



September 2020 Newsletter



Christchurch High School Old Boys' Association (Incorporated)

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Annual General Meeting, 10th August 2020.

At the Annual General Meeting the Officers for the 2020-2021 term elected were,

National Elected Officers 2020-21:

Patron:	<i>Nic Hill</i>	Headmaster
President:	<i>John D. Osborne,</i>	<i>(1975-79)</i>
Vice President:	<i>Will Borrie</i>	<i>(2010-2013)</i>
Immediate Past Pre:	<i>G.A.S.Thomas,</i>	<i>(1958-62)</i>
Secretary:	<i>Chris Carthy,</i>	<i>(1977-80),</i>
Treasurer:	<i>S. Watt,</i>	<i>(2005-2009)</i>
Hon Auditor:	<i>D. D. Smith,</i>	<i>(1961-64)</i>
Honorary Solicitor:	<i>Hans D.P.van Schreven,</i>	<i>(1969-71)</i>

Executive (2020-21)

<i>Simon Carter,(1990-94)</i>	<i>Rod M. Ching, (2014-2018),</i>	<i>John Clark, (1957-61)</i>
<i>T. H. Donaldson, (1957-61)</i>	<i>Andrew Dorgan, (1992-96)</i>	<i>Hamish Duff, 91986-90)</i>
<i>Sam Eddington, (20112015)</i>	<i>Colin Freeman, (1956-60)</i>	<i>Martin Perry, (1975-77)</i>
<i>Colin Watson, (1954-58)</i>	<i>Defyd Williams.91965-69)</i>	

The Annual General Meeting successfully agreed to alter the Constitution to allow the Association to become a "Not for Profit" organisation for income tax purposes.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS:

Queen's Birthday 2020 Honours

Companion NZM "Barry John Maister (CNZM) (ONZM)" (1961-65).

New Secretary:

The Associations new Secretary is, Chris Carthy, (1977-80), 57 years, Farmer/ Project Manager,

I was a third generation who attended school and on leaving went on to complete a butchers apprenticeship and then travelled overseas with my love and experience in music and became involved in the music industry involved in studio and touring work as a drummer percussionist and Bass player touring globally something I still do to this day.

For the rest, on returning to NZ completed an adult apprenticeship in Carpentry and went on to build up my own firm that went on to complete many sizeable projects in Auckland and won several awards for film set builds and then on selling the company I went on to study Quantity Surveying and now head up the Bycroft Group that shadows the family relationship in the construction industry echoing 3 generations/./ Farm and home : For 14 years I have organic farmed a small block at Pyramid Valley finishing beef and cattle and am ongoing developing a permaculture environment also have developed an organic meat brand that has a very select client base.

New Association contact details

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EVENTS:

Wellington Branch:

Graeme Sugden, Wellington Secretary/Treasurer advises that the Wellington Branch will be holding a Luncheon at the **Wellington Club 8 September with Bryce Wilkinson (1961-65), a Senior Fellow at the New Zealand Initiative as guest speaker.**

Christchurch:

60 Plus Luncheon: *It is with regret that because of the uncertainty of the risk of Covid19 to our senior members and its implications the committee has unanimously voted to **CANCEL** the October 2020 luncheon.*

The 2021 Luncheon will be held – Corvid -19 permitting in October 2021.

Altiora Peto

Terry Donaldson, 60 plus Committee Chairman."

Christchurch Golf:

CHRISTCHURCH HSOB ASSN

TE KURA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday 5th November 2020

Where: At Waitikiri Golf Club

Start Time from 12 noon

Great fun day, meet your old mates

Open to Handicapped & Non Handicapped players

Excellent Tournament with lots of prizes & Trophies

Entries to **Doig Smithdoig@millergale.co.nz, or **Marty Boyce** martinboyce70@gmail.com**

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

The Association Executive recommended that the following members be conferred with ‘**Honorary Life Membership**’ of the Association to reflect their honour & value in recognition that the Association considers their membership of the Association. The following list was approved at the Annual General Meeting on 10th August 2020.

