



## WCOBA E-NEWSLETTER | April, 2021



### GREETINGS

I wish firstly to extend my greetings to you – it's hard to believe we are already at the end of the first quarter of 2021. I recall the e-newsletter I sent in April 2020 – who knew what we were to face over these past twelve months?

On my visits to the College, it is pleasing to see that students are going about their day, focussed on their academic work and winding up summer codes and groups in preparation for winter sport and productions. You'll be glad to know that Wellington College continues to take its responsibilities to student and staff health and safety very seriously with the varying levels we continue to face.

The WCOBA would also like to welcome our newest members, the Class of 2020, and congratulate them on their outstanding academic results and, more broadly, their achievements throughout their time at Wellington College including on the sporting field, in the Arts and through a range of community pursuits. Gents, welcome to the WCOBA!

I also wish to thank those Old Boys who generously supported my plea on behalf of our WCOBA Executive so we could keep our Old Boys' and Archives Office operating for 2021. I received many contacts, reiterating similar messages on just how integral these two offices are in keeping links with the College.

Therefore, in February, thanks to the donations we received, we have been able to offer contracted hours to our Executive Officer, Steph Kane and Archivist, Mike Pallin for 2021, with a review to take place during this year on how we proceed beyond 2021. If you haven't had a chance to make a tax deductible donation, there is still time to support us via internet banking **01-0505-0842393-00**. Donations over \$5.00 are tax deductible and the WCOBA will issue you with a tax receipt. Your support also assists us in costs incurred with printing, copying and postage of archival material and publications like the *Lampstand*.



Ted as Dux, 1947



Ted in 1967 on staff



Ted in 1980 on staff



Ted in the Archives, 2020



**It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of TED CLAYTON** – a loved and respected classmate, colleague, hockey coach, teacher and friend to so many of you.

Ted's health had recently and rather quickly declined and he passed away of natural causes in Karori on Monday, 12 April 2021, at the age of 90. We know that Ted was pleased to see and chat with those Old Boys who were able to see him over the past few weeks at Spratt House.

Ted's connection with Wellington College began in 1943 as a third former, leaving as the School's Dux in 1947. He returned in 1953 as a long-serving teacher and careers master, and up until earlier this year, spent the past 30 years working in our Archives – that's over 70 years of Wellington College commitment and service.

In due course, you might like to share your memories of Ted for this year's *Lampstand* – please email [oldboys@wc.school.nz](mailto:oldboys@wc.school.nz) You might also like to follow us on our WCOBA Facebook Page to read some of the tributes posted by fellow Old Boys.

Ted's funeral service was held on Monday, 19 April at the Wellington Cathedral in Thorndon. Former Headmaster, Harvey Rees-Thomas gave the Tribute on behalf of the College, and the Prefects led the congregation in singing *Forty Years On*. Click on the button below for Ted's service.

### Ted Clayton's Service



**2021 CALENDAR OF WCOBA EVENTS.** We have a few events on our Calendar for 2021, hoping that the random nature of Covid-19 will settle and that our community can once again enjoy the opportunities to re-connect through our event offerings. We understand that not all Old Boys will be able to return to Wellington College to attend their reunions in 2021 but we look forward to celebrating with those who can attend.

**Wednesday, 16 June: The WCOBA AGM** in conjunction with the St Patrick's (Silverstream) Traditional. The AGM takes place at 11.00am in the Cricket Pavilion, followed by a light lunch [alcoholic beverages by donation] and the traditional fixtures. Game times will be advised shortly. If you would like more information or to RSVP, please email [oldboys@wc.school.nz](mailto:oldboys@wc.school.nz)

**Wednesday, 30 June: The Annual Fixture with Rongotai College.** We thought it would be an opportune time to combine a get-together for Old Boys of both Wellington College and Rongotai College for this mid-week, afternoon challenge. Again, a light lunch will be available by a small donation. Game times will be advised shortly. If you would like more information or to RSVP, please email [oldboys@wc.school.nz](mailto:oldboys@wc.school.nz)

**Tuesday, 6 – Thursday, 8 July: Quadrangular Tournament.** This year will be the 95th occasion of this tournament and will take place at Christ's College. We are awaiting the full schedule and will advise these when they come to hand. Christ's will also host a combined (all four schools) Old Boys' and Supporters Function on the Wednesday evening but we also hope to host our own get-together Lunch that same day. If you would like more information or to RSVP, please email [oldboys@wc.school.nz](mailto:oldboys@wc.school.nz)

