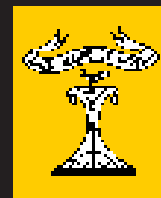


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Ken Douglas ONZ with Governor General Sir Michael Hardie Boys

ORDER OF NEW ZEALAND FOR WELLINGTON COLLEGE OLD BOY

The Order of New Zealand is New Zealand's highest honour, limited to twenty persons living at one time. In 1999, this honour was conferred on College Old Boy, **Ken Douglas**.

He has made an outstanding contribution to the trade union movement in New Zealand and is widely respected internationally within the movement.

In 1959 he was elected President of the Wellington Drivers' Union; 1963 Secretary of that Union; 1979 Secretary of the Federation of Labour; 1988 foundation President of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions and re-elected twice to that office until 1999.

Ken is President of the Asia-Pacific Regional Organisation of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and is on its executive board. He is President of the International Centre for Trade Union Rights and has served as a substitute Worker Representative on the International Labour Organisation governing body. He represents the CTU

on the Taskforce on Employment. Ken is on the Board of TRADENZ, the Board of Asia 2000 Foundation, the councils of the Institute of Policy Studies, Industrial Relations Centre (Victoria University), and of Strategic Studies. He was a member of the Prime Minister's Enterprise Council and the Todd Foundation. Ken was recently elected to the Porirua City Council.

Ken has come a long way from his days as a pupil of Wellington College (1949 - 53); the 1B Rugby Team, the 2nd Hockey XI that won the Wellington 4th Grade Championships, the winning Intercollegiate Senior Cross Country Teams' race and winner of the senior mile handicap race.

Congratulations are well deserved by one of our most famous Old Boys. **Ken Douglas** is a man we can proudly say is an incentive to our present-day pupils.

ANOTHER McEVEDY WIN FOR WELLINGTON COLLEGE

McEvedy Shield day is always the highlight on the school calendar and since the inception of McEvedy back in 1922, Wellington College has taken the shield on 40 occasions and this year was no exception in continuing this success.

At St Patrick's Silverstream for a change, the entire school was bused out to the valley to support their peers. With an array of black and gold flags,

scarves, hats and banners together with loud traditional chants, the students' encouragement, ably assisted by both recent and long-time Old Boys boosted the College team to another win. The final points stood at Wellington College: 205; St Pat's Silverstream: 146; St Pat's Town: 115.6 and Rongotai: 73.3.

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WCOBA AGM
Thursday, 3 August @ 12.30pm
Wellington College Cricket Pavilion
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WCOBA AGM

Thursday 3 August, 2000
Wellington College Cricket Pavilion
12.30pm
followed by the
1st XV Wellington College (NZ)
versus
1st XV Wellington College (UK)

AGENDA

Financial & Annual Reports
Election of Officers

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FRANK CRIST 1st XV RUGBY SCHOLARSHIP

One of the most venerated staff members ever to teach at Wellington College, Mr **Frank Crist**, last year celebrated his 80th birthday. The post-war generation of Old Boys will remember Frank for his extraordinary ability to relate to pupils, and his superb coaching of both 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Cricket.

As a fitting tribute to Frank, the President of the Australian Branch of the Old Boys, Mr **Ron Jeffs**, has contributed a considerable sum of money, which is the beginning of what will be known as the **Frank Crist 1st XV Rugby Scholarship**.

There may well be Old Boys who wish to contribute to this fund which will provide assistance to rugby players of considerable promise who come from a background where some financial help to cover gear, travel etc would make a difference. It was felt by Ron that no better tribute could be accorded a wonderful mentor who meant so much to so many. If anyone would like to make a donation, then it would be gratefully received by Mr Dave Ashby.

Roger Moses

WCOBA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President, Matthew Beattie

It has been an interesting year for both Old Boys and the Association. On the strategic front, an initiative to combine the talents and joint planning of the Board of Trustees, Old Boys' Association, Foundation, Parents' Association and College Mothers is underway. It follows the release of the Wellington College Strategic Plan 2000 - 2005 in the middle of June. The intent of the collaborative planning effort is to examine areas of common interest which can be maximised by all College community groups working together on the same issue. The old gym is a case in point. The Old Boys' Association agreed focus for the immediate future is the restoration of the Old Boys' Gymnasium for use by the College and other College community

groups. It is a five year plan and will require all the College community, under our leadership to get in behind and make it happen.