Altiora Peto recipients:

John F Burrows 2007	Peter W England 2010
Barry Maister 2011	Graham Henry 2012
Robin W Carrell 2013	Sir Ian Athfield 2014
David F Caygill 2015	Dr Selwyn G Maister 2016
David C Hopkins 2017	Anson W Austin 2017
Dr John Wood 2018	Elrick J Hooper 2019
Dr Ashley F Wilson	2020

Members

Ian F Allott, (1956-61)	Doug T Archbold, (1957-60)
Nigel P. Barnett, (1969-73)	Bryan D. Bates, (1970-74)
Hugh Dacre, (1954-57)	Mark M Burt, (1968-72)
Richard R. Donaldson, (1955-59)	Terry H. Donaldson, (1957-61)
Brian R. Fehsenfeld, (1968-72)	Thomas N. Fletcher, (1956)
Gordon W. Ragg, (1953-56)	Graham L. Russell, (1975-79)
Graeme C. Sugden, (1967-71)	Geoff A. Thomas, (1958-61)
Kelvin W. Victor, (1949-52)	Colin L. Watson, (1954-58)
Mike C. Warr, (1978-82)	

Congratulations to all the above members for their contribution to the School and the Association.

2020-21 Executive Profiles:

OFFICERS:

John Osborne, President: 1975-19, 59 years, ARA & University. John Osborne, 1975-1979. Has served two CBHS Board of Trustee terms with some of that time as Board Chair. I have a strong believe in the advantages of education helping to give boys the freedom to shape their lives for the better. Studied at Canterbury University and teachers at ARA and University of Canterbury for an affiliated organisation (UCIC).

Will Borrie, Vice President: 2010-2013. 24 years. Attended Waitaki Boys' High School in 2009 before moving to Christchurch Boys' High School from 2010 - 2013. Will was deputy senior Monitor in his final year, something he will always be very proud to look back on, the role helped him recognize the amount of incredible opportunities within the **CBHS** community and the importance of staying involved and giving back where he can. He studied at Canterbury and is now working as a structural engineer with a focus on food processing facilities and cold storage. He plays Div 2 rugby at High School Old Boys.

Geoff Thomas, Past President: 1958-60, 77 years. Retired Teacher lived in Timaru for two years but returned to Christchurch to a 4th Form at CBHS that had about 15 boys I had been through Elmwood and Heaton with! Played rugby for HSOBs for several years and along with Barrie Johnston was in the inaugural Colts team in 1961. After Polytech and University (plus Teachers' College) gained positions as a secondary school teacher and taught at Christ's College, Kaiapoi High and Shirley Boys' High then went to Hong Kong to teach. Returned to Christchurch in 2003 and ended up in charge of the International Department at St Thomas' College. I was on the Executive in the 1980s and again after returning from Hong Kong. I felt very privileged to have been President in 2017-2018.

Chris Carthy, Secretary: 1977-80, 57 years, chris@bycroftrural.co.nz , Farmer/ Project Manager, dedicated Old Boy,

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Sam Watt, Treasurer: 2005-2009, 28 years, Association Treasurer, Accountant for CRFU & Crusaders. After finishing at CBHS Sam completed a BCom in Accounting & Taxation at UC. After this he worked for a rural Accounting firm where he achieved the designation of CA. Sam is heavily involved in Sports with the Papanui Boxing club, the Papanui Softball Club & the Marist Albion Rugby Club. Sam Still has close friends from CBHS although they are scattered all over the world either in the UK, Canada or New Zealand.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Simon Carter: 1990-1994. 43 years. Simon represented School in 1st XI cricket in 1993 & 1994 and on leaving school he joined HSOB Cricket Club. When the club merged with Old Collegians Cricket Club, he became Deputy Club Captain then President, a role he held for 7 years. He was involved in the formation of The Elmwood Club and became a Life Member of Old Boys Collegians Cricket Club in 2020. Simon also had a couple of seasons playing Football for HSOB Football Club and has a son currently in the Polar Cubs at HSOB Rugby Club. Simon studied at Canterbury University and following a career in marketing he now owns a Marketing, Sponsorship and Events company

Rod Ching: (2014-18), 20 years, I was a Monitor in 2018, and was forced to hang up my rugby boots in 2017 due to concussion problems. I have recently changed jobs and now work at Elite Exhausts in Kaiapoi and will be starting an apprenticeship as a general engineer in the New Year. My work there is vast and includes automotive customisation and repairs, exhaust building and repairs, heavy transport engineering and reengineering, and more. I am an avid petrol head, love my classic cars and trucks, also a keen outdoorsman, and follow a range of sports with rugby being at the pointy end of the list.

John Clark: 1957-61, 77 years, achieving not much apart from being on the Te Kura committee. HSOB involvements have been as secretary and/or newsletter editor of the Auckland branch for 7 or 8 years, revival of the Melbourne branch from 1998 to 2002, and assistant to Bruce Andrews in the Brisbane branch from 2004.

I have been a mechanical engineer, working on projects in New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, Canada, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand for 47 years and am now retired living in Cashmere. I also owned and operated an inbound tour company, New Zealand's first licenced Thai restaurant and a couple of engineering companies. Thanks to my somewhat stern English teachers at BHS I have been able to write and publish ten books, some of which are in the school library.