**Friday, 10 – Saturday 11 September: The postponed Firth House Reunion** will now take place on these above-mentioned dates, just over a year since first scheduled. We will have two days/evenings of events planned for returning boarders, and we are delighted to be told that the College's Sports Department is planning a weekend of winter code fixtures featuring our premier teams against recent Old Boys (no need to bring your gear – recent is this century!) so it looks like an action-packed weekend for those returning for the reunion. More information will be issued directly to those boarders on our mailing list.

**Friday, 29 October:** We look forward to welcoming the **Class of 1981** back to Wellington College for their 40 Years On Reunion. More information will be issued directly to those in the 1981 cohort.



**WELLINGTON COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT- Sports & Arts Fundraiser:** Grab three mates, form a team and join us on **Friday, 30 April** from Noon for a round of golf at Shandon Golf Club in the Hutt Valley. Lots of mates, laughs and prizes! And all for the best of causes!

To register a team, once you have paid, please email the names of the players in your team, and their golf handicap, to organiser Matthew Roche: [matthew@zooter.co.nz](mailto:matthew@zooter.co.nz)

The cost of entry is \$300 per team. Please pay the \$300 entry fee to: 06-0561-0173023-00. Please use the code: GOLF as reference with your bank payment. Only one payment per team please. Any questions contact Matthew Roche on 021 463 432.



**2021 WC ARCHIVES CALENDAR:** We still have a few copies left of the 2021 calendar, featuring an array of school old photos colourised by Archivist, Mike Pallin. The calendar goes through to 2022 and even though we have passed a few months, the photos are a collector's item. Calendars are \$20.00 each or two for \$35.00 (NZ Postage). Please email [oldboys@wc.school.nz](mailto:oldboys@wc.school.nz) to order a calendar and you can pay via internet banking 01-0505-0842393-00.



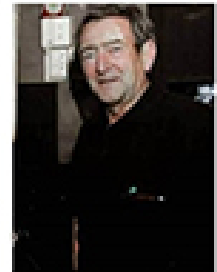
**ALISTAIR DAVIS**



**RAY WALLACE**



**SAM JUDD**



**BRUCE THOMPSON**

#### **Congratulations to four Old Boys who were recognised in the 2021 NEW YEAR HONOURS:**

**Alistair Davis** (Class of 1974) ONZM For services to the motor industry, business and sustainability.

**Ray Wallace**, JP (Class of 1981) ONZM. For services to local government and the community.

**Sam Judd** (Class of 2000) MNZM. For services to the environment and sustainability education.

**Bruce Thompson** (Class of 1955) QSM. For services to Fire and Emergency NZ and the community.



**MAKE AN IMPRESSION:** Members of our Executive have been working with the College's Career Services to develop a mentoring programme for senior Wellington College students. They are looking for volunteers to connect with students and share your professional experiences with them to assist current students with their subject, tertiary study and career decisions.

Become a mentor or share your expertise to help a student, in their transition into the workforce. Inspire students by sharing insights and career advice as a guest speaker at the school. If you are willing to share your experience with students, please contact the College's Career Adviser, Tia Greenstreet at [t.greenstreet@wc.school.nz](mailto:t.greenstreet@wc.school.nz) to discuss opportunities to participate in the mentoring and networking programmes.



**The WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1st XV** is excited to announce the 2021 Coaching Team which includes former All Black and Wellington College Old Boy, Neemia Tialata. Neemia played in the 1st XV from 1999-2000 and for the All Blacks from 2005-2010. The story about his return to NZ is in the 2020 *Lampstand* and click [HERE](#) for the link to a recent interview with Neemia.

The Coaching Team is – Backs: Jonnie Te Ruki-Chambers (Hamilton BHS, Class of 2008) and Forwards – Neemia Tialata (Wellington College, Class of 2000) and Jack Coles (St Patrick’s Silverstream, Class of 2011). Jonnie teaches PE and Jack teaches Science at the school. Congratulations Jonnie, Neemia and Jack! We look forward to the 2021 season kicking off.

Other Old Boys helping the Club this year in coaching, managing and administration include Reg Goodes, James Lawler, Chris Wells and Manaia Opai. The current players certainly appreciate their support.