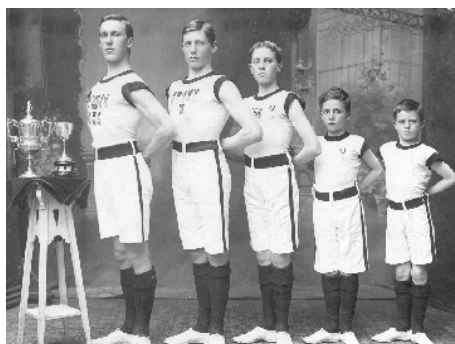
Fundraising will be a key not only in Wellington but also throughout other New Zealand and overseas branches. We hope to have the combined plan published by the end of September this year and support frameworks within each College community group in behind this.

Elsewhere, the Old Boys are in good heart and we enjoy supporting the College where required. Apart from providing school prizes and additional funding to make awards relevant and meaningful, we have sponsored two senior pupils to develop their character and leadership skills on the Spirit of Adventure. Our generous trust legacies and investments permit this. However, it is not until now that a project of some substance that is our bailiwick has surfaced which will benefit all of the College community. I suggest to you that this is a great opportunity to focus our intellectual and financial resources and achieve something of note. Please give this some thought and your support.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General meeting in August.

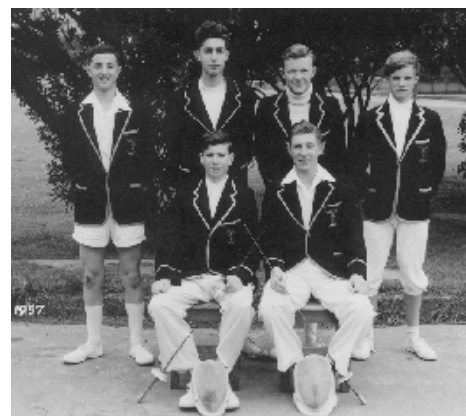
Matthew Beattie

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H.K. (Kit) Ellis (1933-36) and his wife Joan (nee Ronaldson) visited the Archives last year and donated some wonderful photographs. This one shows Joan's father and his brothers who were all pupils of Wellington College - Guy, Stanley, Brian, Alan and Neil Ronaldson (1905 through to 1915). Physical Fitness Team in the early 1900's. Photo: Ellis Collection

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Wellington College Fencing Team 1957
(L-R): Goodman, Merz, Mitchell, Ellis
Front: Dreyer, Browne
Photo: Michael Collection



WELLINGTON COLLEGE ~ BERKSHIRE, ENGLAND

On August 3, Wellington College (NZ) 1st XV plays their UK counterparts, and we invite Old Boys to watch the match. We all know the history of our school, but how much do we know of the history of the opposition. Their history, naturally is a lot stronger and longer than ours but the pride and traditions have always been and will continue to be there in both schools' ethos.

The College was founded by public subscription in memory of the Great Duke, granted a Royal Charter as the royal and religious foundation of the Wellington College in 1853 (the same year Wellington College in New Zealand was founded), and opened in 1859. The first Master was Edward Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury. In fourteen years he made Wellington into the great national school which it still is. There are 760 boys in the school, of whom 120 are day boarders. There are fifty girls in the Upper School but there are no plans to go co-educational.

Originally, there was a strong connection with the Army; not only were sons of deceased army officers admitted free, as Foundationers, but assistance was also given to living officers to send their sons there. A large number of distinguished army officers had their education at the College and the record of service to the nation in war is unique; over 1,200 Old Wellingtonians died for their country in the two World Wars; fifteen were awarded the Victoria Cross. Even in the early days, a proportion of pupils entered "civilian occupations", and now, about 90% of leavers go on to degree courses. A few still enter the Armed Forces, there is still an active CCF, but the college is no longer "the Army School".

HRH Prince Albert, Consort to Queen Victoria, was influential in the initial stages of the founding of the College; HM The Queen is the Visitor; HRH The Duke of Kent is the College's President, and takes a close interest in the school; the college is proud of its

long association with the Royal Family. Each year a gold medal struck at the Royal Mint, the personal gift of the Sovereign, is presented to the Head Boy of the year. Appointment of Governors has to be approved by Buckingham Palace, as does any alteration to the Statutes.

Associations with our own Wellington College in New Zealand have been strong at times, though dormant in others. Most notable connections over the years have been contacts during the second World War when pupils of New Zealand sent their counterparts in namesake English school food parcels. To mark the college's centenary in 1959, our College sent a gift of a chair similar to those on stage in our own Assembly Hall. Since 1990 connections with the two colleges have been much stronger.



SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND VOYAGE REPORT

In early March, I was lucky to go on a Spirit of New Zealand ten-day voyage, with my berth sponsored by the **Wellington College Old Boys' Association**. The unique and remarkable Spirit experience became one of the most memorable and enjoyable times of my life to date.

The voyage headed from Napier down the east coast of the North Island to explore around the Marlborough Sounds before creeping down the Kaikoura coast to the port at Lyttelton. Apart from the 'mild' sea-sickness saga over the first couple of days, I really enjoyed the team environment at sea, a new experience which brought many challenges, such as climbing the huge 30 metre mast and eventually running the ship ourselves. We had many exciting days, especially when we explored the bays and beaches of the Sounds and Banks Peninsula.

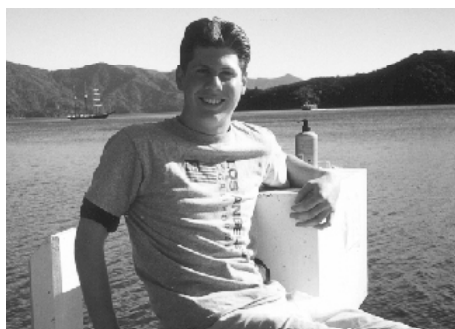
The best aspect of the experience had to be meeting and living with forty other teenagers from all over the country, and working through the challenges with them. We formed strong friendships, which we realised when everyone had to leave after just ten days. We have also kept in contact with each other and

plan to meet later on this year.

From the trip I gained a lot more self-confidence and leadership skills, as well as general personal development and independence. I feel that I discovered my potential to take on new tasks and responsibilities, something that I really can apply to my normal daily life. I am proud that I have overcome my fear of heights.

This amazing opportunity was given to me with the sponsorship from the **Wellington College Old Boys' Association**, and I thank them very much for the skills, friendships and memories that this satisfying experience has given me.

Matthew Sutherland



FROM THE HEADMASTER

The first six months of the new millennium for the College began with the tremendous results from the 1999 external examinations. In the NZEST examination, **Charles Jackson** was first equal in the country and **Tim King** gained a place in the top 20 students nationwide. In the Bursary examinations, Wellington College students earned 69 'A' Bursaries, 63 'B' Bursaries and 60 Scholarships. 84.8% of all students sitting five Bursary subjects gained an 'A' or 'B' Bursary - our highest on record. The pass rate of 77.7% in all subjects was also the best ever for Wellington College. It is gratifying to see so many students completing their schooling on such a positive note.



Charles Jackson

Our sporting and cultural successes to date have also been tremendous and I will briefly report on a few areas.

Term I began with another successful start to the cricket season, fielding 24 teams. Wellington College's 1st XI Captain, **Stuart Mills** played in the New Zealand U17 Team and also trained with the Wellington Firebirds, being 12th man in the match against Northern Districts. Our Traditionals went both ways, recording a win over Napier, a draw with Wanganui Collegiate and a very narrow loss against Palmerston North. The 1st XI also beat Hutt Valley High in the Wellington Zone Gillette Cup Competition and went on to the Inter Zone Competition to face Palmerston North, again losing narrowly to them.

Sport Snippets include **Leifur Sigurdason** who represented New Zealand in the New Caledonia International Tennis Tournament with successful results. **Arden Perrot** was selected for the New Zealand Athletics Team, which competed in the Pacific School Games in Sydney. **James Ryan** did extremely well in the Northern Regional Lifesaving Championships, placing 1st in the U19 run-swim-run final. **Michael Trappitt** won a first in the U19 Rowing Quad crewed with ex Wellington College rowers at the Wanganui Rowing Championships and our Yachting Team did very well to win the Wellington Regional Secondary School Championships.

Four of our senior students together with a team of helpers organised

another successful 40 Hour Runathon in conjunction with the World Vision 40 Hour Famine Campaign. As a 'famine' does not work well in a Boys' school, in 1998 we decided to hold a Runathon instead. Under the expert administration of **Mr Dave Ashby**, the Runathon has gone from strength to strength. This year the target was \$15,000 and should the students reach this figure, I would publicly have my beard removed. The figure of \$19,400 was achieved and I duly in School Assembly had the 'misfortune' to have my beard shaved off much to the delight of the students. One generous sponsor was our eminent next-door neighbour and Old Boy, His Excellency **Sir Michael Hardie Boys**, whose donation ensured this baring of chin-skin.

In rehearsal since January, were the cast and crew of the Shakespearean production for 1999, **King Henry IV Part One**. The Governor General **Sir Michael Hardie Boys** and Lady Hardie Boys attended the opening night in May. Their Excellencies met the director **Mrs Jan McLean** and members of the cast at the conclusion of the performance. The play was an ambitious undertaking as a school production and was notable for its dextrous direction and confident acting and speaking. The production played to full houses on each of the five nights it ran and truly catered for all tastes of theatre.

