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**Wellington College
Old Boys**



Shining Bright, Signing Off

Who would have thought that this would be my last *Lampstand*? My time with the Wellington College Old Boys' Association will conclude at the end of January.

Looking back, I feel immense pride and gratitude. It all began in 1999, when the late WCOBA President, Barry Jobson, invited me to take on a part-time position with the Association. My first *Lampstand* was a simple six-page publication that included Sir Michael Hardie-Boys, then Governor General and Old Boy, honouring Ken Douglas with the Order of New Zealand. It also highlighted College life on the cusp of a new millennium, celebrated Wellington College's 31st All Black, Filo Tiatia, and recognised the achievements of Charles Jackson and Matt Sutherland (Class of 2000), who now serves as our Treasurer.

Over the years, the *Lampstand* has grown into a rich, full-colour, 80-page magazine, supplemented by mid-year eNewsletters, reaching thousands of Old Boys around the globe. Sharing your stories - from every walk of life and every corner of the world - has been an honour. One feature Old Boys often mention is turning first to the Obituaries page, sometimes to ensure they're not listed, sometimes to see which familiar faces have passed, and always to read the heartfelt tributes.

Our reunion programme has also brought me great joy. From the first 40 Years On event for the Class of 1964

in 2004 to their 60 Years On gathering just last month - these cohort and regional gatherings have forged enduring bonds among classmates and friends. Whether meeting in Wellington, throughout New Zealand, or even abroad, each reunion and event has reinforced the ties that bind us, reminding everyone of our school song, *Forty Years On*. The words still echo in my mind, a symbol of the lasting camaraderie we cherish and a song we all know the words to.

The 150th celebrations in 2017 stand out as a particular highlight, shining a light on Wellington College's storied past, vibrant present, and promising future. It was a privilege to play a part in that remarkable milestone.

I've been fortunate to work alongside outstanding WCOBA Presidents - Barry Jobson, Ross Macdonald, Bob Slade, Bryan Smythe, Matt Beattie and Ted Thomas - whose guidance, along with their Executive have shaped the Association's path. I'm also grateful for the support shown when Archivist Mike Pallin and I faced uncertainty in 2020. The swift action taken then allowed our work to continue, albeit in a reduced capacity.

The colleagues I've worked with in the Archives, including Mike Pallin, Paddianne Neely, and our devoted volunteers - Gary and Abbey Girvan,



Rod Page, and the late Ted Clayton - have been an unfailing source of wisdom, friendship, and good humour. I will forever value our time together, as well as my connections with former

Headmasters; Gregor Fountain, Roger Moses and Harvey Rees-Thomas, and current Headmaster, Glen Denham together with others who have supported me in this role.

To all Old Boys - thank you. Your stories, kindness, and generosity have made my role more than just a job; it's been a passion and a privilege. While I am moving on, I remain hopeful that the spirit of connection and fellowship we've nurtured will continue to thrive. Thank you to those who have expressed their appreciation over the years. Your words mean more than you know.

I hope you enjoy the 2024 *Lampstand*. May it continue to celebrate the remarkable community we've created together. Wishing you all warm regards and a wonderful season ahead.

Lumen accipe et imperti.

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From the President

The strength of our Old Boys' Association today is a testament to the work of our Executive Officer, Steph Kane. This has seen a transformation of our Old Boy community from a modest network to one of the most vibrant alumni groups in the country. This has brought Old Boys together - whether through the reunions, the *Lampstand* magazine, eNewsletters or the use of digital and social media to foster connections around the globe.

Change is now upon us and as advised in earlier communications, the College in association with the Foundation and WCOBA have been working together for the past two years to establish an Advancement Office. This was launched earlier this year with the appointment of Karla Paotonu as its inaugural Director of Advancement.

The Advancement Office from 2025 and working with WCOBA assumes responsibility for Old Boys communications and engagement, including newsletters and reunions. It is also tasked with raising funds to support and further the ambitions of Wellington College as a leader in

education of young men in New Zealand. This connects the College ecosystem and better aligns the resources needed to achieve the vision of the College.

It is with regret that I share the news that the WCOBA will not be renewing Steph's contract as our WCOBA Executive Officer when it ends on 31 January 2025. Steph has made a significant contribution to the Association and its Old Boys over the past 25 years and her absence will undoubtedly be felt. As they say, with change comes opportunity, and on behalf of the Executive and our 22,000 active members, I offer Steph our heartfelt thanks and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

To the other members of the WCOBA executive team, I extend my thanks for their support throughout 2024 and input into advancing the Old Boy community.

We also recognise the efforts of our Archives team, led by Mike Pallin and supported by volunteers Gary and Abbey Girvan, and Rod Page. Their dedication ensures that our heritage is preserved for future generations. The Archives stewardship will continue to operate under the WCOBA.

We are delighted to welcome the Class of 2024 into our community of Old Boys. To stay connected, please provide your contact details at oldboys@wc.school.nz. We look forward to supporting this new cohort as they embark on life's journey and join our ever-growing network.

2024 has been a year of milestones for the WCOBA, from successful reunions to thriving networking events. Our partnership with Wellington College remains strong, and we thank our Patron and Headmaster, Glen Denham, and Associate Headmaster, Darrell Harvey, for their unwavering support.

As we close out the year, we reflect on the legacy of connection and celebration that Steph has nurtured, and we recommit ourselves to carrying this spirit forward.

Wishing you a joyful festive season and a prosperous 2025.

Warm regards,
Ted Thomas
 President,
 Wellington College Old Boys'
 Association
 Class of 1976

Class of 2024: Carrying the Torch into the Future



*The Class of 2024 wrapped up their final days at Wellington College with a stroll down Memory Lane at their Leavers' Assembly, filled with laughter and stories shared by students and teachers alike. They were joined by Old Boy, AJ Royfee (Class of 2011), who took the stage as guest speaker, and spoke about his journey, post Wellington College, giving some wise (and entertaining!) advice on holding tight to friendships and staying connected to the Wellington College family as they head out into the world. With their departure, the Class of 2024 officially joins the ranks of our 33,000-strong Old Boys. **Lumen Accipe et Imperti - Receive the Light and Pass It On!***



Reunions: CLASS OF 1964

On Friday, 22 November, we had the pleasure of celebrating the Class of 1964 - the trailblazers who kicked off our '40 Years On' reunions back in 2004. Fast forward 20 years, and a few of these pioneers came together once again for their '60 Years On' Reunion - a perfect way to honour the legacy they began and the cherished tradition they've inspired.

That very first reunion ignited a spark that has since brought countless cohorts together, each reunion filled with its own laughter, memories, and meaningful connections.

The day began with Morning Tea in the Archives, where the 1964 guests enjoyed Mike Pallin's beautifully curated collection of photos from their school days. A quick trip down memory lane followed - literally - with a walk to the Memorial Hall for a cohort photo and a brief tour of the school.

Lunch at the Wellington Club was a highlight. Associate Headmaster Darrell Harvey toasted the Class of 1964, and Derek Golding, who had flown all the way from England, delivered a heartfelt response. Derek's touching tribute to the school and absent friends set a reflective tone, while Rick King, who had travelled from New York, added humour and nostalgia with his anecdotes. The pair wrapped up by presenting a plaque and flowers, officially conferring honorary membership of the Class of 1964 to Roger Moses and me - an unexpected and truly delightful honour. Amongst the guests at the lunch was Mary Marshall, whose husband John (Head Prefect, 1964) passed away in 2014.

The room was alive with laughter, storytelling, and a wonderful dose of nostalgia as memories came flooding back, fuelling much mirth around the table.

To the Class of 1964 - thank you for leading the way. Here's to a milestone worth celebrating and the memories that make it so special. Cheers to you!



Back Row Mike Pallin, Darrell Harvey, Andrew Wilson, Peter Jenks, John Harding, Derek De Lisle, Alex Sharp, Ted Thomas

Front Row: Derek Golding, Oliver Lane, Rick Gesterkamp, Roger Moses, Gary Girvan, Rick King, Michael Saxton, Vince Neall



Lunch at The Wellington Club • Honorary Membership of the Class of 1964 was presented to Roger Moses and myself. Rick King, Roger Moses, Keith Quinn.





Reunions: CLASS OF 1974

On 25 October, we welcomed back the Class of 1974 for their Fifty Years On Reunion. Though attendance was lower than expected, it truly was a case of quality over quantity. Highlights included welcoming one Old Boy who travelled all the way from Canada and another from Queensland to join the celebration. After a morning tea, we wandered through the school grounds and corridors, revisiting memories and cherished traditions. That evening, the reminiscing continued with a lively dinner at the Wellington Club. Thank you, gentlemen, for making the effort to come back and celebrate together!



2025 Head Prefect, Fred Oppenhuis with 1975 Head Prefect, Peter Morrison. Peter is both Class of 1974 and 1975.



Back Row: Malcolm Stapleton, Alistair Davis, Michael Hickman, Joe Heaver, Alan Gibbs, David Dowden, Martin Lubransky
Front Row: Richard Gerard, Mike Pallin, Peter Morrison, Glen Denham, Mike Brodie, Ken McDonald, Jeremy Taylor



It's not often you find a building named after you, but this Alan Gibbs is from the Class of 1974.





Reunions: CLASS OF 1984

On Friday, 18 October, Wellington College extended a warm welcome to the Class of 1984 as they gathered to celebrate their 40-year reunion - a significant milestone in their lives. The morning began in the Archives, [which coincidentally, was also the home of 1984's Head Prefect, Michael Heron's grandfather, Headmaster H A Heron [1951-1963], and his father, Richard], with heartfelt greetings and enthusiastic handshakes as Old Boys reconnected, many seeing each other for the first time since their school days. Over morning tea, the group shared stories, caught up on decades of life experiences, and reminisced about their time at the College.

Following morning tea, the cohort was treated to a curated tour of Wellington College. Walking through the campus, they revisited familiar spaces that sparked fond memories, from classrooms to the grounds where they once competed in sports. The tour also showcased the school's impressive evolution, with modern facilities and new developments standing alongside the cherished traditions and architecture they remembered. It was a trip down memory lane, blending nostalgia with amazement at how much the school had changed while maintaining its enduring spirit.

The celebrations continued into the evening, with the group gathering for a formal dinner at the iconic Wellesley Club in Wellington. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and celebration, as laughter filled the room during speeches that paid tribute to their shared history. Heart-warming anecdotes, humorous stories, and reflections on their time at Wellington College brought the group even closer. The night concluded on a high note with a rousing rendition of *Forty Years On*, a fitting and emotional end to a day filled with connection, nostalgia, and shared pride in their lasting bond as Old Boys of Wellington College.



**2024 Head Prefect, Ollie Church with
1984 Head Prefect, Michael Heron.**



- Back Row:** Stewart Rainey, Marcus Hull, Stathis Moutos, John Eyles, Michael Mead, Jonathan Usher, Sean Chan, Duncan Turnbull, Jim Thompson, Kevin Peacock, Anaru Whaiapu, Konelio Ailao [Ollie Church, 2024 HP]
- Third Row:** Craig Stinson, Warren Young, Faamanatuga Taufale, Alex Pantelakis, Phil MacLeod, Rich Speirs, Peter Papas, Scott Alexander, Raybon Kan, Ewan Gebbie, Russell Martin
- Second Row:** [Fred Oppenhuis (2025 HP), Freeman Yu (2024 DHP), Quintin Johnson-Bell (2024 DHP)], Ralph Faamalepe-Jones, Warren Buxton, Jim Hinkley, Murray Wu, Simon Wallace, Phil Egly, Jon England, Phillip Bramley, Paul Swallow, Antony Buick-Constable, Todd Simmonds, Fotis Liolis, [Malachy Holborow (2024 DHP), Srian Snyed (2024 DHP)]
- Front Row:** Neill Wiffin, Bruce Wright, Paul Carman, Kim Tattersall, Mike Pallin, Ted Thomas, Glen Denham, Michael Heron, Gary Girvan, Rob Anderson, James Kwing, Ashis Govind, Steve Bougen
- Absent:** Paul Carman, Alec Boulieris, Dave Molony, Brett Sutton





Reunions: CLASS OF 1994



The penultimate reunion for the year saw the red carpet rolled out for the Class of 1994, celebrating 30 years since they last stormed the halls, fields, and stages of Wellington College. Despite the years, they all seemed to recognise each other instantly - turns out, they've aged like fine wine (or at least a decent vintage).

