute.

He is also a Life Member of the New Zealand Airports Association.

As a member of the Aviation Tourism and Travel Training Organisation, Chris was running Service IQ courses. These courses offer top of the line training in the Aviation, Travel, and Tourism sectors. He was a Registered National Standards Training Officer and Assessor for these courses, which produce well qualified, world-class service industry workers.



Tony Donald Allison: Attended King's High School 1990–1994

Tony was Head Prefect at King's in 1994. He played in the First Rugby Fifteen and was selected for the Otago Secondary Schools team.

On leaving King's, Tony studied at the University of Otago, graduating in 1999 with a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts.

In 1995, he started a four-year position working for Deloitte in Dunedin. He then spent three years working in London where his main role was finance director of a law firm comprising 75 partners and 500 lawyers.

On returning to Dunedin, Tony spent six years commuting to Milton to work for Calder Stewart, a job he described as "fantastic". He started as finance director and worked through to chief operating officer.

When the position of chief executive at Night 'n Day was created, it "made sense" to join his aunt and uncle's family business in February 2012.

The chain began with outlets open on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week, in Dunedin, Christchurch and Invercargill, and from 7am to 11pm in Timaru and Nelson.

There are now outlets throughout New Zealand spread from Whangarei to Invercargill. Across the company's franchise network, Tony estimated there were about 750 employees and about 41 franchisees, while the company owned five itself.

Night 'n Day is the naming sponsor of the Night 'n Day Otago Nuggets Basketball Team. Tony is a regular attender at the home games.

In 2016, the National retailer Smiths City Group appointed Tony as a director. Tony was appointed chairman of the Dunedin Airport Board in 2018. He had been the government appointed director on the board for three years.

Then in 2020, Tony was appointed as the new chairman of the Otago Polytechnic board. He was among six named for the Otago board by the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology Establishment Board.

Tony is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors.

He is now an independent professional director and consultant, serving on multiple boards. He holds or has held directorships with City Forests, the Otago Southland Employers Association, AA Cleaners (Otago) Limited, Delta Utility Services Board.

He is the Managing Director of Visionalli—a company providing advice and assistance to businesses. His diverse roles reflect his commitment to business and governance across different sectors.

From the Past



Huia Robert Ockwell: Attended King's High School 1949–1952. Staff 1961–1963, 1969–1974

In 1951, Huia Ockwell was awarded an Honourable Mention in English, Geography, History and Commercial Practice at the end of year prizegiving. He also passed the School Certificate Examination. The following year was Huia's final year at King's. He gained University Entrance and an

Endorsed School Certificate at this time.

On leaving King's, Huia mixed full and part-time university study, student holiday jobs, teaching accounting at Otago Boys High School and four years as a public company secretary/accountant and oil company trainee from 1953 to 1960.

He graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1961, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1963. But rather than progressing up the ranks in the business world as most of his peers did, he switched to using his business studies to teach, back at King's in 1961.

He was on leave from teaching at King's 1963 to 1968, serving as a paymaster for the 1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment in West Malaysia and Borneo. This was followed as Finance Officer and Treasury Representative for the NZ Army Force Far East, Singapore.

This military interest stemmed from Huia's time in the school cadets, compulsory military service and volunteering; he became Captain in the 3 Field Regiment RNZA and 1RNZIR and was equivalent to being a Major in Singapore.

He was deployed in Malaya, Borneo, Thailand and latterly in South Vietnam. He served in the NZ Army's territorial and regular forces from 1955 to 1972.

In 1969, Huia was back at King's teaching and taking over the role of Careers' Advisor. He held this position until 1973.

The Taieri High School Principal Ian Murdoch, who was a first day pupil at King's from 1936 to 1937, lured Huia to Taieri in 1974. He was appointed Head of Department Commerce and to teach School Certificate, University Entrance and Bursary accounting.

A year later he was talked into applying for the position of Sixth Form Dean. Over his 10 years at Taieri his other responsibilities included overseeing school photos and managing photobooks, sports days, and running prizegiving events.

In 1987, Huia retired from full-time teaching, but then spent many years as an exam supervisor and relief teacher including time at John McGlashan College. He spent some time teaching in the UK, which allowed his wife Ngaire to pursue her passion for genealogy research.