Terry Donaldson: 1957-1961 77 Years, Past President 2015-2017, Played rugby and of course enjoyed the Cadets. Studied the sciences and following School graduated with a B.Agr.Sc. Degree from Lincoln College. Joined the Department of Agriculture as a Farm Advisory Officer in Fairlie in December 1966. Promoted to Senior Farm Advisor in the Wairarapa in 1973 and was awarded a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Arkansas in 1974. Participated in Wellington CBHS Old Boy activities and then in Dunedin when he transferred as Manager for Livestock, Dairy and Plant Services with the restructure MAF in 1987. In 1989 transferred to Christchurch in charge of the same group for the South Island. In 1998 was appointed as National Biosecurity Manager Pest Surveillance for AgriQuality. Terry has organised the annual 1957 starters Class reunions since 2007. He retired from MAF in July 2008 to enjoy fishing at Motunau, an active role in Rotary, CBHS Old Boys and several other Community organisations. He was HSOB President in 2017 & 2018 and currently Chairs the "60 years" on reunion group for their annual lunches. His son Matt attended school in 1990 and he has had five grandsons through the school – all playing Rugby – with Angus in the First 15 in 2017. He played a major role for MAF leading the farm recovery after the November 1967, August 1973 and then the two big Snows in 1992 and then 2006. The night he retired he was asked to co-ordinate the MAF and Hurunui District Council effort clear up after massive flooding. His final effort was MAF's request to work with the Student Army and Farmy Army in the recovery post-earthquakes.

Andrew Dorgan: 1992-96. 42 years. Andrew played Basketball and Cricket for the school, having captained the 2nd XI in 6th form and played for the 1st XI in 7th form. After attending Otago University, Andrew taught English in Sth Korea for 2 years before moving to London in 2005 where he began his career in banking. Andrew lived and worked in London for 7 years, before moving to Melbourne with a young family where he lived for 4 years. Andrew and his family returned to Christchurch early 2017 where he continues to work in the financial services sector. Andrew is very grateful for the opportunity to have attended CBHS, having made great friendships and experiences along the way. He is a fan of most sports, a self-confessed golf tragic, and loves exercise and the outdoors.

Hamish Duff, (1986-90), 48 years, Hamish studied Plant Biotechnology at the University of Canterbury after school, but eventually made his way into information technology and management. He has been working as a technology management consultant throughout NZ for the past 15 years. He was a member of the winning Sir John Hall Shield lifesaving team while he was at CBHS but isn't even slightly sporting now! The CBHS Old Boys' Association represent all kinds of backgrounds and interests, and it is that diversity and breadth of representation that Hamish is enthusiastic about – it makes the Old Boys' network so strong. Hamish says he's blue and black and always will be – he's proud to be a member of the TKSB (Te Kura St Boys – so named by the great Graeme Ash back in '88).

Sam Eddington, (2011-2015), 23 years, attended Christchurch Boys' High School from 2011-2015 and was Deputy Senior Monitor in his final year. Sam is a proud Old Boy of Adams House having been Head Prefect and currently working there as a Housemaster. He is studying Land and Property Valuation at Lincoln University with the expectation of finishing at the end of this year for which he aims to find a job in the property sector. This rugby season he is coaching the Reserve Colts at HSOB.

Colin Freeman, 1956-60, 76 years, Retired University Lecturer, Past President 1991-93. Member of Te Kura Trust since 1995, has a wealth of Association knowledge.

Martin Perry, 1975-1977, 60 years, we lived out of zone in my third form year, but my brother made it through the process the following year, and I rode on his back into CBHS in 1975. I made the 1st 11 hockey in my last year, but academically spent my time in the "G" stream. I enjoyed my time at CBHS, the history, the teachers, fellow classmates, the environment of the school. My son has recently finished at CBHS, and I am proud to say that he also has enjoyed his time there. I am a qualified accountant, having spent time in manufacturing and health sectors, and after all these years continue to be involved and playing hockey.

Colin Watson, 1954-58. 80 years, Past President 2013-2015, Retired farmer, now residing in Summerset Wigram Retirement Village. Many years knowledge of Association history.

Defyd Williams, (1965-69), 69 years, Past President 2003-2004. Retired Secondary School Teacher, previous term on our Executive, 1990s -2005, Secretary of Waikato-Bay of Plenty branch (2007-2017). CBHS Board of Trustees parent representative 1997-2004. HSOB Rugby Centennial (2001) Chair. Co-author of *Christchurch HSOB: "The Greatest Little Rugby Club in the World"*.