After a nostalgic school tour, the crew was itching to get to the next stop, *Mean Doses Bar*, where their classmate Dean Moses was waiting, along with those

who missed the school leg of the tour. The celebrations included more tales from the glory days.

Co-convenor, Jamie Crump said, *We had 30 at the College and then another twenty plus on top of that at 'Mean Doses' - so all up a turn out of 50+ Old Boys from 1994 on the Friday. It was a fantastic evening and an excellent positive vibe. Everyone commented on how great it was to reconnect!*

We had another gathering of about 20

of us the following day at the 'Southern Cross', that included partners, and the Rankin Cup winning Hockey 1st XI also got together at 'Hey Day' and the 'Southern Cross'. They had a full team turn out. A brilliant effort as fellow '94er Craig Fuller, made it all the way back from Holland for it!

A big shout-out to Jamie Crump and Hamish Langford who coordinated the weekend and successfully brought so many together from around the globe.







Catch-Ups and Connections

A MORNING OF MEMORIES WITH HARVEY REES-THOMAS



In August, we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming the legendary former Headmaster, Harvey Rees-Thomas, to the Archives. Over a lively morning tea, we shared school stories, swapped the latest gossip about our Old Boys (the good, the bad, and the nostalgic!), and enjoyed reconnecting.

Harvey then took a leisurely stroll through the Archives, admiring the impressive displays curated by our talented team. As he wandered down memory lane, he, Mike Pallin, and Gary Girvan found themselves immersed in sixty years' worth of anecdotes, laughter, and a fair share of 'back in my day' reflections.

BEERS, BITES, AND BANTER AT THE 1852



Jono Cox (Class of 2000), proud proprietor of *The 1852*, played the perfect host for a relaxed 'beers n bites' gathering, giving Old Boys the chance to catch up, share laughs, and swap stories.

Around the tables were a mix of familiar faces and lively chats, making an afternoon of welcome camaraderie. Here's to Jono for providing the perfect setting for this laid-back Old Boys' get-together! Cheers to many more.

Photo - (L-R): Andrew Latta, Misipalauni Moananu, Dilan Magan, Jono Cox, Otto Rasch, Steph Kane, Hayden Prosser, Neemia Tialata and Tomasi Palu.

Old Boys, New Banter in Auckland.

In late September, we had a cracker of an evening for our Auckland-based Old Boys at The Fox on the Viaduct, marking the end of a five-year hiatus. Old faces, new faces, and, let's be honest, a few faces that haven't aged a day since school (lucky them!) gathered to reminisce, reconnect, and relive memories of fellow students, staff, and school-day escapades.

The evening was made even more special by the presence of former Headmaster Roger Moses, who enjoyed catching up with many of his past students. Ted Thomas shared updates on the Old Boys' network, while Darrell Harvey brought news from the school, sparking great conversations about the past and present.

The night flew by with banter and laughter, so much so that I completely forgot to take photos - proof of how engaging and vibrant the evening was! Rest assured, it really happened, and many are already gearing up for upcoming reunions. If you missed out, don't worry; hopefully there will be a repeat performance in 2025.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us - we truly appreciate your support and enthusiasm.





LEGENDS, LUNCH, AND LAUGHS

Our Archives Old Boys' Office Christmas Lunch, hosted by Mike Pallin and Steph Kane was a feast fit for a merry memory bank. We gave a hearty 'Hip, Hip, Hooray!' to our volunteer VIPs - Abbey and Gary Girvan, and Rod Page - before rolling out the red carpet for a triple-treat of distinguished guests: former Headmaster Roger Moses, former Deputy Headmaster Rob Anderson, and our once-and-always Archivist Paddianne Neely. A whole lot of legendary service, served up with a side of holiday cheer!



Generations Unite: Grandparents' Day at the College

In August, the school was buzzing with excitement as we welcomed a large number of grandparents who joined their grandsons for morning tea and a special tour around the College. It was heart-warming to see many grandfathers reminiscing about their own time here, sharing fond memories and marvelling at how the College has evolved. The queue for the Archives was particularly long as guests eagerly looked forward to taking in the College's history

We were especially thrilled to celebrate the 97th birthday of Garth England! He was once again accompanied by his son, Jon England (Class of 1984), and looked after by his grandson, Jacob England, Y10 (Class of 2027).

It was a truly joyous occasion, highlighting the unique bond between grandparents and their grandsons and the lasting impact they have in shaping the future with their wisdom and love.





The Vance Legacy:

1924: A STYLISH BEGINNING



It was the year Marlon Brando was born, Lenin passed away, and Kiwi Arthur Porritt sprinted to Olympic glory in Paris, a race later immortalised in *Chariots of Fire*. Meanwhile, back in Wellington, George Vance and Harold Vivian opened the doors of their menswear store, *Vance Vivian*.

From its original site on Manners and Cuba Streets, *Vance Vivian* expanded across the country and weathered nearly every challenge the last century could throw at it - wars, depressions, earthquakes, even the GFC. It became a staple of Wellington's retail scene, later helmed by Old Boys Robert (Class of 1942), Hamish (Class of 1974), and Robert Vance, Class of 1972, a former New Zealand cricketer, alongside long-time employee Conon Ford.

Robert Vance Senior, who would have reached his own century this year, had he not passed away in 1994. The RA Vance Stand is named in his honour, celebrating his contribution to Wellington Cricket as a superb batsman. He was awarded a CBE for services to cricket and the community in the 1983 New Year Honours.

The third-generation of Vances' cut their retail teeth at the Cuba Street store while still at school. Too young for the bespoke Lynx suits but old enough to



Hamish (L) and Robert Vance

stack shelves of walk shorts and socks, they've seen fashion trends come and go. Hamish still shudders at the memory of Wellington's public servant uniform: *Thank God those walk shorts have gone!*

The store's history brims with colourful tales - like the infamous 1994 ram-raid, where \$60,000 worth of Italian cashmere suits vanished before dawn. Robert Sr. suspected they were whisked out of town to avoid detection.

Today, Vance Vivian is firmly anchored on Lambton Quay, selling everything from Canali suits to exclusive Italian shoes crafted in partnership with Florence's Calzoleria Toscana. Hamish and Robert, now 67 and 69 (or young

67 and 69, as Hamish quips), remain at the helm, blending tradition with reinvention and keeping Wellington's gentlemen well-dressed.

When asked about the future, Hamish shrugs: *Let's get to our 101st first.*



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A Legacy in Jewels:

RAY, GRANT AND THE NEXT GENERATION

Few family businesses in New Zealand, or even Australasia, can match the enduring legacy of **Partridge Jewellers**, now celebrating 160 years of excellence in craftsmanship.

For three generations of Wellington College Old Boys - Ray Partridge (Class of 1948), his son Grant (Class of 1977), and Grant's three sons, Sam (Class of 2013), Cory (Class of 2014), and Jack (Class of 2017) - the company represents more than a livelihood; it's a shared passion and a family legacy deeply rooted in both their heritage and the capital city's golden mile.

The Partridge story began in 1864, when James Partridge opened the first store in Timaru before expanding into Christchurch and eventually Wellington. However, the business's continuity nearly faltered in the 1950s, when Ray Partridge, who worked part-time in the workshop as a boy, decided to pursue a career as an accountant for *20th Century Fox*. His father, recognising the importance of keeping the business in the family, convinced Ray to stay by matching his corporate salary.

That pivotal moment preserved the Partridge legacy, allowing Ray to guide the business through transformative decades. Known for his tireless work ethic, Ray was often in the store until late at night, a devotion that left an indelible mark on his son Grant.

Grant, the fifth generation, began his journey as a 16-year-old fresh out of Wellington College, polishing glass and sweeping floors under Ray's watchful eye. Over the last 48 years, Grant has expanded the business from a single store in Wellington to a nationally recognised brand, with flagship locations in Auckland and plans



Ray Partridge

for further growth. *I couldn't be prouder to have my three sons involved*, says Grant.

Sam, Cory, and Jack represent the sixth generation and share their father's passion for the business. Sam, 28, began in the Wellington store and now manages front-of-house operations at Partridge's Rolex-Patek Philippe boutique, earning a loyal clientele. Cory, 27, previously worked as a government lawyer and was instrumental in helping Partridge Jewellers join the Responsible Jewellery Council. After his overseas experience, he is expected to return to the family business. Jack, 24, works as a consultant at PwC while supporting Partridge Jewellers as its digital specialist, managing social media and marketing.

For the family, business and life have always been intertwined. Jack fondly recalls childhood family holidays interspersed with visits to jewellery stores to study designs and trends. *Nothing keeps you more engaged and passionate than the idea of building on a family legacy*, says Jack.

Ray's influence on the family endures, even after his passing in August. His dedication and resilience have inspired Grant and his sons to carry the business forward. As Partridge Jewellers marked its 160th anniversary in November, it

celebrated not just its storied past but also a promising future. The company hosted a prestigious event to showcase its history and its future. Among the highlights were commemorative pieces crafted by Grant, including a spectacular ring featuring a 2.40ct Colombian emerald set with diamond-encrusted silver ferns. *Magnificent*, Grant remarked as the ring was admired by colleagues, a sentiment that applies equally to the Partridge legacy.

Looking ahead, the family plans to elevate the Partridge brand further, focusing on bespoke designs and expanding their in-house collections. While Grant hints at scaling back his own involvement, he is confident in the next generation's ability to uphold the company's traditions of excellence and innovation.

It must also be mentioned that the Partridge family were generous supporters of Wellington College's new Memorial Hall, with the Performing Arts Stage named in their honour.

From Ray's decision to stay in the business to Grant's transformative leadership and his sons' fresh perspectives, Partridge Jewellers exemplifies the strength of family values and the enduring legacy of craftsmanship. For this family of Wellington College Old Boys, the future of Partridge Jewellers shines as brightly as the treasures they create.



Grant, with his sons Sam and Jack (standing).

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Old Boys in the NEWS

Lifetime Honour Bestowed



The Wellington Rugby Supporters Club recently acknowledged Axemen legend and Past President, broadcasting icon, Keith Quinn (Class of 1964). At the WRFU Awards, Keith was presented with the WRFU lifetime achievement award for his services to Wellington Rugby. Only seven of these have ever been presented.

Staying Onside: Old Boys Blow the Whistle on Rugby Stages

Dave Walsh, from the Wellington Referees Association gave us an update on some of our Old Boys who have been in the lime-light this year.

Nick Hogan (Class of 2008) remains as a leading referee on the International Sevens Circuit and refereed at the Paris Olympics Rugby Sevens.

Marcus Playle (class of 2010) is a very well performed referee in the NZ National system, including as an Assistant Referee in Super Rugby, refereed seven round-robin NPC matches and the Taranaki v Waikato NPC Quarter-final. He was also the Assistant Referee for the Canterbury v Bay of Plenty NPC semi-final.

Jack Trevella (Class of 2014) moved to Chicago for work and joined the local referees association.

Jamie Fairmaid (Class of 2009) refereed the Wellington Rugby Jubilee Cup Final.

Ollie Michie (Class of 2018) [pictured above], was recognised as Level 2's Most Promising Referee. Ollie works with the Learning Support Department at the College.

Wellington College Student Embarks on Valuable Accounting Internship at Baker Tilly Staples Rodway

Wellington accountancy firm Baker Tilly Staples Rodway recently took on Y13 student Miguel Fiel for work experience. Chartered accountant Matt Sutherland (Class of 2000), mentored Miguel during the July-August placement, which was part of Wellington College's Gateway Programme.

Highlights for Miguel included an introduction to tax compliance across a broad range of clients, and attending a session of the Xero Roadshow, which focused on new accounting tools, app partnerships and

industry inspiration.

Matt, who manages the firm's Business Advisory team, noted the value of giving back: *It's rewarding to be able to give students a different perspective from the classroom. I'd encourage other Old Boys in any profession to consider what they can offer the senior students as a placement.*

Matt also serves as a Trustee for the Wellington College Foundation and a Committee Member for the Wellington College Old Boys' Association.



Matt Sutherland, (right) with Miguel.



Dave Walsh, while not an Old Boy, is very well known to the Wellington College Rugby Community, was made a Life Member of the Wellington Rugby Referees Association. Dave has given so much time, wisdom and support to the Rugby Club - he should qualify as an honorary Old Boy.



Jacob Waikari-Jones (Class of 2021) shared this photo on our Facebook page: It was a great turnout at the annual Dunedin Wellington College Reunion. Good to see a great bunch of boys wearing the Coll colours with pride.