He fully retired from relief teaching in 2004. He and his wife Ngaire are still in Mosgiel, now living in Chatsford Retirement Village.

Huia was a valued member of the King's 75th Reunion Committee. His military precision in organising the group photos was much appreciated.

Huia sang with the RSA choir for 17 years. He was a very valued choir member and his singing and storytelling ability has been widely appreciated.



Ronald William Smith: Attended King's High School 1937–1941

Ron Smith was Head Boy in 1941. He won the Speight Cup for 303 rifle shooting and the Godley Senior Shooting cup. Ron was also a Company Sergeant Major in the school's Cadet corps.

He was selected as the area representative in the William Robert Friar Memorial for the best Cadet in the Southern Command.

Ron was a member of the First Rugby Fifteen and the Captain of the First Cricket Eleven. In the school Athletic Sports, he was first in the shot put, second in the high jump and third in the 880 yards. He was a member of the School Athletic Team.

In the school Life Saving group he was awarded the Instructors, First Class Award and the bar to his Bronze Medallion. The Stratton Bowl for the champion pair in life saving for 1940 was won by Ron and partner John McIndoe.

On leaving school, Ron played rugby for the Taieri club's first team.

When Ron left King's in 1942, New Zealand was at war. He joined the Air Force and became an Air Force Flight Sergeant Navigator in No.3 Squadron, which was part of the Search and Patrol Group.

The squadron was equipped with Lockheed Hudson aircraft and converted to the patrol bomber role. On November 23 1942, No.3 became the first RNZAF squadron deployed to the front line at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal.

Their sorties were flown along the approaches to Guadalcanal and around the island coastlines where it was believed the Japanese might establish staging points. The squadron re-equipped with Lockheed Venturas and in August 1944 moved to Piva Airfield on Bougainville.

In October 1944, they moved to Emirau where they flew patrols against Japanese shipping and ground targets. After a brief return to New Zealand March 1945, they were deployed to Green Island from March to June 1945.

On returning from the war, Ron attended University and was capped B.A. in 1947. At some stage after this he went to work at his father's Office Supplies shop—Percy Smith's Office Supplies. On the retirement of his father, Ron became manager and then owner of the store.

Ron joined the Old Boys Association Committee in 1946, in 1947 he was Vice-President and in 1948 he became President, a position which he held in 1949 and 1950. He remained on the committee as a Committee Member from 1951 to 1955.

In 1956 Ron became Vice President of the Association again until he became President again for 1961 and 1962. Ron was President of the Association when the Silver Jubilee of the school was held in 1961.

He acted as Master of Ceremonies for the Official Opening of the Jubilee, the presentation to Mr Chisholm, the first Rector, and the Jubilee Dinner.

Obituaries

HARBROW, Andrew Alan. Died on the 11th March 2024 aged 61 in Dunedin. Attended King's High School in 1979.

PROCTER, Raymond Albert. Died on the 8th March 2024 aged 85 years in Cambridge. Attended King's High School from 1952 to 1956.

BURNS, Graeme Errington. Died on the 22nd March 2023 aged 89 years in Dunedin. Attended King's High School from 1949 to 1952.

IRVING, John George Bruce (Bruce). Died on the 21st March 2024 aged 91 years in Queensland, Australia. Attended King's High School from 1945 to 1948.

BREMNER, Royatt Gray (Roy). Died on the 12th April 2024 in Dunedin aged 82 years. Attended King's High School from 1955 to 1958.

BARCLAY, Robert Graeme (Bob). Died on the 15th April 2024 aged 76 years in Dunedin. Attended King's High School from 1962 to 1964.

MURRAY, Ross Cheyne. Died on April 5, 2023, aged 89 years in Christchurch. Attended King's High School from 1948 to 1950.

DOUL, Robert Sinclair. Died 3rd January 2023 in Dunedin. Attended King's High School from 1972 to 1973.

STILES, John Charles. Died 3rd January 2023 in Dunedin aged 80 years. Attended King's High School from 1956 to 1957.

BERENY, Edward Logie (Ted). Died 7th September 2022 aged 94 years. Attended King's High School from 1944 to 1946.