The Senior A Waterpolo team finished 3rd in the Nationals Tournament behind Auckland Grammar and Rangitoto

College. Four of the team were selected for the New Zealand School Boys' Team; **Sam Judd, Alwyn Dinnison, Stefan Curry** and **Jaydon Campbell**.

The Rowing Squad of 13 attended the NZSS Rowing Championships at Lake Ruataniwha near Twizel, reaching the finals in six events. The highlight of the competition was the U17 Novice Coxed Four who won the first gold medal ever held by Wellington College and also the Gill Trophy.

The College must congratulate a recent Old Boy **Tim Prendergast** on his achievements in being selected to represent New Zealand at the Para Olympics in Sydney this year. Tim will be competing in the partially sighted running races of the 800m and the 1500m. He was one of only four who have broken four minutes in the 1500m at the last blind championships.

Two students from the 1st XI Soccer Team have been selected for the touring squad to travel to the UK and Europe at the end of the year. **Michael Harrison** and **Rupert Crump** gained selection in the 24 man national team that will play Scotland, England, Wales, Hungary and Austria in December. They return home on Christmas Eve before flying out again to Australia to compete for New Zealand in an International Youth Tournament. Staff member, **Mr Jacques Vercauteren** is the National Coach.

It has been an excellent start to the year and I'm sure the next six months will be just as rewarding for students as we concentrate on the winter sporting codes and cultural events ahead.

Roger J. Moses



Michael Rendall hands over a cheque for \$19,400 to **Mr Roger Moses** (minus the beard), as proceeds of the 40 hour Runathon undertaken by Wellington College students.

ANOTHER ALL BLACK FOR WELLINGTON COLLEGE

Winter is the heart of the rugby season and in the second half of the first test match of the season in June 2000, **Filo Tiatia** (1985 - 90) Wellington and Hurricanes Number 8 ran out against Tonga and scored a try. He thus became the 31st Wellington College Old Boy to represent New Zealand as an All Black. Filo was a member of the 1st XV in 1989 and 1990 and was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Team in 1990. Also in that 1st XV in 1989/90 was Marc Ellis, who went on to become an All Black in 1992. **Old Boys who have represented New Zealand as All Blacks are:**

P.P. Webb	1884
G. Shannon	1893
E.H. Dodd	1901,02,03,04,05
F.T. Glasgow	1905,08
H.D. Thomson	1905,08
E.L. Atkins	1905
H.E. Avery	1910
J.G. Donald	1920,21,22,25
M.F. Nicholls	1921,22,24,25,26,28,30 (C)
H.E. Nicholls	1921,22,23 (C)
F.G. Ward	1921

Q. Donald	1923,24
A.E. Perry	1923
C.G. Porter	1923,24,25,26,28,29,30 (C)
R.H.C. McKenzie	1928
C.A. Rushbrook	1928
E.T. Leys	1929
J.L. Griffiths	1934,35,36,38 (C)
B.S. Sadler	1935,36
B.A. Killeen	1936
J.M. Watt	1936
A.H. Wright	1938
K.G. Elliott	1946
D.F. Mason	1947
G.G. Mexted	1950,51
R.W. Calton	1959,60
K.F. Gray	1963,64,65,66,67
I.N. Uttley	1963
M. Sayers	1972,74
M.C.G. Ellis	1992,93,95
F.I.I. Tiatia	2000

J.P. Firth was a NZ Rugby Selector in 1894 during his tenor as headmaster (1892 - 1920).

Old Boy **P.P. Webb** played in the first New Zealand team in 1884 where they wore dark blue jerseys with a gold fern. It was not until Thomas Ellison's (Te Aute



Filo Tiatia

College) recommendation at the 1893 NZRFU first annual meeting that the black jersey and silver fern were adopted. The term 'All Blacks' although now a universally accepted synonym for a New Zealand rugby representative, was not used until 1905.