Second of three generations to attend CBHS. Senior athletics champion (distance) 1969, Rugby 1st XV, 1969. (A.K.A Denzil).

Barrie Johnson, (1957-60), Retired Secretary, 2000-2020. Firstly, I have enjoyed my time as Secretary of the Association. There have been 3 Headmasters, 12 Presidents and 5 Treasurers during my term, plus many Executive committee members and all have been a pleasure to work with.

During that time, I have renewed many Old Boy friendships and made many new Old Boy friends. Many times when out socially I have met Old Boys and they would ask me about School and they were only too pleased to give me their email address to add to the database so they could be kept in touch with School.

I am retiring because I feel that a younger person will bring some refreshing changes to the Association which will help to attract more members to be active with the Association. I know that Chris Carthy, my replacement, has some great ideas and has the enthusiasm to expand contacts with all of our Old Boy friends.

I will not be fully lost to the Association Executive as I have promised to help my replacement, **Chris Carthy**, into the job of Secretary. Altiora Peto, Barrie Johnson.

ALTIORA PETO AWARD 2020

Dr Ashley F. Wilson PhD, JP The Altiora Peto Medal is awarded to a living Old Boy who best reflects the school's motto Altiora Peto – I seek higher things – and who will serve as a role model to the current boys of the school. Ashley Wilson was born in Christchurch on 11 November 1932. He started at Christchurch Boys' High School as WWII was heading towards its end and attended from 1945 – 1949, gaining University



Entrance in 1948 and continuing into the Upper Sixth (our Year 13).

He went on to study science at Canterbury University for the next 8 years, gaining a PhD in organic chemistry. After seven years in the United States of America and Canada undertaking academic and industrial research on man-made fibres he returned to New Zealand in 1964 to commence a long and distinguished career with NZ Forest Products Ltd, then New

Zealand's largest company. He was recognised as an outstanding scientist with strong personal qualities that suited him for the senior positions he was to hold in the company. These included leading the research laboratory in Penrose and, 1984, becoming the General Manager of the Kinleith Mill and paper processing plants at Tokoroa, responsible for over 3,300 employees. Ashley is a man of high principle and personal standards who has kept his body and mind fit and active throughout his life. Some of his experiences gained during his time at NZFP instilled an interest in the challenges faced by developing nations in future resource availability, possible limitations to growth and the environmental implications of random development. When he retired in 1996 aged 63 and, feeling that his personal skills and experience might be put to some useful work in an under-developed country, he sought advice from Sir Edmund Hillary, the founder-President of Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) about volunteering in Nepal.

He never got to Nepal, but what was to follow in the next two years was a life changing experience for him, and an invaluable contribution to economic and domestic sustainability for the people of Lata in the remote Temotu province of the Solomon Islands. He developed the construction and management of a copra mill and coconut oil plant, a more reliable water supply, and community resources to the villagers and townspeople, and established a beneficial relationship with leading figures in the capital of Honiara. Several local children have subsequently been named after him and he has sponsored promising children to allow them to complete their secondary school education in the island nation. This outstanding volunteer experience is recorded in his book "Solomon Island Sojourn" published in 2009. A couple of years ago,



Ashley Wilson, then aged 86, was the highest internationally rated tennis player in New Zealand history, being No. 4 in world for his age group. He is still ranked #2 in NZ for the 85+ age group.

He has travelled frequently to international tennis tournaments and represents New Zealand with honour, both as a player and as a humble but accomplished man. In 2017 he won the Australian National Senior Tennis Championship title for his age group.

He is also a longtime member of the Royal Auckland and Grange Golf Club and has carded rounds less than his age. Ashley is an outstanding Old Boy of Christchurch Boys' High School and a sound role model as an academic, a professional, a community contributor, an international sportsman and a public speaker. He has been a loyal and active member of the Christchurch High School Old Boys' Association, Auckland Branch for a great many years. He is also proud to have been a Justice of the Peace for over 45 years – yet another sign of his desire to give back to the community

*Photo above : (Left to Right) **Barrie Johnson**, (Retiring Secretary of Association), **Ashley F Wilson, PhD, JP**, (2020 Altiora Peto Award recipient) and **Nic Hill** (Headmaster)*

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021 ALTIORA PETO AWARD

Requesting nominations for the 2021 Altiora Peto Award. The criteria are set out below.

Since 2006, the Altiora Peto Award has been presented at the Founders Day Assembly.

The selection committee have requested that Members be invited to put forward names of Old Boys who might be considered as appropriate candidates for the Award.