WINE, WOMEN AND VERY SLOW HORSES

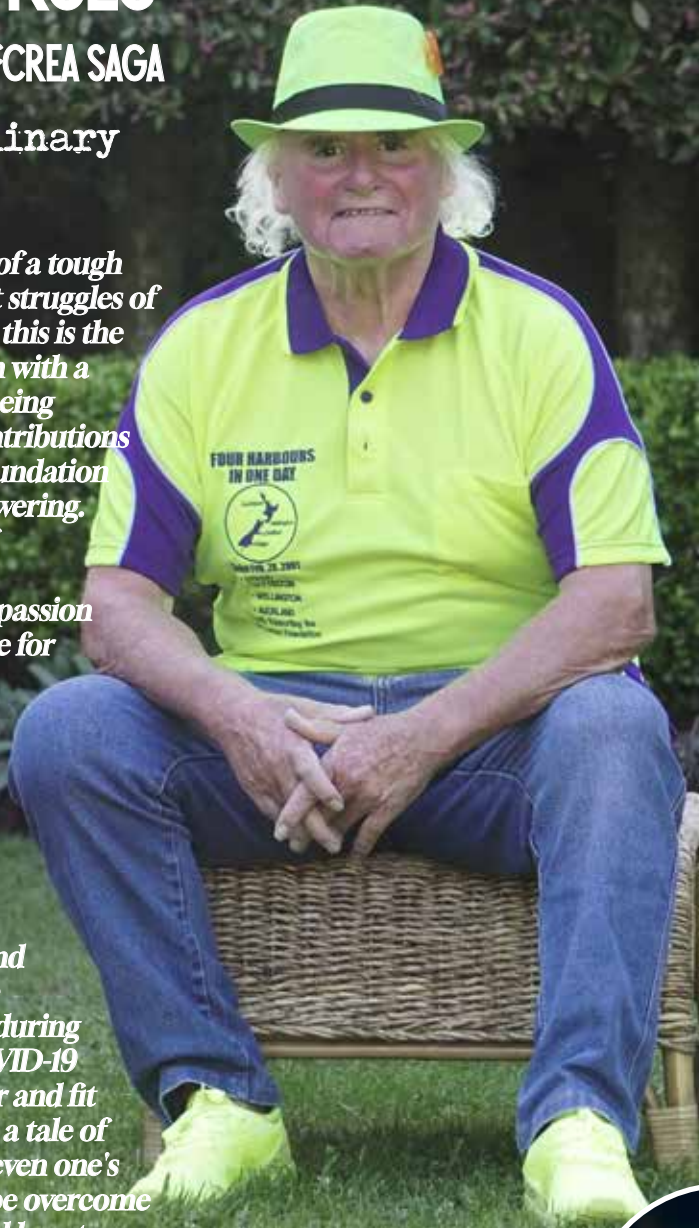
THE BRIEN 'TOAD' M'CREA SAGA

Not just an ordinary joker TOAD!

From the gritty streets of a tough upbringing to the quiet struggles of shyness and self-doubt, this is the inspiring story of a man with a heart of gold. Despite being short in stature, his contributions to the Child Cancer Foundation are nothing short of towering. Battling the demons of alcoholism, he found redemption through a passion for education and a love for training long-distance runners.

As a dedicated teacher and a musician, his journey is a testament to resilience and the transformative power of giving back. Loved and tolerated by many, 'The Toad' penned his story during the isolation of the COVID-19 lockdown, staying sober and fit against all odds. This is a tale of triumph, proving that even one's own worst enemy can be overcome with determination and heart.

FOREWORD BY MARC ELLIS



After seventy years in the making and four years of dedicated writing, this long-awaited story is finally here!

Dive into a captivating journey that invites you to relive those iconic 'Toad' moments - each page a memory, whether heartfelt or humorous.

While Toad is not an Old Boy, as a former staff member, we are only too happy to promote his forthcoming book which will be launched on Tuesday, 4 March 2025.

Format: Soft cover, 308 pages, over 100 photos.

The website for Pre-orders and post launch sales will be posted on the WCOBA Facebook Page, but if you are not on Facebook, please email: oldboys@we.school.nz for the link to the site.

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You can also email us oldboys@we.school.nz if you wish to receive a personal invite to the Wellington Launch on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, at 5:00 pm - hosted by Old Boys, Myles Gazley, with Marc Ellis, OR the Auckland Launch later in March (date TBC).





New Beginnings on the Water

In the wake of losing two rowing boats in a recent accident, the College's Rowing Club reunited this September to celebrate the launch of two new vessels. Coaches, committee members, parents, Old Boys, and students gathered to welcome these long-awaited additions to the fleet as they look ahead to a successful 2024/2025 season.

One of the new boats, an eight, was generously funded by Old Boy John Benton (Class of 1963). He chose the name *The General* in honour of the celebrated Old Boy Lord Bernard Freyberg - an apt tribute, given Freyberg's dedication to fostering camaraderie and team sports among his troops. This ethos inspired events like the historic Nile Regatta, which led to the creation of the Maadi Cup - still contested by New Zealand secondary schools each March.

The second boat, a double, is named for Andrew and Gwen Sturgeon, who have devoted countless volunteer hours to supporting Wellington College Rowing. Andrew, having recently stepped down as WCRFC Chairman, is a fitting namesake, symbolising the unwavering dedication that bolsters the programme's strength.

With *The General* and *Sturgeon* now in the water, the rowers eagerly anticipate training and racing in the coming season, buoyed by a renewed sense of purpose and pride.



John Benton, alongside 'The General'.



Old College Mates make Waves at the Inaugural NZ Masters Waterpolo Champs!

Richard Knowles (Class of 1994) sent us a photo taken two years ago at the inaugural NZ Masters Waterpolo Champs held in Hawkes Bay. Chris Jarvis's (Class of 1979) team beat our team in a penalty shoot out. And Jono Friend's (Class of 1997) team came third. Wellington College was the most represented school. At last year's tournament (2023) Patu's Pirates managed to flip the result and beat the Kaumātua in the final. Whoop!

Photo: Stefan Curry, Josh Potaka, Tom Judd, Richard Knowles, Stuart Bird, Jono Friend, Chris Jarvis, Richard Claridge, Andrew Cutriss, Tom Judd.

Cal Poly Men's Basketball Lands Dynamic Kiwi Forward Troy Plumtree



California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly's) Head Basketball Coach, Mike DeGeorge was excited to announce the signing of one of his new international players - Troy Plumtree.

Continuing the theme of international recruits, Troy Plumtree from New Zealand is the most recent and arguably biggest commitment for Cal Poly men's basketball thus far.

The 17-year-old played for Wellington College and the Wellington Saints last year, where he won the national high school championship in New Zealand.

To complement his extremely high motor, Troy is a constant lob threat who will dunk everything, has a rim presence that will send anything that goes his way in the other direction and has a soft, smooth lefty stroke.



A trip down Memory Lane

In the 2023 Lampstand, Alan Johnston (Class of 1964) took a trip down Memory Lane. He returns again with some more memories.

guess as we age, the more nostalgic we become, recalling events in the past which amused us.

While there is certainly no point in wishing for the past, I thought I'd put pen to paper and share a few more memories which may resonate with some who care to read on.

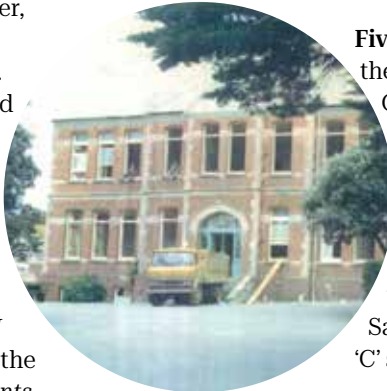
Chile Earthquake: (9.5) 1960. A tidal wave was generated, and a wave was expected to hit eastern coastal areas of New Zealand the following day at around midday. In those days, there was a rough track from College up the eastern slopes to Alexandra Road from where you could see parts of Lyall Bay and the Airport. I believe this track was 'out of bounds'. No matter, some of us choose to head up at lunchtime anyway, to observe the arrival of the 'tsunami'. I think we felt we would see it hit Lyall Bay and potentially inundate the runway. The result was a fizzer. The timing was never going to that precise and the 'tsunami' would hardly be visible.

Phys Ed: Teacher, Mr Pohe was a stickler for the rules. *Where are your running shorts boy? I forgot them, or mum never washed them,* were the usual answers. *Too bad, down to your underpants boy and get on with it or else,* responded Mr Pohe. We had no choice.

The West School: This was the old two-storey building on the western side of the College precinct. 'Horse' Bradley was amongst a number of teachers who taught there. My French class (teachers' name not recalled) was on the second floor. I often wonder why French was taught - we learned to write and spell the language, but we never spoke it. Anyway, the windows of this old building vibrated badly every time one of Safe Air's Bristol Freighters (frighteners) clawed its way to altitude in a Norwest gale, the noise from these aircraft was horrendous.

Lunch Orders: These were placed at the cafe before school or during morning break and delivered to the classroom at lunchtime. Proper names were seldom placed with the order, more so names like Knackers, Dick Head, R. Sole, A. Hole and many other crude names were used. Everyone knew which order was who's. Nutrition did not seem to be an issue back then. Invariably the bulk of the orders comprised pies, donuts, and cream buns.

Wellington College was a great place to learn (most of time), and unconsciously provided nostalgia for the future.



The West School c 1977 being demolished.



Cadets Parade, 1964



Music Teacher, Mr Radford

Music Teacher: He was Mr Radford (nicknamed 'Rhubarb' from memory). I don't think many of us were interested in the subject. It was regarded as relief from the likes of Maths, Science etc. No one took it very seriously. One day, Rhubarb played a song by a well-known tenor and invited us to guess his name. No one had a clue, so it was our cue for a bit of levity. The class erupted with various offerings including Bobby Darrin, Clarence 'Frogman' Henry, Gene McDaniels and others, referring to the Hit Parade of the era. 'Rhubarb' reminded us that said tenor was Mario Lanza, a name none of us were familiar with we pointed out.

Fives: (handball/hand-tennis). The court was the domain of the (Year) 'A' or (Year) 'B' forms.

Others (Year) 'C' and 'Shell C' hardly got a look in (shades of class warfare). The game almost became an obsession for some. It was played at the intervals and sometimes a very quick game between periods. Talking of the 'C' forms, one boy's parents were horrified that their son had been placed in such a low form. Said boy appeased his parents by claiming that 'C' stood for 'commercial', which it didn't.

Lunchtimes: It was forbidden to leave the grounds at lunchtime. No buts! However, one boy had the use of his mother's car (a 100E Ford Prefect) and was persuaded to take us for a 'burn'. Five of us piled in and off we went, through the Hataitai Tunnel (with the horn getting a good workout), up and down the hills of Hataitai, with the driver intending to impress with his handling and speed. All went well until we came down a steep, blind corner at the end of a cul-de-sac. With the load aboard, the brakes were ineffective, and we slid into the gutter, the equivalent of an aircraft 'ground-loop'. Ouch! This was my first taste of 'brake-fade'.

School Cadets: For the first couple of weeks of Term One, we partook in all sorts of Armed Services activities (including live rifle firing). We wore battle dress matching our chosen branch of the services. I had chosen the Air Force and wore my battledress (complete with Corporal stripes) with pride to and from College. Cadet Weeks certainly eased us in to the new school year.



Wellington College pays tribute to Old Boy and Antarctic Explorer

Wellington College paid tribute to the late William James **Peter** Macdonald (Class of 1944) (1926 – 2022), a distinguished Old Boy, Antarctic explorer, and generous benefactor. Peter's enduring connection to the College and his significant bequest will benefit future generations of students.

Peter Macdonald attended Wellington College from 1940 to 1944. Though he began in the A stream, by his third year, he moved to the C stream, yet his story is one of perseverance and success. He and fellow highly-esteemed classmates of 4A1941 met up on numerous occasions all around the world for reunions and there is an oil painting held in the Archives of this remarkable class.

After school, he enrolled at Victoria University, where he later admitted to being more focused on sport and deer stalking than his studies. His father arranged an interview for a cadetship at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, where Peter chose geophysics over other fields, a decision that shaped his life and career.

Peter spent several years working in remote camps, providing geophysical expertise on major projects, including the Waikato and Cobb river dams, geothermal exploration in Wairakei, Taupo, and Auckland, and oil prospecting in Australia. His career took a historic turn in 1956, when he joined Sir Edmund Hillary's Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

Peter and the team sailed to Antarctica on the US Icebreaker *Glacier*, where they built Scott Base and conducted critical scientific research. Peter's work measuring sea levels, currents, and the ice shelf at McMurdo Sound earned him the prestigious Polar Medal in 1958, alongside Hillary and the rest of the expedition team. He was part of the first group to winter over at Scott Base, and Macdonald Bluff in Antarctica was

later named in his honour.