SHAW, Earle Craig. Died on the 3rd May 2024 aged 83 years in Christchurch. Attended King's High School from 1954 to 1957.

COONEY, Bryan David. Died on the 9th May 2024 at Birchleigh Hospital, Mosgiel aged 80 years. Attended King's High School from 1959 to 1960.

McLELLAN, Raymond Walter. Died on the 6th of May 2024. Attended King's High School from 1975 to 1978.

ANDERSON, Eric Bernard (Joe). Died 17th May 2024, at Rowena Jackson Village, Invercargill aged 92 years. Attended King's High School from 1945 to 1949.

WINGFIELD, Winston Gillies. Died on the 24th May 2024 aged 93 in Dunedin. Attended King's High School from 1946 to 1947.

MUSSEN, Lawrence Bruce. Died on the 26th May 2024 aged 93 in Timaru. Attended King's High School from 1943 to 1946.



In Memory



Earle Craig Shaw: Attended King's High School from 1954–1957

Earle played for the King's First Cricket Eleven in 1957. He won the award for highest batting average and gained a King's Blue for cricket. He also played for the First Football team in 1957. He left King's with a University Entrance qualification in 1957.

Earle then trained in Dunedin as an apprentice to chemist Reg Shepherd. He registered as a pharmacist in March 1963 and moved to Christchurch that same year. He undertook locums and later bought into a partnership with Peter Dunbar at New Brighton Pharmacy.

Earle had been involved in pharmacy administration from his student days. As he moved further into the world of pharmacy, he became actively involved in pharmacy affairs at both national and local levels. He did this with both the Pharmaceutical Society and the Pharmacy Guild.

Not only was Earle "a leader in pharmacy" with a focus on education, but a "remarkable community man" and "a very caring pharmacist".

Earle had several achievements, but what stood out, was the work he led with Ellen McCrae to develop the cautionary and advisory label scheme. The Cautionary and Advisory Labels are additional instructions or advice added to the medicine container or dispensing label at the time of dispensing.

The aim was to provide a ready reference of useful information for the safe and effective dispensing of prescribed medicines. Earle's labelling system is used all over the country.

He was a man of fun too. It took a long time to convince him that he deserved some leisure time and he was eventually persuaded to come to golf. He enjoyed his time at Russley Golf Club, especially the banter afterwards in the 19th.

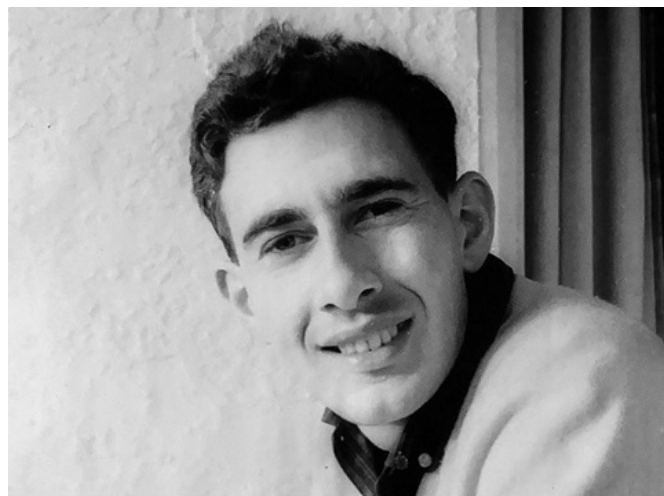
Earle was awarded a Pharmaceutical Society Gold Medal, the society's most prestigious award and is presented in recognition of the recipient's distinctive services to the pharmacy profession.

He was chairman of the Pre-Registration Training Committee and Chairman of the Pharmacy Advisory Committee, University of Otago. He Served as the deputy chairman of the New Zealand College of Pharmacists. He was a past chairman of the New Zealand Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation and was made a Society councillor in 1975.

He was made a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1985.

Earle represented the Pharmaceutical Society and the profession on numerous delegations and ministerial committees. He worked on the review of the Dispensing Guide, served on the Pharmac Committee to oversee the introduction of the Pharmaceutical Schedule in 1993 and served on the Pharmacy Advisory Committee to the Southern Regional Health Authority.

Earle died on May 3, 2024.