**Covid-19 caused the cancellation of the 99-year-old prestigious McEVEDY SHIELD** Meet for only the second time in its history, the first time due to an epidemic, the second time, a pandemic.

The McEvedy Shield, was due to be held on March 2, but was postponed as a result of Covid-19 alert level 2 restrictions.

Later that same week, the principals and rectors of the four schools announced they were unable to find an alternate second date, and made the decision to cancel the event.

First held in 1922, the only other time the shield was cancelled was in 1948, as a result of a polio epidemic. 2022 sees the 100th year of McEvedy Shield so fingers crossed for that this significant event takes place.



**OLD BOYS' XI FACES THE COLLEGE'S XI:** On Monday, 21 January, the Wellington College Cricket Club arranged the inaugural annual 50-over match between a hugely impressive Old Boys' team against the current WCCC 1st XI team on WC's No.1. The WCOB Team included: Sammy French (Class of 2020) – Captain, Max Sargentina (Class of 2020), Jakob Vandenberg (Class of 2020), Hugh Morrison (Class of 2019), Henry Chandler (Class of 2019), Logan Malthus (Class of 2019), Ollie Petersen (Class of 2018), Jack Sargentina (Class of 2014), Andrew Fletcher (Class of 2010), Sam Buckle (Class of 1992) and Marc Ellis (Class of 1990). Coach – Robbie Kerr (Class of 1984), Manager – Scott Sargentina (Past WCCC President and Honorary Life Member of WCCC).

The match saw the Old Boys bat first and race to 265 all out. The 1st XI cruised to a win with six wickets (and ten overs) to spare. *Photo: WCOBA President, Ted Thomas presents the trophy to the Captain of the 1st XI, Kevin Weerasundara.*

On Sunday, 21 February, the date marked 150 years to the day that Wellington College played its first-ever cricket match in 1871. The game was played against Crofton College, which was located in Kenya Street, Ngaio. The school closed in 1875 but the building survives as a private residence and is one of the oldest in Wellington. Sadly there is no record of the match. We can only say with certainty that Cricket was the winner.

As luck would have it, the 2021 1st XI played the first of two T20 matches against traditional rivals, Palmerston North Boys' High School. It was a fantastic victory for the 1st XI by two wickets with two balls to spare, to win the first ever Taylor Franklin Trophy game [The trophy in honour of Old Boys and Black Caps, James Franklin, Wellington College and Ross Taylor, PNBHS].

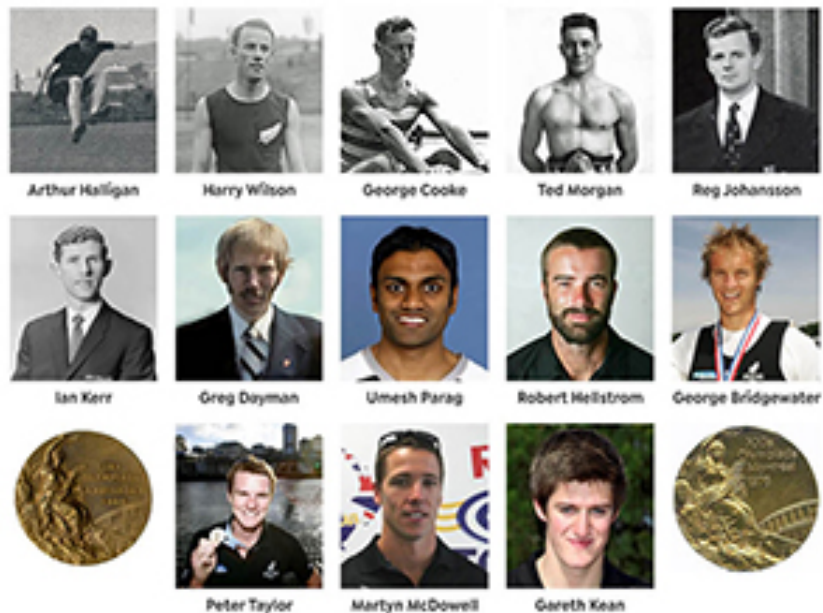
**1st XI Cricket Retains Wellington Title** – A terrific century from Oscar Jackson set the 1st XI up for a 110 run victory over HIBS in the final of the Premier Youth Grade. They therefore won the Bruce Murray Cup and qualified for the Gillette Cup National Tournament for the fourth consecutive year.