Throughout his career, Peter's groundbreaking mapping techniques became the international standard for geothermal exploration, leading to consulting work with the United Nations Development Programme in Chile, El Salvador, the Philippines, Vanuatu, and Canada. His career spanned over four decades, leaving a significant global legacy.

In addition to his professional achievements, Peter maintained a strong connection with Wellington College and the Old Boys' Association (OBA). His close friendship with former Wellington College Archivist, Paddianne Neely led to his ongoing involvement with the College via *The Lampstand*, and while Peter and his wife, Doris, were able, they



A crayon-sketch of Peter Macdonald by Dutch-born portrait artist and book illustrator, Els Noordhof. The work is on display in the College's Archives.



frequently attended Old Boy events.

This connection, coupled with his philanthropic nature, was reflected in his generous bequest to the College. The Wellington College Foundation was entrusted with \$560,000 from Peter's estate, to be invested for the benefit of current and future students.

Additionally, Peter's Polar Medal and other significant artefacts from his time in Antarctica were donated to the College, where they will be preserved and displayed for the community.



The College also had the privilege of welcoming the Executors of Peter's estate, Susan D'Arth and Bridget Carthew, who formally presented these valuable items.

Peter Macdonald's remarkable legacy, both through his scientific achievements and his connection as an Old Boy of Wellington College, will continue to inspire students for generations to come.

The photo of 4A, 1941 was taken in 2003 in the Dining Room of the NZ High Commission, London, hosted by classmate, Hon. George Gair.

(Clockwise from top right): David Salkeld, Jean Josling, George Gair, Helen Joplin, Peter Macdonald, Elizabeth Salkeld, Doris Macdonald, Peter Whittle, Kathe Whittle, Peter Collins, Fay Gair.

1874 - 1934 DIAMOND JUBILEE NUMBER · DECEMBER 1934

EDITORIAL

This 1934 'Wellingtonian' records the sixtieth anniversary of Wellington College on its present site.

As is shown in an article in the Jubilee section, the beginnings of the School from its foundation in 1854 by Sir George Grey, until it found finally a settled residence in Dufferin Street, were of a somewhat migratory character.

It is therefore natural that Wellington College should go back to the date of its establishment on the present location (1874) to find a starting point for its historical milestones.

To the physical eye, there is practically nothing left of the Wellington College of sixty years ago. The old wooden East School with which fifty years of Wellington College Boys were so intimately associated, has passed away so utterly that an Old Boy might be pardoned if he could find not even the site it once occupied.

The grounds have changed almost beyond recognition. Massive stone buildings, wide playing fields, trim gardens, touch no chord of memory in the Old Boy of half a century ago, to whom the school was a new wooden structure set in uncultivated surroundings.

The once familiar faces of old masters can no longer recall school days, for they have all departed, many of them, alas, into the bourn of time.

But the greatness of a school does not consist in the possession of fine buildings and expansive playing fields. It has fortunately, a more solid foundation than these.

The greatness of Wellington College lies in the love and respect of the human material which has felt the influence of its great tradition and of its culture, and in the solid foundation for character which the School has offered to her sons.

If these more intangible attributes remain, the outward appearance of the Old School may change what way it will, the heart will still beat strong and true beneath.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The school's Diamond Jubilee was marked by three days of events on November 30th, December 1st, and 2nd, featuring ceremonies, social gatherings, and sports under perfect weather.

On Friday, Old Boys gathered at the school grounds where they spent time meeting other Old Boys and exchanging reminiscences of boyhood days before the group photograph was taken, and the sporting contests began. The evening dance in the Gymnasium, adorned with orange and black streamers - the College's colours, was a lively success, enhanced by a delightful supper.

Saturday featured the unveiling of the Jubilee Honours Board and the presentation of two honour bowls by Mrs. Firth, given in memory of her husband. In presenting the bowls, Mrs Firth said they had been given to her husband on his retirement, and she wished to give them to the College as honours. One to the Head Prefect of the School, and the other to the Head Prefect of Firth House.

J.C. Webb, a distinguished alumnus, reminisced about the College's early days, when he attended school in an old building on the site of the present Terrace School. In the course of his reminiscences, he mentioned that there were few blazers worn. There were no trams and boys did not think it was a hardship to walk to College from Khandallah and Karori. Together with Frank McGovern, the College's first Head Prefect 1892 - 1893, they unveiled the Honours Board.

The celebrations concluded on Sunday with a grand parade of Old Boys and current students on the College's lower grounds.



The JP Firth Bowl of Honour



Old Boys from 1876 - 1892



The Archives

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

As I review the monthly Archives reports I send to OBA President Ted Thomas, I'm amazed by the significant amount of work accomplished within the limited hours allocated to us.

Some highlights include the long-awaited, successful installation of the scholarship boards in the assembly hall, following months of effort to clean, paint, and treat them for borer.

It was a highly successful Grandparents' Day, with visitors to the Archives Museum queued out the door. Our Old Boys' reunions for the classes of '64, '74, '84, '94 and '04 tours of the school also began or ended with visits to the

Archives.

Similarly, we've welcomed a variety of visitors - those researching family members, others dropping off memorabilia after a home clean-out, and some stopping by for a coffee and a catch-up. It's always heartening to hear the many memories they share with us.

Additionally, after extensive research, we created a new display showcasing one of Wellington College's oldest connected families, the Brandons, whose history spans from the 1860s to recent times. Their remarkable story is shared on the next page.

All this could not have been achieved without the incredible amount of

support I have had from a team of people. Firstly, from Steph Kane where the synergy of our working relationship for research into past school events and following up on the many enquiries we receive which have led to many great stories for the *Lampstands* and eNewsletters. I look to 2025 with considerable apprehension without her support.

Thanks to our regular volunteers, Gary and Abbey Girvan and Old Boy, Rod Page. Finally, big thanks to the amazing support we receive from the College Property Management team, Kelwyn and Roy.

Mike Pallin, Archivist

BACK ON BOARD: HONOURING OUR LEGACY

In a follow-up to our post in July eNewsletter about the re-installation of the first Honours Boards in the Hall, we are thrilled to share that the next batch went up in the September holidays. A huge thanks to our Property team for making this happen. Many of the boards haven't been updated with prize-winners since 2014, so there's still more work to do.

Having the boards in place is a special bonus for Old Boys when they visit the College.





Backed by History: The Chair-ished Legacy of our Memorial Seats

When the original wooden East School building was demolished in 1931, a group of Old Boys decided to preserve its legacy by re-purposing some of the finest rimu timber from its structure into chairs.

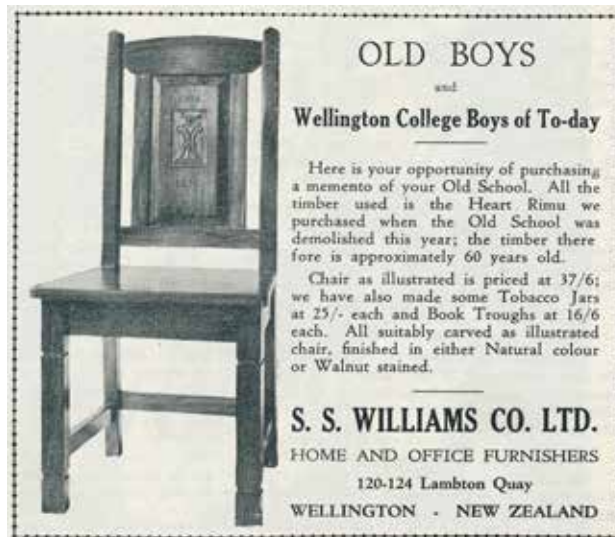
These chairs were offered to Old Boys as keepsakes, serving as tangible mementos of their school days. Approximately 40 were placed on the Memorial Assembly Hall stage for seating. Today, most of these chairs are stored in the Archives building (formerly the Headmaster's house), while a few remain on the stage or outside the Headmaster's office.

The rimu timber was also crafted into other items, such as tobacco jars, candlesticks, bowls, and book stands, which were also made available for purchase. Several of these items are now displayed in the Archives Museum.

Each chair is adorned with the school crest, featuring the dates 1874 and 1931 - marking the East School's opening and eventual demolition. Many chairs bear special metal plaques commemorating Old Boys who lost their lives serving with New Zealand's defence forces. Others honour students or staff members who passed away during their time at the school or recognise long-serving staff. A few were gifted by grateful parents or Old Boys as tokens of appreciation. A number of chairs have been donated to the school as Old Boys pass on.



The East School c 1925

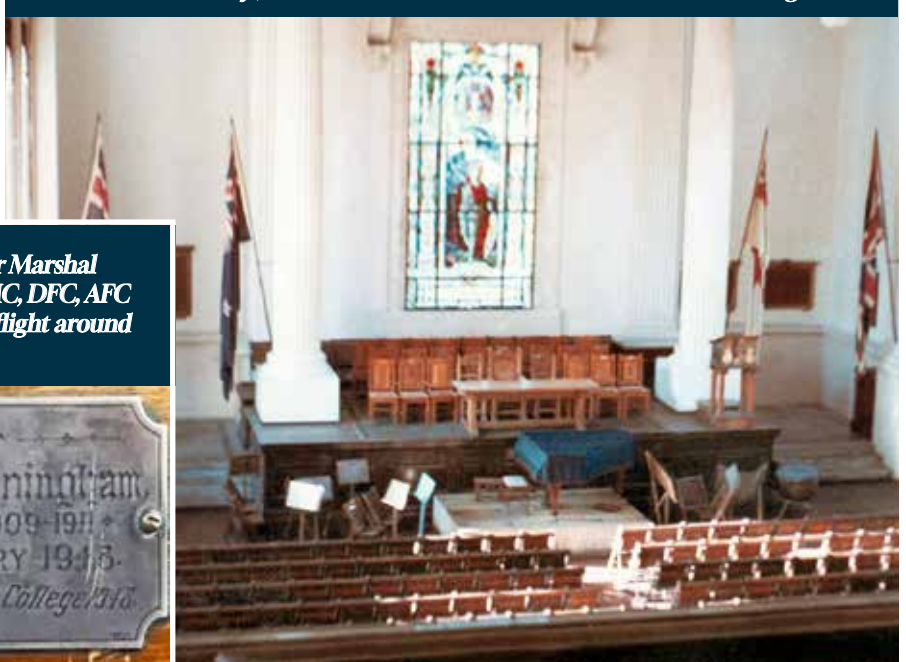


The ad in the 1931 Wellingtonian.



The chair front.

'Back in the day', when the 40 chairs were on the Memorial Hall stage.



A plaque commemorating Old Boy, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham KCB, KBE, DSO, MC, DFC, AFC (1909 - 1911), whose plane disappeared in flight around the Bermuda Triangle.





Generations of Legacy:

THE BRANDON CONNECTION

Six generations of Brandons have left their mark on Wellington College, making them one of its most enduring generational families. From Alfred de Bathe Brandon's pivotal role in the school's founding to his descendants' remarkable achievements, the Brandon legacy is woven into the fabric of the College's history.

With six generations of Brandons connected to Wellington College, the Brandons are one of our oldest generational families.

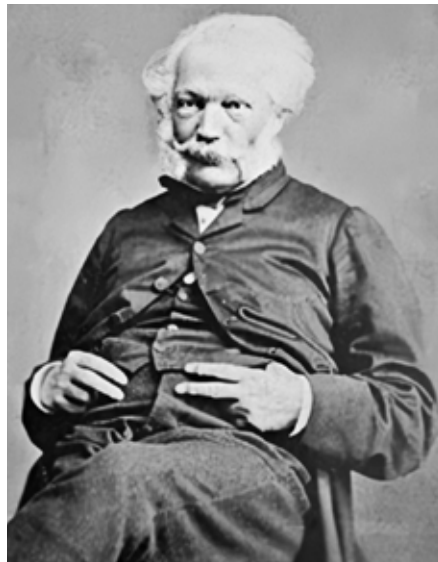
With three generations of Brandons named **Alfred de Bathe Brandon**, we have labelled them (1), (2) and (3) for clarification.

Alfred de Bathe Brandon (1) immigrated to New Zealand in 1840 with his new wife, Constance. A son was born, Henry Eustace, the following year. Sadly, Constance died in 1842. Alfred remarried (Lucy) and they had three sons all of whom attended Wellington College.