Raymond Albert (Ray) Procter: Attended King's High School 1952–1956

Ray played in the First Cricket Eleven in 1955 and 1956. He was awarded a School Blue for cricket in both of those years. Ray also took part in a Senior Otago Second Grade Representative team that played in Tapanui.

After gaining School Certificate, a family move to Balclutha had Ray completing his final year at South Otago High School where he gained University Entrance.

On leaving school, his first job was as an accountant in Balclutha. He moved back to Dunedin where he worked at the Inland Revenue Department and studied part-time at the University of Otago. His next move was to Auckland working for South Pacific Airlines of New Zealand, then in the 1960s he took up work in Hamilton and played in the local cricket competition.

In 1978, he moved to South London working in temporary jobs. He was back in New Zealand in 1980 working as Chief Accountant for Sealord in Nelson.

His last shift in 1982 was to Cambridge working as Chief Accountant for Aotearoa Meat Works.

Ray remained in Cambridge for the rest of his life. He played cricket for the "Antiques" until 2008. He was also a keen golfer and bridge player.

Ray died in 2024.

Ross Cheyne Murray: Attended King's High School 1948–1950

Ross spent his third form year at Southland Boys High School in 1947 before completing his 4th and 5th form years at King's.

In 1949, he was the junior swimming champion, while the next year he was senior swimming champion and swam at the national championships.

He was a member of the 1st Cricket XI as an all-rounder who bowled at medium-fast pace: against Otago Boys' High School



from 1949 he took five wickets for 14 runs, and in 1950 against Southland Boys' High School he took seven wickets for 19 runs, and scored 40 and 35 not out.

He was also a member of the 1st XV rugby team, being awarded a blue in both 1949 and 1950.

On leaving school, he was selected as a member of the Otago Brabin Cup cricket team and, as a 19-year-old, he represented Otago at rugby in six matches, kicking 24 points and playing in a Ranfurly Shield challenge: in the match against Southland he produced what some regard as one of the finest fullback displays ever seen on Carisbrook.

Ross then faced the dilemma of which sport or sports, on which to concentrate his attention.

A knee injury sustained playing rugby, which plagued him for the remainder of his life, and having achieved a golf handicap of four when only 12 years of age, steered him towards golf, which in those days was not regarded as being a school sport at King's.

Ross joined the St Clair Golf Club and, in 1959, he first represented New Zealand at the Commonwealth Tournament in South Africa. He continued to represent New Zealand until 1975, playing in four Commonwealth Tournaments, held every four years, and in seven Eisenhower Tournaments, held every two years (and being the defacto World Tournaments).

He was runner up to teammate Stuart Jones in the Canadian Amateur Championships, and finished the third-placed individual in the Eisenhower Tournament held in Rome.

On the New Zealand scene, he won a record-setting seven South Island Championships, and was New Zealand Amateur Champion in 1972. He won the Jellicoe Cup twice for being the leading amateur in the New Zealand Open, plus two national foursome titles.

Ross also enjoyed a successful career in business, spending 22 years with New Zealand Insulators in Temuka, rising to the position of Managing Director.

He then took up the position of Golf Club Professional at Alexandra, serving in that capacity for 10 years before shifting to semi-retirement in Rangiora, where he coached on a part time basis.

Ross was placed on the King's High School Wall of Fame in the sporting achievement category in 2019.

He passed away at Parklands Hospital, on April 5, 2023, aged 89 years.

Academic



Alex van der Weerden: Attended King's High School 2014–2018

While at King's, Alex gained a special prize for Excellence in the Sciences, he was first in Biology, first in Chemistry and first in Photography. He also gained Excellence awards in Calculus and Statistics. He was Proxime Accessit to the Dux, as well as being a School Prefect.

Alex attended the University of Otago Biochemistry Department on leaving King's. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Genetics in 2022. He received a scholarship from The Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust for his honours research project, which investigated how non-coding RNA may drive disease.

He also received a Murphy/Smith scholarship from the Department of Biochemistry in 2023 for his academic excellence and research potential.

His current research is part of a continuing project by the Hughes Laboratory, where they recently discovered long non-coding RNAs critical for neuron function.