The "Criteria for the Altiora Peto Award" are set out below. Members wishing to propose candidates for this prestigious Award should forward names, plus brief details of the candidate's career and achievements, to the Association Secretary.

[\(The recipient will be required to attend the assembly to receive the Award and present a speech to the assembly.\)](#)

The Christchurch Boys' High School Old Boys Association

ALTIORA PETO AWARD

'Scholarship, Service, Sport and Spirit'

The Altiora Peto Award recognises the outstanding character and achievement of a past student of the School. The recipient will best reflect the School's motto '**Altiora Peto**' – '**I seek higher things**'; he will be a fine role model for the young men of today's school.

The Altiora Peto Award

- is presented at the annual Founders' Day Assembly on or near May 18th
- the first awards were presented in 2006, on the occasion of the School's 125th Reunion

The Awardee

- is presented with the Altiora Peto Medal – and then speaks to the School, reunion groups, invited Old Boys and other guests at the Founders' Day Assembly
- is recognised on the Altiora Peto Honours Board that is to hang in the School Hall
- is recognised in articles in the School Magazine and the Old Boys Newsletter. Wider media are made aware of the assembly and of the awardee.

The Selection Criteria

- National and/or International achievement in one or more of the areas of 'Scholarship, Service, Sport and Spirit'
- a fine role model for past and present young men

The Selection Process

- a timeline details the process
- the Selection Committee seeks the names of possible awardees from regional associations and Old Boys generally,

Awardees	2006	Walter Arnold Hadlee	2006	Charles Seymor Luney
	2006	Sir Lawrence Herbert Govan	2007	John Frederick Burrows
	2008	Christopher Keith Doig	2009	Sir Richard John Hadlee
	2010	Peter West England	2011	Sir Graham William Henry
	2012	Barry John Maister	2013	Prof Emeritus Robin Wayne Carrell
	2014	Ian Charles Athfield	2015	Hon David Francis Caygill
	2016	Selwyn Gerald Maister	2017	David Conway Hopkins OAM
	2017	Anson William Austin	2018	Dr Lionel John Wood
	2019	Elric James Hooper	2020	Dr Ashley Francis Wilson

Your urgent attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Altiora Peto

Please submit your nomination to Chris Carthy, Secretary, secretary@oldboys.cbhs.school.nz

FOUND

It is a small World & Old Boys' of our great School, keep popping up all over the place.

Jenny Lowe, (EA to Headmaster) received an email a while ago from the owner of New World Wigram, James Backhouse, he wrote:

"In the weekend I found, whilst metal detecting, what I think is a CBHS sterling silver and gold medal awarded in 1908 to H M Taylor for gym (I think the script is H M Taylor, just not sure on the H). The medal is in near perfect condition (stunning condition) and I would like to double check the details to make sure that I have the right Old Boy to track down descendants and give it back to the family. I believe it may be H M Taylor (All Black #183 and Canterbury cricket) who was at the school around that time. Are you able to direct me to someone at the school that could confirm the details so I can track the family and return their piece of history? Just trying to make sure I have the right Old Boy details so I can get it back to them."

A quick check of the database and magazine confirmed that Henry Morgan Taylor was a pupil at the school from 1904 – 1908. He was a School Monitor (Prefect) and a member of the 1st XV and 1st XI. The school magazine I took a quick look at contains many references to him, not only in Cricket and Rugby but also in Athletics and Gymnastics. I advised James of this.

Today I received the following email plus the attached photo:

This afternoon I dropped by a CHCH retirement village to present the medal to the daughter of H M Taylor. After tracking I found the grandson and wife who let me know that Henry M Taylor' daughter was still alive and has just celebrated her 100th birthday. All were present in the afternoon. It was very nice to be able to return this piece of CBHS history to the direct family of the awardee. They have a number of CHCH and Canterbury streets, parks and homesteads with family names and there was no better person to receive it than Henry' daughter. They are making it into a necklace and will be continued to be passed down the family tree.



Another Old Boy and his success

Mitch McCann - Class of 2008-2012:

After leaving CBHS in 2012, I decided to have a crack at what seemed like a bit of a 'pipe dream' at the time and entered the world of news and current affairs. I was lucky enough to have been picked up by Mediaworks and RadioLIVE while studying and made the decision to steer away from sports reporting and stick with general news. Since then I have been lucky enough to join the team at TV3 first in Wellington and then in Auckland as a reporter, and now a news presenter. I



have been fortunate to cover a number of important events since then, including cyclones in the Pacific, and earlier this year the bushfires in New South Wales. Perhaps my most memorable experience has been fronting the breaking news coverage during the Christchurch Mosque attacks, on March 15' 2019.