Alfred (1) was a prominent Wellington lawyer and politician with Brandon Street being named after him. He was on the Wellington College Board of Trustees when the school opened in 1867 and was Chairman of the Board of Governors from 1880 to 1885.

Henry Eustace would have been too old to attend Wellington College when it opened in 1867, though later descendants of his did attend. Of Alfred's three sons from his second marriage, two sons, Alfred (2), and Charles were foundation students when the College opened in 1867, in Woodward Street. The third son, Hugh attended 1878-1885. Alfred's (1) brother, Sidney, also immigrated to New Zealand. His son, James, also attended Wellington College, 1875-1876. James was later Mayor of Otaki.

Alfred de Bathe Brandon (2) attended Wellington College from 1867 to 1870 achieving Dux. His brother, Charles, was also Dux, in 1874. Alfred enrolled again in 1872 when Wellington College



Alfred de Bathe Brandon (1)

was affiliated with the University of New Zealand. Alfred gained a

University Scholarship in 1872. He was a member of the School's Rifle Volunteer Cadets where he was made Honorary Lieutenant in 1870. He was a prominent member and Captain of the Star Boating Club in the 1880s and 90s.

He went on to become a Wellington Barrister and Solicitor joining his father's firm.

He was Chairman of the Wellington College Board of Governors from 1899 to 1913. Two of his three sons; Alfred (3) and Guy



Alfred de Bathe Brandon (2) [1872]

attended Wellington College. However, while Alfred (2) was Board Chairman, he was so strongly opposed to the Education Department's proposed system of 'free places', he sent his youngest son, Philip, to Whanganui Collegiate. Wellington College was a fee-paying school only till 1907.

Alfred was Mayor of Wellington 1893-1894. His two eldest sons Alfred (3) and Guy both served in WWI.

Both father and son served a combined period of over 23 years as Governors of which the father was Chairman for seven years and the son for sixteen.

Charles also became a Barrister. He played in the 1st XI Cricket 1876-1877 and for the 1st XV in 1876. He represented Wellington in Football (Rugby)

and rowed for Cambridge.

Their brothers, Hugh and James went into banking.

Alfred (3) served with considerable distinction, joining the Royal Flying

Anna Marie Brandon
nee Poole

m

Sidney G BRANDON
1820 - 1899



Alfred de Bathe Brandon (2)

Lucy Brandon nnee Poole
1828 - 1904 M 1854

m 1

Alfred de Bathe BRANDON (1)
1809 - 1886
Immigrated to NZ in 1840
WC Bot: 1867
WC BoG Chair: 1899 -1913

m 2

Constance Mary Brandon
nee Brandon [no relation]
1816 - 1842



Alfred de Bathe Brandon (3)



Corps in 1916. He received the Military Cross (MC) and Distinguished Order (DSO) for being the first RFC pilot to assist in bringing down the German Zeppelin L15 when Germany was bombing London. He repeated this again in 1916, in assisting the bringing down of Zeppelin L33.

The Brandon family line continues through the youngest son of Alfred (2), Philip, who attended Whanganui Collegiate, sent his two sons, Neville (1948-1952) and Terence (1949-1954) to Wellington College. Terence's two grandson's, Peter (2022) and Timothy (2018) are the sixth generation connected to Wellington College.

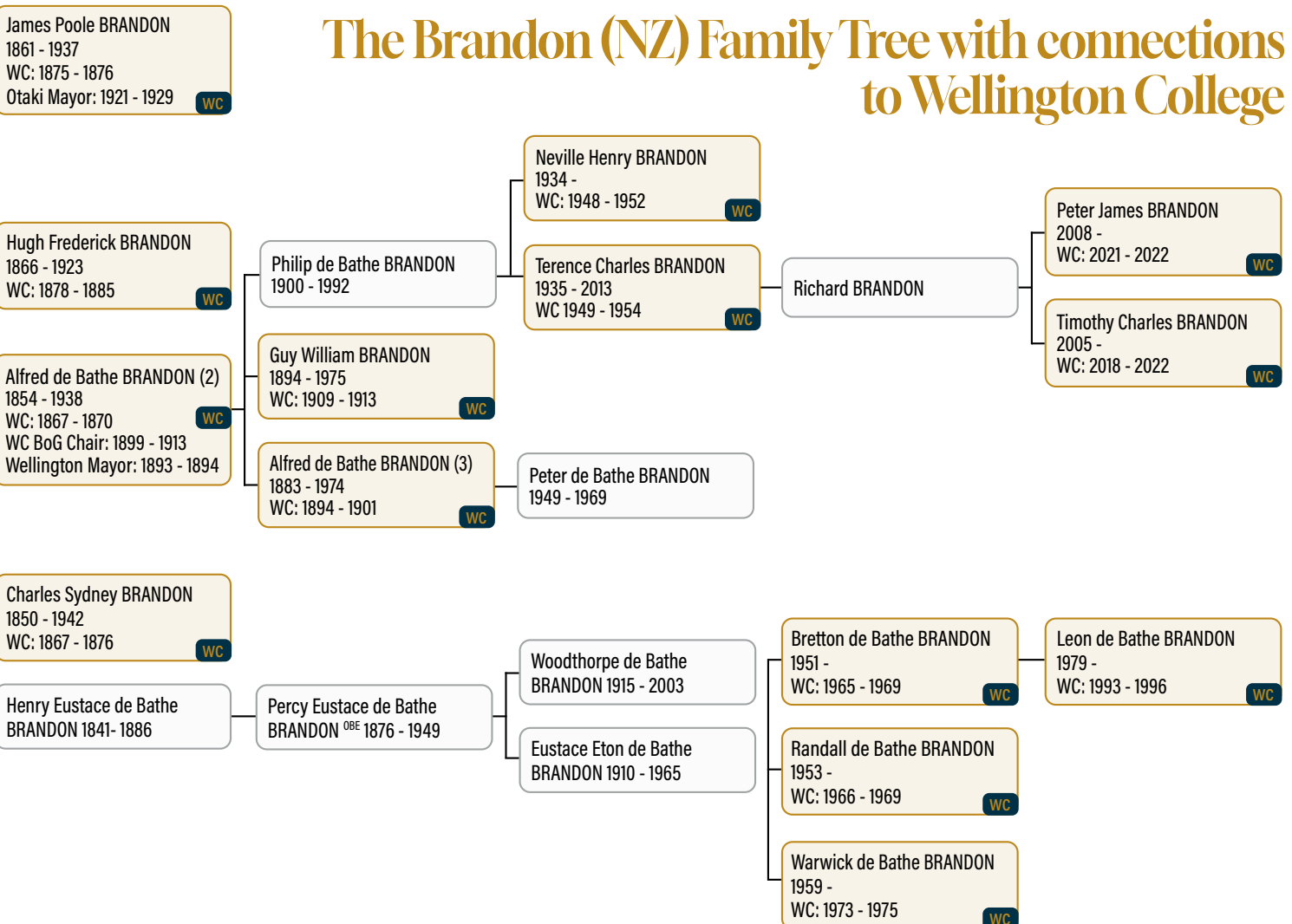
Leon Brandon (WC 1993-1996), whose father Bretton and uncles Randall and Warwick, is also sixth generation descended from Alfred de Bathe Brandon (1).

Mike Pallin, Archivist



Earlier this month, Richard Brandon (son of Terry) visited the Brandon display with his son Tim (Class of 2022), learning more about their family's connection to Wellington College.

The Brandon (NZ) Family Tree with connections to Wellington College





Obituaries

We acknowledge with sadness the passing of the following Old Boys and members of staff since our 2023 Lampstand. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their family and friends.

A ● indicates those for whom an obituary is available in this issue.

CLASS OF 1941

FREEMAN, Allen Tourell
1923 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1937 - 1940
NZ41969 Sgt Allen Tourell Freeman,
medical section RNZAF WW2 NZ and
Pacific.

♦ Obituary in April Newsletter

CLASS OF 1945

BOTT, Rex Harold Clinton
1928 - 2024, Late of NSW
Wellington College: 1941 - 1945
Firth House, 1st XI Hockey

DRYSDALE, Douglas Newton Laird
1927 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1941 - 1943

CLASS OF 1946

DIXON, Raymond Thomas
1928 - 2023, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1942 - 1946
1st XI Football

KELLY, Desmond Lance
1928 - 2024, Late of Northland
Wellington College: 1942 - 1946
Geologist, teacher and actor.
♦ Obituary in April Newsletter

CLASS OF 1947

HORNBLow, Barry Reed
1930 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1943 - 1947
A keen lover of all sports, he represented
Counties at Bowls, was a life member
of the Auckland Boxing Association and
an honorary member of the Auckland
Trotting Club. He was assistant clerk
of the scales at Auckland Racing Club
for more than 20 years and was most
proud of his Paul Harris Fellow Medal
for services to Rotary and his local
community, Manurewa.

NICHOLSON, Bryan Osborne QM
1929 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1943 - 1944
District Court Judge 1967 - 1987,
Chief Justice of Samoa 1976 - 1980

STOKES, Graeme Oliver
1928 - 2023, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1943 - 1946

CLASS OF 1948

ALECOCK, Grahame John
1931 - 2024, Late of Wairarapa
Wellington College: 1944 - 1948
1st XV. St John's Service Medal

DONOVAN, Robert Bruce (Bill)
1930 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1944 - 1947
Firth House

HALL, Graeme Edward
1930 - 2024, Late of Nelson
Wellington College: 1944 - 1947
1st XI Hockey

HARDIE BOYS, Sir Michael GNZM,
GCMG, QSO, KStJ, PC,
Governor General 1996 - 2001
1931 - 2023, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1944 - 1948
Prefect
♦ Obituary in April Newsletter

PARTRIDGE, Raymond Owen
1930 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1944 - 1948
♦ See page 13 for Ray's story.

SOUNESS, James (Jim) William
1931 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1944 - 1948

WRIGHT, Douglas Elliott CNZ, ONZM
1931 - 2023, Late of Waikato
Wellington College: 1944 - 1948
1st XI Hockey
♦ Obituary in August Newsletter

CLASS OF 1949

HAMILTON, Andrew McAllum (Mac)
1931 - 2024, Late of Nelson
Wellington College: 1945

REID, Brian Edward
1930 - 2024, Late of Hawkes Bay
Wellington College: 1945 - 1947
First New Zealand biologist to winter-
over in Antarctica, worked on Takahe
and Kakapo programmes at Mt Bruce,
also worked in New Guinea. Reid Bluff,
rising to 2040m, at the head of Donnally
Glacier, Churchill Mountains is named
after Brian, a member of the 1959 Cape
Hallett winter-over team, working as a
biologist on the geomagnetic project.

ROBINSON, Neil Ashley JP
1931 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1945 - 1949
1st XI Hockey. Neil was a Rotarian for 41
years, and a Paul Harris Fellow. Passed
away on his 70th Wedding Anniversary.

TAYLOR, Arthur Charles
1932 - 2024, Late of Waikato
Wellington College: 1945 - 1947

WOOLLEY, Bryan Worth
1931 - 2024, Late of Waikato
Wellington College: 1945 - 1948

CLASS OF 1950

AITKEN, Gerald James
1933 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1946 - 1951
Former Director of Teacher Education at
the Education Department.

BROOKS, Barry Hewitt
1932 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1946 - 1950
♦ Obituary in August Newsletter

DODSON, Henry (Harry) Joseph Dwarber
1934 - 2023, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1946 - 1948

FUTTER, Bryan Lindsay
1933 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1950 - 1950

LUSH, James (Jim) Kingsley
1932 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1946 - 1948

CLASS OF 1951

HARRIS, Howard William
1933 - 2024, Late of Manawatu
Wellington College: 1949 - 1950

McARTHUR, Peter Robbie
1933 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1947

WARD, John Inglis Hayden
1933 - 2023, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1947 - 1949

CLASS OF 1952

BAKER, Donald Vincent
1934 - 2024
Wellington College: 1948 - 1952

DECK, Wilfred Ronald
1935 - 2024, Late of NSW
Wellington College: 1950 - 1951

HARRIS, Bernard (Bernie) Te Uira
1935 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1948 - 1951

MURPHY, Barrie James
1935 - 2024, Late of Hawkes Bay
Wellington College: 1951 - 1953

WARD, Barry Edwin
1934 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1948 - 1952
For many years, Barry was the
coordinator of the BOP Old Boys' Lunches
and did so with much appreciation of the
Association.