Alex is excited to be part of ground breaking research in this field, exploring the link between non-coding RNAs and neurological diseases. Identifying how defective non-coding RNA contributes to neurological diseases could open doors to new RNA-focused therapies for severe and often untreatable conditions.

He won the Ronson Prize for 200-level genetics 2020 and the Ann Wylie Prize for 300-level genetics in 2022 and the 400-level genetics prize in 2023.

Alex also has a strong interest in theatre and has been closely involved with the Otago University Students Association Capping Show.

However, science remains his main career focus. He is greatly enjoying life in the laboratory, particularly the process of creating a hypothesis and then setting out to test it.



Associate Professor Boon Chuan Low: Attended King's High School 1988

BC Low left Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for Dunedin in the late 1980s to pursue his dream as a scientist. His studies started at King's High School in 1988. He was a cheerful, popular pupil who thrived in the academic atmosphere in the school.

He was extremely successful being the King's Academic Dux and winner of the Form 7 Sciences and Mathematics Prizes in 1988.

On leaving King's, BC spent some wonderful undergraduate and postgraduate years at the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Otago.

He joined Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Singapore and then the National University of Singapore. The aim was trying to figure out what exactly make cells work.

BC trained as a biochemist and is now practising mainly as a cell biologist. He works with an exciting array of multi-disciplinary tools. The Cell-Matrix and Cell-Cell Mechanotransduction Group in the Low Lab is focused on identifying novel protein domains and biochemical signalling pathways mediated by them during fundamental biological functions.

BC is an Associate Professor and Principal Investigator in the Cell Signalling and Developmental Biology Laboratory in the Department of Biological Sciences, at the National University of Singapore.



Anthony John Ballantyne: Attended King's High School 1985–1989

Tony was a School Prefect, he played in the First Cricket XI, he was awarded a School Blue for cricket, he won Special Prizes in Classical Studies and Geography and an award for services to school cricket.

Tony is a New Zealand historian at the University of Otago, Dunedin.

After completing his schooling at King's, he graduated BA (Hons) at the University of Otago and obtained a PhD at the University of Cambridge.

He lectured at the National University of Ireland in Galway from 1998 to 2000 and was then an Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois. He lectured back at the University of Otago from 2002 to 2004 and was then as a Senior Lecturer from 2005 to 2007.

He became an Associate Professor from 2007 to 2008 at Washington University in St. Louis. He returned to the University of Otago's Dunedin campus to build his career. Firstly, as Associate Professor, then as Professor (Head of Department, History and Art History from 2012 to 2015), Pro Vice-Chancellor, Humanities and Deputy Vice Chancellor.

From January 2021, Tony led the Division of External Engagement, overseeing the university's alumni relations, liaising with secondary schools and recruitment of students, and the development and advertising of the university's "brand".

He was heavily involved in the promotion of the University's new logo—another somewhat controversial situation.

Earlier in his career, he held faculty positions at the National University of Ireland, Galway, the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and Washington University in St Louis

Tony has established a significant reputation in New Zealand academic circles, including being elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 2012. In 2016, he was awarded the Humanities Aronui Medal from the Royal Society of New Zealand for innovation in humanities research. His editorial responsibilities include serving on the boards of journals such as the Journal of British Studies, History Australia, and Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History.

He is recognised as a world-leading historian of the modern British empire.

In recent years, much of his research has come to focus on the changing place of New Zealand within the British Empire. His current research focuses primarily on the development of colonial knowledge in southern New Zealand, a long-running project that was supported by a grant from the Marsden Fund of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Medical



Rodger William Hilliker, MNZM MStJ: Attended King's High School 1948–1952

On his retirement after nearly 50 years as a GP in Temuka, Rodger was made a Member of The New Zealand Order of Merit for his services as a general practitioner in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

In 1952, Rodger was King's High School's Head Boy. He was a member of First Rugby Fifteen and was awarded King's Blue for Rugby.

Rodger was R.S.M.: W.O.1 in the Military Cadet Corp. He was selected as best cadet in Area XI in the William Robert Friar Competition.

In 1951, he was awarded the Old Boys Prize for General Excellence in English, Mathematics, Chemistry, French, Latin. He gained University Entrance in 1951 and was on the Credit list for University Scholarship in 1953.

On leaving King's, Rodger studied medicine at the University of Otago. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. 1959.