I often reflect on my time at school and am extremely proud to be an Old Boy. Perhaps my favourite memories are the friendships I made at Adams House, spending long afternoons playing touch or swimming.

Altiora Peto.

Taupo Reunion, 18th July 2020, (School v College Rugby day)

Straven Road Club. Taupo. 18/07/20 Reunion Report.



From left to right,

Richard Forster, Alan Milne, Ian Allott, Jan Allott, Russell Forster, Pam Forster, Neil Baxter, Lee Read, Stewart Read, Tom Thomson, Jo Baxter, Glenn Forster, Mark Forster, Mary Milne.

Taupo Reunion cont....

This year, Covid 19 played its part in disrupting the annual fixture, as it has to some degree with all our lives. Due to the 12.10 pm start to the annual fixture, we departed from our usual pre-game luncheon at the Cossie Club in Taupo, and opted for a brunch at the Allott's residence starting 10.45 am, so travel from the Club was avoided.

With help from the wives attending, the spread was sumptuous, and portended a great game, which indeed it was, but unfortunately not with the result we had hoped for. We did learn that the cruel injury to the usual first five, days before the game may well have contributed to this result, but the team can be proud of the attacking game they produced.

Our attendance this year was a record for recent times, with 9 Old Boys, and 5 partners attending. There was a 35 year variance in BHS starting dates. Youngest was Mark Forster, oldest was Tommy Thomson. A further 2 Old Boys suffered health problems close to our event which prevented attendance.

Unfortunately, we have to record the passing of Rob Boocock the 1945 1ST XV Vice Captain since our last reunion and his engaging demeanor was sadly missed.



Those attending are looking forward to next year, and again an open invitation is extended to any Old Boy in the area at the time of the Fixture next year.

Altiora Peto, Ian Allott (1956-60)

Sydney HSOB Annual Reunion Dinner 29th August 2019

The Annual Reunion Dinner for the Sydney HSOB was held on the 29th August 2019, at the Cammeray Golf Club. This being the first time that we have used this venue for our Reunion, as the previous one for many years, the Waverton Bowling Club, unfortunately went into liquidation. A sign of the times now in Sydney, for so many similar long-established clubs. However, the new venue, still in the lower North Shore was very convenient for most and proved to be ideal on the night.

It was a most satisfactory attendance, and everyone appeared to be in good spirits and mingled enthusiastically as long-established friends.

It was interesting to note, that our eldest Old Boy present, was Desmond Hills (45-49) accompanied by his new bride Valmae. Both won the admiration of us all, that age is certainly no barrier for attending such functions. Desmond has been a great supporter of our meetings over the years, along with his then good friend and colleague, the late Michael Chamberlain (62-62). Both being fellow Pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and lived in the church community at Cooranbong north of Sydney.

The youngest Old Boy was Grant Coutts (86-90), also Patrick Wilson (67-71), was a first-time attendee, but was thrilled to be there, judging by the joviality coming from the table where he was seated. It was also great to welcome back one of our committee Paul Connelly (70-73), after a few years' absence, due to extensive overseas travel, then having succumbed to health issues, which fortunately is now behind him.

We were delighted to have the Headmaster Nic Hill accompanied by his charming wife, Liz Hay, as our special guests, who were also visiting Sydney on business.

Murray Olds our fantastic MC, being a highly respected radio personality and very much at home behind the mike, did a splendid job conducting the evening's proceedings.

After we were all seated for dinner, Bruce Rankin gave a very warm welcome speech, followed by our illustrious tenor Anson Austin, who then led us in a stirring rendition of the School Song. After dinner, Murray introduced Nic, this being his third visit to our gatherings in his role as Headmaster, so he was known to most of us.

Some of the main points of Nic's presentation:

Nic began his presentation with a few slides to illustrate his talk. The first being of a group of senior Boys High boys. He mentioned that: "The world is changing drastically, and we need caring boys coming out of the school." This was a constant theme throughout his talk, preparing the boys adequately for the future.

Nic was on sabbatical leave during the third school term, so when in the US, the highlight was visiting Harvard University at Boston and meeting with the famed Professor of Education, Howard Gardner, for most enlightening discussions about education and human values. On the slide of the Professor, was the following quote: **"Truth is losing its value currency. I value truth and its loss of value saddens me."**

Nic saw it as his job to constantly challenge those involved in education. In his 6 years as Headmaster, the school is continuing to evolve to meet the needs of today's business and social changes. Nic mentioned that: "It was the moral purpose of the school, preparing leaders of the future. School must be at the front of social leadership." Also; "School has to be about values and role models and that honesty is paramount."