WEAKLEY, Brian
1934 - 2024, Late of Canterbury
Wellington College: 1948 - 1950

WHITEHEAD, Terence Robert (Bob)
1935 - 2023, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1948 - 1953
1st XI Hockey, Ref. W/C RNZAF

CLASS OF 1953

MILLAR, Peter Robertson
1936 - 2024, Late of Northland
Wellington College: 1950 - 1952

POY, Peter
1936 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1950 - 1952

CLASS OF 1954

BROOKER, Michael (Mick) David
1936 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1950 - 1953



CAULTON, Ralph Walter
1937 - 2024, Late of Nelson
Wellington College: 1950 - 1954
All Black # 600
♦ *Obituary in August Newsletter*

WILLIAMS, Thomas David
1936 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1950 - 1953
Firth House

McHALICK, Michael (Mike) Joseph
1937 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1950 - 1955
1st XV

WILLIAMS, Thomas David William
1936 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1950 - 1953

CLASS OF 1955

ANSON, Graham Clifford
1937 - 2024, Late of England
Wellington College: 1951 - 1954

♦ **CATLEY**, Douglas Hewdy MNZM
1938 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1951 - 1955

LAURENSEN, John Arthur CNZM, QC
1937 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1951 - 1955
Prefect
♦ *Obituary in August Newsletter*

WOOLLEY, Charles (Chas) Alexander
1938 - 2023, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1951 - 1953

CLASS OF 1956

FALKNER, John Brewster
1939 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1952 - 1956

KIDD, Neville Sutcliffe MBE
1939 - 2023, Late of Northland
Wellington College: 1952 - 1957
Head Prefect, 1957. 1st XV
Retired Lt. LRNZIR, NZSAS Malaya and Vietnam
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

MOFFAT, William Lyall (Bill)
1938 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1952 - 1953

NALDER, Thomas (Tom) William
1939 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1952 - 1955

PARK, Ian Goddard
1938 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1952 - 1954

SHEEHY, Thomas (Tom) Charles
1939 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1952 - 1955

SWITZER, Robert (Bob) Samuel
1939 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1952 - 1954

♦ **TAYLOR**, Ian Noel
1938 - 2024, Late of Horowhenua
Wellington College: 1952 - 1955

WEARNE, Nicholas (Nick) George
1938 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1952 - 1955

CLASS OF 1957

CHILDS, Stanley Lochhead
1939 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1953 - 1956
Firth House, 1st XV

♦ **CRESSWELL**, Maxwell John
1939 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1953 - 1956

CURTIS, David (Dave) Milner
1938 - 2024, Late of Waikato
Wellington College: 1953 - 1955

EAGLES, Bruce Francis
1938 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1953 - 1954

♦ **HASTINGS**, Brian Frederick
1940 - 2024, Late of Canterbury
Wellington College: 1953 - 1957
1st XV, 1st XI Cricket, 1st V Basketball
Prefect

HERCUS, David Allan
1939 - 2023, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1953 - 1957

JACK, Anthony Collins
1940 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1953 - 1956

CLASS OF 1958

BOND, Ian Alastair McKenzie
1940 - 2024, Late of Wairarapa
Wellington College: 1954 - 1955
Firth House

HAYVICE, Michael Joseph
1940 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1954 - 1957
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

HERBERT, John Greig
1941 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1955 - 1958
Firth House

MALCOLM, Anthony (Aussie) George
1940 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1958
1st XV. Former National Party Cabinet
Minister, who served as MP for Eden
from 1975 to 1984 and as Immigration
Minister in the Muldoon Government.
After politics, he founded Malcolm
Pacific Immigration and supported New
Zealand's first Americas Cup campaign.

O'DONNELL, Walter (Wally) Trevor 1941
- 2024, Late of Manawatu
Wellington College: 1954 - 1958
1st XI Football, Wellington Football and
Rifle Shooting Representative

PAYNE, Godfrey Richard Bernard
1941 - 2024, Late of NSW
Wellington College: 1957

TROTMAN, Ian Gladstone
1940 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1954 - 1958

WHITTAKER, John Hilton
1939 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1954 - 1955

CLASS OF 1959

BUCK, Arnold John
1941 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1955 - 1957

GAPES, David John ONZM
1942 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1955 - 1958
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

HERBERT, John Greig
1941 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1955 - 1958

MONK, Keith Joseph
1940 - 2024, Late of Marlborough
Wellington College: 1955 - 1956

SPEAKMAN, Haddon George Balmer
1942 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1955 - 1960
1st XV, Haddon was a Professor of
Physiotherapy in which he held double
doctorates and taught in universities and
hospitals in the USA, UK, South Africa,
Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Zimbabwe, the
Ukraine and other parts of the world.
He touched the lives of many students,
patients, sports people and others whom
he met.

WINGFIELD, Blair Winton MNZM
1941 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1955 - 1959
Prefect, 1st XI Cricket, 1st XV Rugby
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

CLASS OF 1960

CUTTANCE, Gary Paul
1943 - 2024, Late of Wairarapa
Wellington College: 1956 - 1959

EADDY, David Marriott
1942 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1956 - 1960

MITCHELL, Ian Balfour
1943 - 2024, Late of Marlborough
Wellington College: 1956 - 1961
Prefect, 1st XI Hockey (Captain)
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

SMITH, Patrick John
1943 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1956 - 1958

SMITH, Robert Murray
1943 - 2024, Late of South Australia
Wellington College: 1956 - 1960
♦ *Obituary in August Newsletter*

TAYLOR, Garrick (Garry) John
1943 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1956 - 1959

TAYLOR, Richard Hugh
1943 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1956 - 1960
1st XI Hockey

USSHER, Brian Wilfred Hilder
1942 - 2024, Late of Wairarapa
Wellington College: 1956 - 1958
Firth House

CLASS OF 1961

ALLEN, John Murray
1943 - 2023, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1957 - 1961
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

McKEOWN, Phillip John
1943 - 2024, Late of Wairarapa
Wellington College: 1957 - 1959



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MILLIGAN, Graham Robert
1944 - 2023, Late of Horowhenua
Wellington College: 1957 - 1960
Firth House

MORRISON, Lynn Geoffrey
1944 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1957 - 1961

PATTERSON, John Campbell
1943 - 2024, Late of Canterbury
Wellington College: 1957 - 1959

• **STEVENSON, Roger Bruce QSM**
1944 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1957 - 1961

WARNER, Dennis Winston
1942 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1960 - 1961

CLASS OF 1962

FREED, Stephen Michael
1945 - 2024, Late of Nelson
Wellington College: 1958 - 1962

CLASS OF 1964

GIRDLESTONE, Roger John
1947 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1960 - 1964

HILL, Robin Gilmer
1946 - 2024, Late of Otago Wellington
College: 1960 - 1963

WIESE, Leonard Frederick
1946 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1960 - 1960

CLASS OF 1965

KIRKHAM, Bruce
1947 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1961 - 1966
PPTA Service Award: Role of Honour 2014

CLASS OF 1966

JOHNSON, Graham Stuart
1948 - 2023, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1962 - 1966
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

CLASS OF 1967

BUIST, William Frederick
1950 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1963 - 1967

BUTTON, Leslie Edward
1949 - 2023, Late of Wairarapa
Wellington College: 1963 - 1965

EAST, Lloyd John
1950 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1963 - 1966

LETICA, Anthony (Tony) Milos QSM
1949 - 2023, Late of Hawkes Bay
Wellington College: 1963 - 1966
*Ret. Inspector, NZ Police. Queen's Police
Medal for Distinguished Service 1988*

TWIGDEN, David Howard
1950 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1964 - 1967

CLASS OF 1968

BRIGGS, Michael Graham
1950 - 2024, Late of Marlborough
Wellington College: 1964 - 1967

SERESIN, Christopher David
1950 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1964
*Piano genius, sitar player, and
contributor to the musical soundtrack of
the counter-culture. Band Member with
'Fresh Air', and 'BLERTA' to name a few.*

CLASS OF 1969

• **BISHOP, John Stuart**
1952 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1965 - 1966

STRATFORD, Peter David
1951 - 2023 Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1968
*Engineer, second-hand book dealer,
Maori art consultant, power-lifter*

TRAFFORD, Mark Du Bois
1951 - 2024, Late of Wairarapa
Wellington College: 1965 - 1968
Firth House

CLASS OF 1970

DUDFIELD, Christopher John
1953 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1966 - 1970
*Studied geology, physics and sociology
at Victoria University before obtaining a
BAS at Auckland University. Trustee with
Terawhiti Licensing Trust. Stood as an
Independent in 2022 WCC elections.*

CLASS OF 1971

SHIRER, William Andrew
1954 - 2024, Late of Bay of Plenty
Wellington College: 1967 - 1971
Estate Manager, Kuratau River Wines

CLASS OF 1972

BAYLISS, David Michael
1955 - 2024, Late of Manawatu
Wellington College: 1970 - 1972

CRAWFORD, Robert John Muirhead
1954 - 2024, Late of Otago
Wellington College: 1968 - 1972

McLEA, Murray Colin
1955 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1968 - 1972
1st XV

CLASS OF 1973

VINK, Steven John
1955 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1969 - 1972

CLASS OF 1975

MacLEAN, Donald James
1957 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1971 - 1974

CLASS OF 1977

ANDREWS, Lindsay Neal
1958 - 2023, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1973 - 1977

CLASS OF 1978

BASSETT, Mark Jeffrey
1960 - 2024, Late of Washington DC
Wellington College: 1974 - 1978
*His generosity in sharing his love of
architecture and urban design ignited
passion in and shaped the futures of so
many. An accomplished painter, brilliant*

*architect, and adventurous technologist,
he has left behind an enduring legacy of
memorable art, buildings, and places to
live better lives.*

VAAI, Minisita Kesi
1958 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1974 - 1979
1st XV

CLASS OF 1983

SCOTT, Andrew James
1966 - 2024, Late of Auckland
Wellington College: 1979 - 1983
Head Prefect 1983, 1st XV

CLASS OF 1984

HUME, Angus Peter
1966 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1980 - 1983

CLASS OF 1985

BYRNE, Andrew Richard
1967 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1981 - 1984

DAVEY, Matthew Joseph
1967 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1981 - 1983

CLASS OF 1990

JANSE, Geoffrey Willem
1972 - 2024, Late of Kapiti
Wellington College: 1986 - 1989

CLASS OF 1995

O'BRIEN, Timothy Tekao
1976 - 2024, Late of Sydney
Wellington College: 1993 - 1995
*A principled proponent of a free open
internet which respects users' privacy, Tim
was a talented open source programmer
of 25+ years - authoring and contributing
to 35 open source repositories especially
in the golang language for which he was
globally recognised.*

CLASS OF 1996

FUIMAONO, Shay Taimua
1979 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1992 - 1996

• **ROBINSON, Philip Cameron**
1979 - 2023, Late of Queensland
Wellington College: 1992 - 1996

CLASS OF 1997

BIRDSALL, Warwick
1979 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College : 1993 - 1997
1st XV

CLASS OF 1998

McLAREN, Hamish John
1980 - 2024, Late of Manawatu
Wellington College: 1994 - 1998

O'CONNOR, Cameron
1981 - 2024, Late of England
Wellington College: 1998 - 1998
1st XV
♦ *Obituary in April Newsletter*

**STAFF**

COCKBURN, Bruce
1934 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1955 - 1964

PIPER, Leon Bremner (Pip)
1924 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1956.
Taught Chemistry and General Science.
WWII Fighter Pilot.

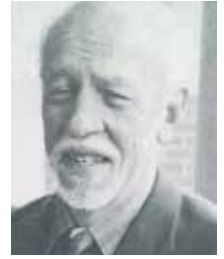
SOWERBY, John David Gillon (Dave)
1937 - 2024, Late of Wellington
Wellington College: 1974 - 1996
Dave came to Wellington College in 1974
and retired at the end of 1996. An active
sportsman, he quickly became involved in
coaching, including 2A rugby and the 2nd
and 3rd cricket XIs.

He taught English, Geography, Economics, Social Studies and History, and had a great fund of knowledge which he was able to adapt to almost any teaching situation. Desks and chairs became the parts to be assembled into a Bren gun. Who could forget the lessons in the noble art of hand grenade throwing or the more practical domestic purpose of the instruction - the collection of the pine cone "grenades" to be loaded into the car boot and taken home to warm the Sowerby household!

A committed Christian, David for several years supervised ISCF activities, including popular ski trips. He also organised the 40-Hour Famines. He was an accomplished singer and took part

in several musical productions. The WCOBA Community expresses their deepest sympathy to Dave's family.