**OBU RUGBY RETURNS TO WELLINGTON COLLEGE:** Old Boys' Rugby returns to Wellington College this season with defending Jubilee Cup Champions Old Boys-University playing 'the old foe' Marist St Pats on Saturday, 8 May. Old Boys are encouraged to come and watch this big game with a 2.45pm kick off.

OBU has been the recent dominant Premier force in Wellington Club rugby with four Jubilee Cup wins in six years. OBU had an emphatic start to the 2021 season, defeating last year's other Jubilee Cup finalists Northern United 18-0. The partnership with Wellington College took a great step forward last year by the Premier team playing matches on the 'Quadrangular oriented Number 1' ground.

It is not just the Premiers who have been doing well, the Club's Colts side have been on top for most of the last eleven seasons. There are a good number of Old Boys who play at all levels of the Club, in recent years, more than at any other time in the Club's history. In recent times, the likes of Old Boys Wes Goosen, Tomasi Palu, Luke Campbell and the Plumtree brothers have all made valuable contributions.



Our Archives team have been compiling a display of **WELLINGTON COLLEGE OLYMPIANS** to coincide with the postponed 2020 Olympics that have been rescheduled for June 2021 in Japan.

Our 13 Olympians are:

- Arthur Halligan** (1901 – 1902). London 1908. Long Jump.
- Harry Wilson** (1911 – 1912). Antwerp 1920. Hurdles 110m.
- George Cooke** (1918 – 1921). Los Angeles 1932. Rowing Eight.
- Ted Morgan** (1921 – 1922). Amsterdam 1928. Boxing (Gold Medal).
- Reg Johansson** (1940 – 1943). Melbourne 1956. Hockey.
- Ian Kerr** (1951 – 1952). Tokyo 1964. Hockey and Rome 1960. Hockey.
- Gregory Dayman** (1961 – 1965). Moscow 1980 (Boycotted) but named Captain of Hockey Team. Montreal 1976 (Gold Medal). Hockey. Munich 1972. Hockey.
- Umesh Parag** (1985 – 1989). Athens 2004. Hockey. Barcelona 1992. Hockey.
- Robert Hellstrom** (1991 – 1993). Sydney 2000. Rowing Coxed Four.
- George Bridgewater** (1996 – 2000). Rio 2016. Rowing Quadruple Scull. Beijing

2008. Rowing Coxless Pair (Bronze Medal). Athens 2004. Rowing Coxless Pair. **Peter Taylor** (1997 – 2001). Rio 2016. Rowing Lightweight Four. London 2012 Rowing Lightweight Double Scull (Bronze Medal). Beijing 2008. Rowing Lightweight Double Scull. **Martyn McDowell** (2000 – 2005). Rio 2016. Canoe Kayak Sprint. **Gareth Kean** (2005 – 2009). Sydney 2000. Swimming, Backstroke 100m, 200m, 4 X 100 Medley.



**WCOBA Facebook**

**TEAM WC AUCTION:** Wellington College are running a 'silent' auction to help raise funds for our extra-curricular art and sports programmes. The Premium Auction item is a luxury weekend at the Bay of Many Coves, a luxury Resort in the Marlborough Sounds, donated by current Wellington College grandparents. Other auction items include: x3 dozen bluff oysters with a 'surprise', signed by former New Zealand cricketer, Grant Elliot and a \$180 Dockside Restaurant voucher. The auction is now live. Click [HERE](#) to register your bid.

**CONCLUDING NOTES:** Please follow us on Facebook for flashbacks, current news and stories that unite the WCOBA community. Click on the Button to the left for the WCOBA Facebook Page. You can also visit our [WCOBA Website](#) and the [College's Website](#) for news.

We have just recently upgraded our WCOBA database and today's newsletter is our first big test in sharing our news with you via email which can be easily viewed on your desktop or on your mobile phone. Keep an eye out for our quarterly eNewsletters and other announcements as they come to hand.

The WCOBA would love to hear from you about any news and stories relating to our Old Boys! If you would like to share any such news with us, then please forward them to: [oldboys@wc.school.nz](mailto:oldboys@wc.school.nz)

Please keep in touch. Best wishes for the next few months.

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