VALE • J. (JOHN) E.F. BECK

Friendships made as young boys at college last a lifetime. This was evident at the funeral of Wellington College Old Boy, **J. (John) E. F. Beck** in Waikanae in May this year. Along with family members and friends from the business and sporting world there were a large number of men who had attended Wellington College during John's years 1948-1952. Among the many 'Old Boys' attending were some life-long friends - **Ken Douglas** ONZ, a fellow Old Boy, recalled he was "lucky enough to have been at College with John and to have had the great stimulation to see him perform in so many sports". Ken and John later played rugby together for WCOB's Club. **Alan Preston** of Unity Books played cricket in the 1st XI with John, as well as for Wellington with him. Businessman **Doug Catley**, was in the tennis and athletic teams with John, while **Simon Lockhart** QC, flew down from Auckland to remember his cricketing team-mate. John was an exceptional athlete. There was hardly a sport in which he didn't excel. He was form captain in his first year at College.

The same year he won the Mosquito Weight Boxing followed by Tiger Weight and Fly Weight in 1949 and 1950. He won the Junior Doubles Tennis

Championship in 1949; captained the 4A Rugby team the same year and later went on to play 1st XV rugby 1951-52. He was an outstanding swimmer, fives player and in addition won the Junior cricket ball throw and rifle shot. Athletics saw him win 90yds hurdles, 100yds, 220yds and the long jump from Junior to Senior titles and take home the Webster, Garwen Holden, Oscar Kember and Lord Ranfurly Cups. He represented the College at the Intercollegiate Athletic Sports from 1949 - 1952. He reached Flight Sergeant in the ATC. But cricket was his major love. Former cricket coach, **Frank Crist**, drove from Hastings to farewell the once young 14 year-old he had chosen for the College 1st XI in 1949. John later captained the 1st XI in his final year. Two months after he left College he was selected for the NZ tour of South Africa. In only his second test match he scored 99 before being run out by fellow WCOB, **Eric Dempster**. Three years ago John donated his chair, made with timber from the Old East School, to the College Archives, along with a collection of photographs and his rugby jersey crest. He also donated his blazer pocket which identifies so many of his College sporting achievements. This treasured item holds pride of place in the Cricket Pavilion display case.



Jim Jones (L), Captain of the College's 1st XI Cricket team and team-mate John Beck at Wanganui Collegiate in 1949. Jim went on to play representative cricket for Wellington and Central Districts.

Photo: Crist Collection

1999 FOUNDATION DINNER

1999 was a wonderful year in so many ways. The extraordinary success of our students in extra-curricular activities was acknowledged on October 28 at the Annual Foundation Sports and Cultural Awards Evening. Picking winners from such an array of talent is an invidious task, as so many individuals and teams have achieved spectacular success at national level throughout the year. Our warmest congratulations therefore go to the following groups and individuals who gained the premier awards:

Sports Team of the Year ~ 1st XI Soccer
Senior Sportsman of the Year ~ Robbie Kydd
Junior Sportsman of the Year ~ Matthew Prosser
Cultural Group of the Year ~ Senior Drama
Senior Cultural Award of the Year ~ Arthur Meek
Junior Cultural Award of the Year ~ Jacob Rosevear

The guest speaker for the evening, Mr Rob Hamill, was inspirational as he recalled the incredible challenge together with the late Mr Phil Stubbs of rowing across the Atlantic Ocean. While very few of us will face that particular test of endurance, every individual was challenged to set his own particular goals and strive for them to the best of his ability.

Our thanks to the Foundation for sponsoring this very successful and rewarding evening and to Mr Dave Ashby for organising it.



Members of the Soccer 1st XI - 1999 Sports Team of the Year

ARCHIVE GALLERY



Stuart Gooch and Phil Glasson enjoying a lunch break at the College (c) 1960's.
Photo: Glasson Collection



James Brodie and Max Altman in the College Laboratory with his Excellency the Governor General Sir Bernard Fergusson during his visit to the College in 1963.
Photo: Glasson Collection



The start of the Senior Mile Race, won by A.B. Goodall. Sports Day 1947.
Photo: Purdie Collection

COLLEGE ARCHIVES

It is now ten years since the Archives became a recognised section of Wellington College. There have been in excess of 2,000 visitors and as many as 6,000 items donated. Items include correspondence, school reports, certificates, programmes, early prospectuses, memoirs, paintings and musical recordings, photographs; uniforms, medals; badges, trophies; school caps, Wellingtonians, scrapbooks, crockery; pens; a football; soccer boots; boxing gloves and punch bag. The collections are numerous and varied but each item is considered precious, cared for and accessioned for posterity.



WANTED: Please can you help. The Archives would like photographs of any Wellington College Dux and Head Prefects to establish a new collection. Please let the Archivist know if you can help.

Please contact **Paddianne W Neely** - College Archivist. PO Box 16-073, Wellington or telephone (04) 802 2520 (work) or (04) 396 2072 (home).



Wellington College 1st XV at Christchurch 1948.

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