He also referred to Jake Bailey, as a great example of the school, the former Senior Monitor who when battling a deadly cancer, had not only won the admiration of the school community and beyond, but also internationally. This was when the video of his emotional speech at the Prize Giving Assembly in 2015, went viral. Fortunately, as we know, Jake recovered well and became a very much in demand inspirational speaker about his own experiences during his illness.

Following Nic's most interesting presentation, a very enthusiastic Q&A session ensued. Many of the questions were about the comparison between the Australian and New Zealand schooling systems.

Nic's wife Liz, also in the teaching profession, made some great contributions to the session. Peter Kirk spoke about the young people he had hired over time, for his successful pool business and that he felt many weren't as adequately prepared as he thought they should be, when entering the workforce.

Murray, our engaging MC, handled the session adroitly and in summarising the evening, conveyed our thanks to Nic and Liz, for their contribution as our special guests and were warmly acclaimed by a very appreciative audience.

In conclusion, special thanks to our hard-working Committee, ably led by Bruce Rankin and Ron Lucock, with Anson Austin, Mark Bluett, Murray Olds, Peter Kirk, Paul Connelly and Frank Pickering.



OBITUARIES:

Jack H Donald with Senior Monitor Fergus Kilpatrick at the 2019 Anzac Service

John Henry Donald (Jack) (1933-37) was born in Wellington on 29 April 1919, the fifth of six children born to Agnes Annie and Hugh Paterson Donald. Although Jack started school in Timaru most of his schooling took place in Christchurch, where he attended Fendalton Open Air School, Elmwood Normal School and Christchurch Boys' High School. At school Jack enjoyed sports, playing cricket, rugby, as lock, and swimming. His love of sport continued right through his life, on the sidelines of the grandchildren's games and avidly watching cricket and rugby with Trixie.

Jack achieved University Entrance in 1936 acquiring a particular interest in electricity and magnetism and in those subjects topping the class.

The great depression of the 1920s and 1930s was still having an effect on employment in Jack's final year at school, so when it was announced a job was available at the Municipal Electricity Department (MED) Jack hot footed it to see the General Manager to apply for a position of electrical engineering trainee, only to be offered the position of office junior in the accounting office.

Jack started work as office Junior, studied accountancy at night school and retired as General Manager serving 46 years with the same organisation. He was the first accountant to serve as General Manager, the equivalent of today's CEO. His total length of service is considered to be unrivalled, particularly considering the time spent in senior appointments. He also served the Secretaries' Association of the Electrical Supply authorities not only on its Executive, being President in the years 1977-79 but also on various committees. In addition to being General Manager of the MED Jack was also a member of the Council's Management Executive.

World War 2 intervened when Jack was 20 and he volunteered for active service as soon as he could on his 21st birthday - in his words, "to do his bit for the war effort". Initially Jack was employed as a clerk in the Christchurch recruiting office, followed by training at Burnham Military camp before being shipped out to Egypt. Final ground training took place at Maadi Camp on the outskirts of Cairo where Jack passed the final weapons training with distinction. This was followed by orders to attend an instructors' course in which he attained a Distinguished Pass. However, Jack was finding all the instruction rather tedious and twice attempted to have himself demoted in order to join the "real action".

On 21st February Jack received word that he was to join the 20th Battalion which was reforming after the disastrous Libyan campaign. Jack was in the thick of the battle action with the 20th Battalion at the El Alamein campaign and having survived various skirmishes including Minquar Qaim was taken prisoner at the battle of Ruweisat Ridge and served an uncomfortable imprisonment in Benghazi, Libya and Italy and Germany. After surviving an eventful OE Jack arrived back in New Zealand at the end of 1945.

Jack returned to work at the MED and after having his arm twisted was talked into a blind date to attend the Accountants' Society ball. This was how Jack met Hazel Pitman whom we all knew as Trixie. They were devoted to each other throughout their 67 years of marriage. Jack was a great family man and spent a great deal of time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren and also took great interest in his nephews and nieces and their families.

Jack never had a piano lesson but played the piano by ear and enjoyed a variety of music, he was a self-taught landscape artist, made model yachts and a go kart for each of his grandsons and was a very keen gardener and very generous with the produce from his garden.

He was a member of the Christchurch Rotary Club for nearly 34 years and was awarded their highest honour the Paul Harris Medal and a Life Membership. After retirement he joined the Probus Kit Kat Club.

For the last 9 years Jack lived at Holly Lea retirement Village where he was a very active resident, holding the role of President of the Residents' Association for a number of years, and enjoying the numerous activities available.