WATTERS,
Raymond Frederick
PhD 1928
- 2024, Late of
Wellington
Wellington College: 1952 - 1953
In 2009, he was honoured with a
Distinguished New Zealand Geography
Award from Victoria University.



Life Stories

Doug Catley MNZM

A Legacy of Cricket, Leadership, and Community



Passed away peacefully at the family home in the Wairarapa on 13 November 2024. Dearly loved by all of his family - Jane, Penny and Matt, Jennifer, Douglas (deceased) Suzanne and Peter, Ben and Ruchika, Olivia, Will, Laura and Eloise. Brother and brother in law to Graham (deceased) Lyn (deceased), Kay and Bill and loving Uncle and Grand Uncle to all his nephews and nieces.

Wellington College and the wider community were deeply saddened by the passing of Doug Catley MNZM, a man whose enduring passion for cricket and rugby, and unwavering dedication to Wellington's sporting and community landscape have left an indelible mark. Doug's connection to Wellington College was profound, and his unassuming generosity enriched countless students, extracurricular activities, and the broader school community.

Doug's lifelong love for cricket defined much of his life. A Life Member of Cricket Wellington and a cherished figure at Karori Cricket Club, Doug's contributions spanned decades. Though he never cracked the Premier XI, he was a stalwart of Karori's lower-grade teams, with his finest season in 1962-63 when he captained the third XI to third place, scoring 388 runs at an average of 25.9. As President of Karori Cricket, Doug and his wife, Jane, became synonymous with the club's vibrant culture, introducing social traditions such as afternoon teas at Karori Park.

Doug's most notable cricketing achievement came as manager of the Wellington Firebirds during their golden era, guiding the squad to back-to-back Plunket Shield titles in 1981-83. The team, featuring legends like Bruce Edgar, John Morrison, Jeremy Coney, and Ewen Chatfield, held a special place in Doug's heart. His leadership and camaraderie were integral to their success. Beyond cricket, Doug was a trailblazer in business and public service. He was a founding director of Healthcare of New Zealand Ltd, serving as a senior ambassador and fostering vital relationships at the sectoral and governmental levels. He held significant governance roles, including Deputy and Acting Chairman of the Wellington Area Health Board and a seat on the Wellington School of Medicine Council.

Doug's leadership extended into finance as Deputy Chairman of TrustBank (a Prime Ministerial appointment) and as

a passionate advocate for community projects, including establishing Café Cecile in Masterton's Queen Elizabeth Park. He even dabbled in politics as the National Party candidate for Island Bay in 1981 and enjoyed an unexpected brush with the entertainment industry, writing and recording the hit song Big Bad Don in 1964.

In rugby, Doug was the President of Old Boys University Rugby Club (1988-89) and later served as President of the WCOB Club from 1997-2007, roles that reflected his lifelong commitment to fostering sport and community spirit.

Doug's involvement with Wellington College was equally impactful. His quiet but substantial contributions supported countless initiatives and enhanced the lives of students, staff, and Old Boys alike.

Doug's passing leaves a void in the cricketing and rugby communities, Wellington College, and beyond, but his legacy of service, leadership, and love for sport will continue to inspire all who had the privilege to know him.



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Max Cresswell MNZM *A Giant of Philosophy and Logic*



Professor Max Cresswell, a globally renowned philosopher and one of New Zealand's most prolific scholars, passed away peacefully on 22 September 2024, aged 84. He leaves behind his wife Adriane Rini, a son Jeremy Cresswell and stepdaughter Miriam Meyerhoff. Max was predeceased by his younger brothers Roger and Lyell. Max died peacefully at the Arohanui Hospice in Palmerston North.

Born in Wellington in November 1939, Max grew up in Karori as the eldest of three brothers, including composer Lyell Cresswell (Class of 1962) and educator Roger Cresswell (Class of 1960). A Wellington College Old Boy, Max's academic journey began at Victoria University, where his early love for Aristotelian logic transformed his path from law to philosophy.

Max earned his MA with Honours in 1960, completing a ground-breaking thesis on modal logic. This work earned him the mentorship of philosopher Arthur Prior in England, where he pursued his PhD. Returning to New Zealand in 1963, Max joined Victoria University of Wellington, where he became a driving force in the study of modal logic and the formal semantics of natural languages.

His collaboration with Professor George Hughes resulted in *An Introduction to Modal Logic* (1968), a seminal text that popularised the revolutionary concept of truth in possible worlds. It was followed by *A Companion to Modal Logic* (1985) and *A New Introduction to Modal Logic* (1996). These works, extensively cited and translated, solidified Max's legacy in the field.

Max's innovative lambda-categorical grammar linked logic with linguistics, advancing the semantic analysis of natural languages. Over his career, he published 13 books and over 250 articles, contributing to diverse areas like belief, negation, and tenses, alongside works on Plato, Aristotle, and Locke.

Victoria University awarded Max a rare Personal Chair in 1973, recognising his remarkable achievements. After retiring in 2000, he held roles at universities worldwide, continuing his research and teaching until 2021.

Max's warmth, humour, and intellectual curiosity made him a beloved teacher, colleague, and friend. His influence on philosophy and those who knew him endures as a lasting testament to a life devoted to understanding and discovery.

Ian Taylor

A Steady Hand in New Zealand Cricket's Stormy Seas



Passed away suddenly on Wednesday, 25 September 2024, aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of Christine. Loved father and father-in-law of Debbie & Shane, Bridget & Neil, and Vanessa & Dave. Treasured Granddad of Georgia, Daniel, Eden, Danielle & Al, Nathan & Jess, Ben & Emma, Joshua & Roimata. Great-Granddad of Riley, Arlo, Harper, Hunter, Iylah and Elyse. Loved brother and uncle.

Ian Taylor, was one of New Zealand's most popular and resourceful team managers, making an outstanding contribution to the team's reputation and integrity through the ten years between 1980 and 1990.

Pleasant and collegiate but also

diplomatic and discerning, Ian found himself in the middle of an international incident on New Zealand's 1980-81 tour of Australia, in which the hosts won the third match of the World Series Cup final by six runs after Captain Greg Chappell instructed his brother Trevor to roll the final ball of the game along the ground to Brian McKechnie.

Ian excelled in the fallout, counselling the New Zealand players to stay composed and to avoid becoming distracted by the recriminations. Hounded for comment by the media he simply said the matter was history and that New Zealand would continue to look ahead and not back.

It was only Ian, who strode onto the outfield to dissuade his players from continuing the walk-off, that prevented the situation from deteriorating and New Zealand losing the game by forfeit.

New Zealand also found itself in controversial waters on the 1984-85 tour of Pakistan, a series riven by accusations of partisan umpiring and even scoring irregularities. Once again Taylor found himself in the thick of it when the tourists appeared to be walking off the field in protest at another alleged umpiring incident.

Respected immensely by the New Zealand players he helped manage, Ian was a former Cricket Wellington and NZC Board member. **NZ Cricket**

Former Test Cricketer Bruce Edgar kindly shared this tribute he delivered at Ian's funeral on behalf of the cricketing fraternity.

I've known Ian - known as Tayls or the GER to many - for years. His lifelong passion for Cricket saw him as an active club player, President, and Life Member of Collegians, Chair of the Wellington Cricket Association (1971-78), and Wellington's representative on the NZ Cricket Council. His dedication was unmatched, earning him Life Membership of Cricket Wellington.

Tayls was a people person who genuinely cared about players, their families, and the development of women's cricket. Every player in my era thought of him as our manager - a



mentor and friend who could shoulder your struggles while keeping his authority intact. He encouraged equality, valued honest effort, and handled success and failure with grace. Touring was tough, but he made it fun, selflessly tackling the immense workload.

The Underarm Tour (1980–81)

On this infamous tour of Australia, Tayls didn't have the support staff teams have today - no head coach, physio, or media manager. He was the staff. But that didn't stop him from being innovative. Frustrated by Australia's leg-side tactics, he proposed a countermeasure with a glint in his eye: the 'Arse Ball'. It worked surprisingly well.

Despite the controversies, Tayls kept morale high with post-match pizzas, beers, and singalongs. His favourite song, *Beautiful Sunday*, complete with *Hey, hey, hey, it's a beautiful day!* chorus, became a team anthem. Christine aptly described his singing as A for effort, E for execution.

The Pakistan Tour

In 1984, touring Pakistan was a logistical nightmare - no security checks, questionable food, and chaotic conditions. Trusting nothing, Tayls arranged for a microwave, tinned food, and a container of DB Export beer to be sent ahead. Unfortunately, most of the beer was stolen at the Karachi docks.

Tails kept us grounded, even when chaos reigned. During one match, after Javed Miandad blatantly refused to walk despite being caught, tensions flared. Jeremy Coney led the team to the boundary in protest, but Tayls intercepted us like a seasoned diplomat. Calm and resolute, he reminded us of the values we stood for. We stayed and played. That was Tayls - always leading by example.

The Money Incident

At the end of that tour, Tayls gathered us in his room, where he guarded \$10,000 in team funds. With a 3am flight ahead, some players turned in while others stayed. Amid a stream of visitors - dignitaries, room service, traders - the briefcase holding the money mysteriously emptied. Chaos erupted: hotel lockdowns, guards searching guests, and the secret police on high alert.

Morning brought clarity - and Martin



The NZ's men's Test players donned black armbands on day one of the match in Galle against Sri Lanka, to honour Ian Taylor.

Sneddon. Handing back the balance, he said, *I handed out the players' shares. By the way, I just got frisked - any idea what they were looking for?*

A True Gentleman

Tayls was a man of high values, calm under pressure, and respected by all. Christine, Deborah, Brigitte, and Vanessa - thank you for sharing him with us. His legacy is one of love, humour, and unwavering commitment to cricket and its people.

As we remember this remarkable man, let's raise our voices in tribute - whether you can sing or not - for Tayls, the GER.

A personal tribute to Ian 'Tayls' Taylor by Hugh Perrett (Class of 1956)

Ian (Tayls) was one of my and my late twin brother Malcolm's closest friends throughout our lives. We knew each other from our very early days (as 10-12 year-olds) when Malc and I went to Karori Main School and Ian at Karori West. Our early contact was through sport. Tayls was a very gifted and outstanding schoolboy cricketer, usually scoring 100 against us (the bastard) whenever we played - very unusual at primary school level. Tayls was also a very good rugby player as a first-five-eight, both at Primary School and at College. Cricket was his major sport however, and this was a sport he was dedicated to, and contributed to enormously throughout his life.

We started Wellington College together in 1952 and were in the same class from mid-1952 onwards (3A), and for a further two years after that - 3A; 4A; 5A. I sat next to 'Tayls' in our form room in each of those years. We were also initially in the same special 3rd Form cricket team (Net 8). Tayls captained 'Net

8' the following year and then advanced to the 1st XI, where he performed very well right through until leaving College at the end of 1955 - a year before the rest of us left. Ian also did very well in rugby at College, playing in top weight-grade teams at 1st 5/8th each year he was at College.

He was also a top-drawer squash and table tennis player - a natural and very gifted all-round sportsman.

Following College, Tayls joined JR McKenzies as a trainee. He did very well before leaving to join Ford Motors where he again did very well, in particular managing Ford's franchised Dealer structure. From there he joined CPD where he was GM of their M/V Business/ Dealership business. On 'retiring' from CPD's Motor Division, Ian and Chris bought a motel business in Taupo, a very successful (but demanding) venture. Returning to Wellington, Tayls managed the Porirua Licensing Trust and following that, the Otaki Golf Club. Across all this time, Tayls was also heavily involved in Wellington and NZ Cricket administration, including managing a major NZ Team tour to Pakistan. Ian did extremely well in anything and everything he took on. He had very strong IQ and EQ abilities to start with, coupled to exceptional achievement for drive and determination - all major characteristics of highly successful people. Tayls enjoyed the greatest respect from, and was fondly regarded by all who had anything to do with him and his multiple achievements.

Malc and I with Ian, did much together in our late teens and early twenties with two or three major bike tours including a very major South Island adventure, fishing and hunting-type adventures



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and the like. Tayls was extremely good company and a great friend to both Malc and me. We always enjoyed our time together and our shared activities and adventures, including in our later years, travelling to watch 'Quad', the end-of-season rugby tournament. We must have done at least seven or eight of these supporter trips.

My memories of Tayls will always be with me. We grew up together, had lots of close, ongoing contact over many years, and shared many 'adventures' and very good times.