Rodger first arrived in South Canterbury as a medical student in 1957 and spent a couple of years at Timaru Hospital before moving to a Temuka practice in 1961. His first 12 years as a GP in Temuka were part-time, as he was a part-time anaesthetist for Timaru Hospital

Dr Hilliker has received the Distinguished Service Medal of the Royal College of General Practitioners; he was presented with a long service medal by the Temuka Salvation Army; and was recognised by the Volunteer Fire Brigade, which declared him a life member.

He was involved with St John Temuka for 49 years while in practice. He was invested as a Member of the Order of St John (MStJ).

He served as South Island representative on the New Zealand Medical Association's Central General Practitioner Committee. He was elected president of the association, was elected to its council, and chaired its Central Ethics Committee.

When the practice nurse scheme was introduced in 1969, he was one of the first GPs in the country to employ a practice nurse. He hoped his advocacy for the nurses had a positive influence on general practices today.

As a sole doctor in the town, having practice nurses made the doctor's job much more manageable. The nurses did a lot of the work that otherwise would be just impossible to cope with. They virtually took over parts of general practice on behalf of doctors.

Dr Hilliker was a driving force behind establishing a "one-stop shop" health centre to meet Temuka's health care needs. The facility opened in 2016.

He included a receptionist, the practice nurse, the general practitioners and the other specialist groups all working together for the benefit of patients.

In recognition Rodger's service to the community, the Timaru District Council community services committee decided that an unnamed park in Temuka is to be renamed Dr Hilliker Park.



Russell Tregonning: Attended King's High School 1958–1962

Russell Tregonning was Head Prefect, Captain of the First Rugby Fifteen and a member of the first Cricket Eleven. He was awarded Blues for rugby, cricket and athletics.

At the school prizegiving, he gained an honourable mention in mathematics, chemistry and biology, a prize for dramatic work, a special science prize for biology and an Old Boys' prize for all-round merit.

Russell was Company Sergeant Major in the cadet corps, a committee member for Rugby Football, Sixth Form Club and the School Magazine. He was a member of the King's / Queen's Madrigal Singing Group. He took the principal role of Marco in the opera *The Gondoliers* and a major role in the drama production of *The Importance of being Earnest* where he played the role of Algernon Moncrieff. He was also a member of the School Orchestra.

On leaving King's, Russell attended the University of Otago where he graduated Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MBChB.) As an undergraduate he gained a distinction grade in Physiology & Biochemistry.

While at university, he represented Otago in senior rugby in 1967. He played in the University of Otago A, B and C rugby teams. He represented the University of Otago in the athletic team at inter-university national tournaments.

Russell became involved in student politics. He was President of University of Otago Medical Students' Association and Sports Representative on University of Otago Students' Association.

After his university education, Russell became a junior doctor in Auckland from 1969 to 1970. He studied at the Royal College of Surgeons in London from 1970 to 1971, gaining the first part of a surgical degree.

He was then a surgical registrar in Auckland hospitals where he gained a fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1973. He then became an Orthopaedic Fellow in Toronto, Canada followed by Senior Orthopaedic Registrar posts at the Wellington group of hospitals.

In 1980, he gained a Fellowship of the NZ Orthopaedic Association. He then worked as a Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon in Wellington public hospitals from 1980 to 2008.

Between 1980 and 2015 he was the senior clinical lecturer at the University of Otago Wellington School of Medicine. He became the inaugural President of the New Zealand Knee Society in 1992 and was the President of the New Zealand Orthopaedic Association from 2007 to 2008.

Russell has lectured widely and published scientific papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals both in New Zealand and abroad.

Russell stopped performing surgery in 2014. He has a wide interest particularly involving action on climate change and Wellington's transport and the wider environment.

He is a keen recreational cyclist and fly-fisherman the latter letting him view the state of our waterways. Russell is member of OraTaiao, the New Zealand Climate and Health Council, and a trustee of Great Harbour Way Trust.

Kelvin Maker and his lust for life



Chris George recently had a catch up with former schoolmate Kelvin Maker, character extraordinaire and proud Kingsman.

Kelvin and I go way back—originally playing as schoolboys at Pirates Rugby Club in the 1970s, but becoming classmates at King's in 3BR in 1978.