Jack had a great sense of humour and always had a funny story to relate; he had a strong sense of community and was very generous to others. Jack had a sharp mind and was still taking care of his own affairs at the age of 100. He enjoyed technology and made good use of his computer and ipad. He loved his smart phone which he could keep with him and which enabled him to see his family when he spoke to them. A man of strong faith Jack taught Bible Class, served as a manager, elder and as Session Clerk at Knox Church. After Trixie had supported Jack for many years at Knox she wanted to return to her Anglican roots and they both made the change to St Barnabas.

Jack lived an extraordinary life of achievements and embraced change in a world that was very different from the one into which he was born.

OBITUARIES: Since 8th November 2019.

Kearns	Liam			2010-13	
Tourell	Jack			1937-38	
Turner	Barry	John		1949-53	
Pilkington	Graham	Edmund		1945-49	Hon Life Member
Gray	Andrew	James		1952-54	
Berry	Robin	Edward		1949-54	
Wallis	Graeme	Richard		1959-63	
Dodds	Peter	William	Reginald	1952-54	
Still	Gavin	Alexander		1954-58	
Bragg	Harold	Naylor		1942-45	
Wilson	Roger	William		1948-50	
Robinson	Gordon	Ronald		1957-60	
Denton	William	Maurice		1945-46	
McDonald	Murray	John	Hugh	1956-58	
Timmings	Michael	James		1972-73	
Wilkinson	John	Patrick		1957-58	
Johnson	Anthony (Tony)	Frederick	Kaye	1944-46	
Ede	Errell	Sadler		1947-50	
McGowan	John	Narey		1940-41	MBE, JP retired,
Evans	Brian			1953-56	
Boocock	Robin	Lionel		1940-45	
Clarkson	Ralph	Murray		1943-46	
Curtis	Rodney	Rutherford		1955-58	
O'Callahan	Ronald	Mervyn		1941-45	
Cowan	Murray	George		1945-48	
Ford	Wayne	Ronald	Fraser	1977-80	
Woods	Noel	Morton		1944-47	
Harris	Julian	Anthony		2002-06	
Rowlands	Graham	Ian		1953-54	

Bates	Clinton	David		1945-49
Kinzett	Kenneth	George		1952-55
Sandle	Weston	James	Known as Wes	1949-52
Foster	John	Godfrey		1954-59
Stevens	Thomas	Kennedy		1969-73
McGill	Rex	David		1947-50
Donald	John (Jack)	Henry		1933-37
Menrath	Victor	Hans		1956-60
Cooper	Mervyn	Nathaniel		1947
O'Brien	Jeffrey	Ross		1939-40
Garner	Leslie	Richard		1945-47
Alford	Barrie	Erle		1948-50
Arbuckle	Rex	Henry		1943-45
Duder	Graeme	Ward		1952-53
Christian	John	Charles		1943-47
Sewell	David	Oliver		1953-57
Campbell	Neil	Kenneth		1942-46
Cragie	Leslie	William		1941-43
McConnell	David	Samuel		1957-61
Jones	Raymond	George	Walters	1939-41
Stanley	William	Robin		1980
Calvert	Bruce	Eyres		1946-50
Wilson	James	David		1945-46
Crosson	Dougal	John		1966-69,
Ryde	Alan	Vincent		1948-51
Dobson	Arthur	Andrew		1951-52
Sanders	Alan	Leon		1948-51
Deverson	Anthony (Tony)	John		1955-59
Gardner	Ian	Robert		1952-55
Jackson	Raymond			1938-39
Betteridge	Maurice	Stanley		1940-44
Knapp	Russell	Harvey		1939-42
White	Maxwell			1943-46
Morris	Christopher	John		1974-75
Morrish	Peter	Selwyn		1947
Rickerby	Gerald	Keith		1954-56
McCallum	Barie	Alan	John	1956-59
Thompson	Jihn	Wentworth		1949-50
McLaren	Reid	Hamilton		1946-49
Waldron	Murray	Leonard		1948-51
Nicol	Stuart	Wilson		1952-55
Douglas	Ian			1971-75
Dunn	Paul	William		1977*78
Gillispie	Murray	Dean		1945-45
Lynch	Graeme	Athol		1960-63
Ashley	Raymond	Alexander		1940-41
Taylor	Edward	Steven		1956-57
Thompson	Brian	Robert		1947-48
Lewthwaite	William	George		1944-47
Hunt	Barry	Simson		1946
Innes	David	George		1956-60
Smith	John	Murray		1947-50
Barlow	Rongapai	Puke		1977-2000

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