Tayls was A1; a great friend; a top guy in every respect, and a great contributor. He was a man of great ability, with strong personal values, absolute integrity and a great mate, and very trustworthy. He will be missed very much by all those lucky enough to know him. Not least, he was a very strong loyal and supportive Old Boy. Thanks for those many wonderful memories Tayls.

Brian Hastings

Former World Record-Holder Kiwi Cricketer



On Monday, October 7, 2024, peacefully, at Parklands Retirement Village, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Maureen for 60 years, dearly loved Dad of Michael, and the late Mark, loved brother and brother-in-law of David and Dot, Ian and the late Liz, Tricia and Mark, Thomas and Helen, loved uncle, cousin, and friend to many.

The New Zealand cricket community is mourning the loss of Brian Hastings, a former Test batter, world-record holder, and cricketing stalwart, who passed away at the age of 84.

Canterbury Cricket expressed its condolences, acknowledging Hastings'

significant contributions to the game.

Brian represented New Zealand in 31 Test matches between 1969 and 1976, scoring four centuries and maintaining a Test batting average of 30.20. He also played in 11 ODIs, including the 1975 World Cup.

One of his most celebrated feats was a world-record 10th-wicket partnership of 151 runs with Richard Collinge against Pakistan at Eden Park in 1973. Batting at No. 4, Brian scored 110, while Collinge remained unbeaten on 68. This iconic stand was a symbol of resilience and grit, standing as a world record for 40 years.

Renowned for his elegant timing and versatility, Brian was described by ESPN Cricinfo as a delightful timer of the ball, quick to cut or hook, or to clip fast-medium bowling off his legs. Cricket historian R.T. Brittenden noted Brian's ability to excel under pressure, highlighting his prowess as both a batter and a fielder, particularly in the gully, where his athleticism led to extraordinary catches.

A Career Built on Perseverance

Brian's cricketing journey began in Wellington, where he debuted in senior club cricket at just 16. He later played for Central Districts before establishing himself with Canterbury in the Plunket Shield. His debut season in 1961-62 included a remarkable 149 in his first match, signalling a bright future.

He made his New Zealand Test debut in 1969, just shy of his 29th birthday, scoring 21 and 31 against the West Indies in Auckland. Brian became a regular fixture in the Test team for the next seven years, earning praise for key innings such as his unbeaten 117 in a follow-on scenario against the West Indies in 1969-70 and a vital 105 in the Caribbean in 1971-72.

Brian's crowning moment came during the Eden Park partnership with Collinge, where he displayed immense patience and confidence. Their partnership is remembered as one of the most inspiring in New Zealand cricket history.

Memories of Triumph

Brian was instrumental in several historic moments, including New

Zealand's first-ever Test victory over Australia at Christchurch's Lancaster Park in 1974. His partnership with Glenn Turner helped lay the foundation for the win, with Hastings also securing a unique piece of memorabilia from the match: the ball used for the winning runs, thanks to the sportsmanship of Australian opener Ian Redpath.

Life Beyond Cricket

Off the field, Brian had a long career at *The Press* newspaper, where he worked for 38 years, retiring as assistant general manager. A stalwart of the Burnside West University Cricket Club, he remained deeply connected to the game, serving as Canterbury Cricket's President and a match referee in ten Tests and 18 ODIs from 2000 to 2002. His legacy continued through his son, Mark Hastings, a talented all-rounder for Canterbury in the 1990s.

The Wellington College Old Boys' Facebook page fondly remembered Brian as a proud member of the Class of 1957. His cricketing talent was evident early, debuting for the 1st XI in Form 4 and later captaining the team. Brian was also a key player for the 1st XV rugby team and part of the College's inaugural Basketball team, demonstrating his versatility and leadership.

The Association praised his lifelong connection to the College, where he supported visiting teams and cherished the traditions of Quadrangular Tournaments and matches at the Willows.

Brian was a true all-rounder in every sense of the word. His legacy will endure in the hearts of those who knew him. May he rest in peace.

A personal tribute to Brian Hastings by Hugh Perrett (Class of 1956)

It was very sad to hear that Brian had passed away following a lengthy period in care. Brian was one of our outstanding Old Boys, being an exceptional sportsman in any sport he chose to be involved in.

I first met Brian in 1951, when we were both played in a Wellington Primary School Junior Rugby Representative



New Zealand cricketers Brian Hastings (L) and Mark Burgess go out to bat in England in 1969. Don Neely / Photosport

team together, playing Lower Hutt Schools. I was from Karori School and Brian from South Wellington Intermediate, where his father was the Headmaster. Brian was our centre - and a very good one. We won!

I next met Brian in 1953, when he started at Wellington College, a year after me, starting what proved to be a very notable career as one of the College's most gifted sportsmen.

In 1953, Brian was an outstanding athlete, breaking two long-standing sprint records in his age group. He was also in 'Net 8', the specially designated team for outstanding Form 3 cricket prospects, where he stood out and made an outstanding mark.

The following year (1954), Brian was promoted to the 1st XI where he began to build an outstanding reputation and created records as a cricketer, resulting in him a few years later playing for New Zealand in some 31 Tests.

Brian was a brilliant batsman and an outstanding fielder throughout his cricketing career. Less known is that Brian was also an outstanding rugby player, at centre, being in the College 1st XV for two years and in the Secondary Schools' Rep team in 1957.

Bill Freeman, a well-known Wellington rugby coach in those days, predicted a year or two after Brian left school, that Brian would be New Zealand's next 'double All Black', ie in both Cricket and Rugby. Brian of course opted for Cricket at a time when there was an increasing overlap in the cricket and rugby calendars, forcing him to make a choice between the two codes.

Brian was also outstanding at Fives and at Basketball - and any other sport he chose to play! I must emphasise though, that Brian never talked about his sporting ability or achievements other than if asked, in an anecdotal way. He was always very modest. Brian was a top bloke by any standards, and was very well-liked by all who had anything to do with him. He was great company and was always very good-humoured. In later years, Brian was part of a group of eight to ten Old Boys, who regularly attended the annual Quadrangular Tournaments. Again, he was always very good company.

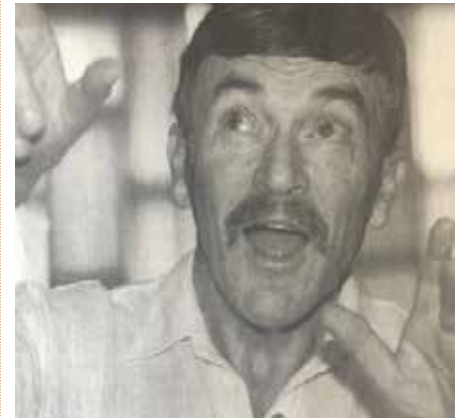
On leaving College, Brian joined the Head Office of Shell Oil in Wellington. Shell subsequently moved Brian and his wife Maureen to Blenheim, and in due course, on to Christchurch. Brian then began working for *The Press* for several years before setting up his own lawn-laying contracting business.

Brian's international cricket career started following his shift to Christchurch. It is well documented in a separate tribute in this issue and includes a number of notable achievements, one being the part he played in his first Test and our first test win at the Basin Reserve (against the West Indies), and then in 1972-73, his world-record tenth wicket partnership of 151 (as the senior partner), with Richard Collinge, against Pakistan. He truly was an exceptionally gifted, and outstanding sportsman, as well as being an outstanding person and a very good friend to many.

Thanks for the memories Brian.

Roger Stevenson QSM

Farewell to a Choral Giant



It's with great sadness that the New Zealand Choral Federation acknowledges the passing of Roger Stevenson, a choral leader, conductor and educator whose loss will be deeply felt by many members of our choral community across Aotearoa.

Roger was the first and longest-serving Musical Director of the New Zealand Secondary Students' Choir, his tenure running from 1987 until 2000. During that time, he took NZSSC to Hawaii's Pacific Basin Choral Festival three times (in 1990, 1992 and 1996), where they won gold each time. The choir said, *Roger was a giant in our NZSSC history.*

We remember him as infectious and passionate about choral music, about his singers, and about the 'newest' national choir in Aotearoa at the time. We want to honour him with this song by the Puanaki whānau about the mighty Tāne Mahuta, a giant, planting the seeds for generations of young singers to come.

Roger received an NZ Commemoration medal in 1990, and in 1991, the Queen's Service Medal for services to music. This article on NZSSC's website provides a wonderful overview of his career, alongside a few photographic gems. Roger is quoted there describing his approach to choral directing: *It's all about the eyes; the window of the soul. I'd give lots of praise and say 'YES, that's what I like!'*

Roger was a stickler for his students raising their hand if they made a mistake, he encouraged them to 'own it and commit to fixing it'. He'd tell students, *I trust you to do that, I believe in you!*

You have the choice ... I know where I want



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to set the bar and I am asking you to come with me, he'd say to each new choir.

The Big Sing Finale 2024 Gala Concert, held on August 31 in Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre, was dedicated to Roger. Many of his school choirs were selected for The Big Sing Finale in past years, and many directors of choirs at the Finale began their choral journeys under his leadership. Roger's legacy lives on in their music-making and in the young singers they now train. NZ Choral Federation

John Bishop

Political media expert and columnist dies after brain aneurysm



John Bishop, a political veteran and father of National Party Minister Chris Bishop, has died.

The columnist died after being rushed to ICU with a brain aneurysm, a post to Facebook written by the family said. John suffered an unsurvivable bleed from a ruptured aneurysm in the brain on Wednesday evening and was rushed to ICU, deeply unconscious. The post said he died 'peacefully' with his family by his side.

During his career, John worked as a journalist for Radio New Zealand and as chief parliamentary correspondent at TVNZ. He was also the Wellington correspondent for the National Business Review.

Later in his career, he had a public and corporate relations firm and had a blog for writing about his travels. His most recent endeavour was being a columnist for the Dominion Post.

John was also the inaugural chairperson

of the lobby group the Taxpayers' Union. The co-founders of the Taxpayers' Union, David Farrar and Jordan Williams, said John was always calm, collected and thoughtful.

John should be saluted for having the guts to front the Taxpayers' Union in its infancy, knowing full well that it posed a reputational risk, Farrar said.

John's steady and wise counsel for me over the last eleven years will be deeply missed, Williams said. John was a remarkable New Zealander. On behalf of the whole organisation, we express our deepest sympathies to Rosemary, Eleanor, Christopher, and the wider family. *NZ Herald*

Philip Robinson

A remarkable career in medicine



We honour the extraordinary life of Dr. Philip C. Robinson, MB ChB, PhD, FRACP, a revered colleague, mentor, and leader in rheumatology.

Phil passed away in January 2023 after a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and their two young sons. The outpouring of respect for Phil from around the world reflects his remarkable contributions and the profound impact he had on both colleagues and patients.

A Remarkable Career in Medicine

Phil's journey into medicine began serendipitously at Otago Medical School in New Zealand, where he entered his class at the last minute, aged 17 - an opportunity he considered a 'lucky break'. Graduating in 2002, he excelled in internships and rheumatology training, displaying a natural aptitude for clinical work and research. By the time he completed his training, Phil had already

authored multiple peer-reviewed papers.

His research career took him to Australia, where he earned a PhD in genetics and contributed groundbreaking studies on gout and axial spondyloarthritis. Phil's generosity with ideas and enthusiasm for collaboration were hallmarks of his work, as was his unwavering positivity.

Building Global Connections

Phil's love for collaboration extended to the international stage, where he forged lasting friendships at events like the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) meetings. A Twitter enthusiast, he connected with colleagues worldwide, fostering a network of camaraderie and shared purpose. Despite his rising prominence, Phil remained humble, always seeing the best in others.

Leading During the Pandemic

When COVID-19 struck, Phil co-founded the COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance (GRA), uniting rheumatologists to study the pandemic's impact on patients with rheumatic diseases. His leadership was instrumental in establishing registries, forming global collaborations, and including patients in research. Under his guidance, the GRA produced over 40 publications, influencing clinical care during a time of uncertainty.

A Legacy of Mentorship

Phil championed early-career researchers, empowering them to lead and innovate. His belief in the power of diverse voices and shared purpose inspired countless colleagues. Even during a global crisis, Phil found ways to unite people, proving that extraordinary achievements arise from collaboration and trust.

A Lasting Impact

Phil's life, though too short, left an indelible mark on rheumatology and all who knew him. His vision, kindness, and boundless energy continue to inspire. As we remember Phil, we celebrate not only his contributions to science but also the friendships, ideas, and enduring legacy he built. *The Rheumatologist*