Kelvin followed his older brother Tony to King's, and in turn, his younger brother Malcolm also went there.

Kelvin's time at King's was nothing if not eventful. His recollection is that he probably scuppered his older brother's chances of becoming Head Boy, by bringing the Maker name into disrepute.

Kelvin's extroverted nature inevitably led to regular encounters over discipline.

To this day, I remember when Kelvin and I were fronted by Lucy Lockhart in third form science. I got the cane first, and boy did it sting.

Kelvin got it next. He described the initial impact of the cane stinging, but in a short time it escalated into a tsunami of pain. Kelvin bolted and let out a loud expletive, clutching his searing buttocks in the process.

Of course, Mr Lockhart took a dim view of the swear word. Kelvin was ordered back to the front of the class and got another.

It would be fair to say that the caning had different effects on us. I decided it hurt a lot and I was not keen on a repeat. Kelvin must have decided he liked it, because he was a regular recipient of the cane from then on.

Kelvin was good academically, but not a dedicated scholar. He considered that his best teacher was Neil Andrews from woodwork. He describes Neil as a "kind and calm guy" who had a great manner when dealing with pupils.

Kelvin's main sporting interest at King's was rugby, where he played with an intensity and physicality that continued on through to his playing days at Pirates as a senior.

His best mates at school were (the late) Graeme Sell, Mike Thomas, Brad Pike, Danny Brinkley and Garry Turner.

While Kelvin had a reputation as a scrapper in his teenage years, in my experience he stopped more fights than he started.

A parting of the ways

Kelvin suffered a badly broken leg in a motorbike accident in the fifth form, and that put an end to his sporting activities at King's. Without the outlet of rugby, things came to a head in 1981 when Kelvin and King's parted ways.

Kelvin maintains it was by mutual agreement, but the official records recorded that he had been expelled.

On leaving school, he had a variety of jobs—Arthur Barnett's, and Dalgety Woolstores, before completing a bachelor of commerce degree at the University of Otago.

Kelvin went on to have a lengthy and successful career in sales with Fuji Xerox under the mentorship and enduring friendship of Pete Steers.



Kelvin packed in the sales career and got a job guiding on the Milford Track before Covid came along.

These days he is the caretaker at the Ruataniwha Rowing site in Twizel.

Kelvin has always had a love of the outdoors, rugby and rowing. He was also a boxer and held an Otago title at one stage.

Kelvin gave boxing away as he reckoned he couldn't take a punch—"the wind of a missed shot was enough to stagger me."

Rugby and all that

Kelvin played seniors (now called Premiers) for Pirates in the late 1980s and early 1990s. There were some real characters involved in the club at that stage. Duncan Laing was coaching, and Kelvin was hooker in a terrific front row that included All Black Carl Hoelt and Wallaby Bill Young.

Simon Shaw (England and British Lion) was the youngster in the pack. (Simon as a 17 year old was massive—to the extent he couldn't pull his socks up over his calves!).

At the time, Otago representatives and All Blacks still played club rugby. He recalled one game against Southern, when Steve Hotton was preventing the ball coming back by laying a rather meaty thigh over the ball, looking up at the Pirates forwards almost goading them to do something about it.

Undeterred by Hotty's established reputation as the hard man of Otago Rugby, Kelvin proceeded to give him a good old fashioned rucking and released the ball from the ruck.

Hotty was a tad miffed and spent the rest of the match looking to knock Kelvin's block off, and Kelvin spent the rest of the match avoiding it.

Hotty played for Otago the next day, and the result of Kelvin's rucking plainly obvious on his thigh when broadcast on National TV!

Another time he made the mistake of standing on Jamie Joseph in a ruck—Joseph emerged from the ruck "snorting like a bull" hellbent on revenge. He obviously never managed to get hold of Kelvin, because he has lived to tell the tale.

Kelvin was a one club man and at Pirates was heavily involved in schoolboy coaching, president of Pirates Junior Rugby Club and coached the premiers with fellow Kingsman Grant Sneddon.

No doubt Kelvin's lust for life will continue to blaze as he enters his 60s with the rest of us.

Kelvin Maker, loyal King's man, terrific mate, and never, ever, a dull moment.