



BY ASSOCIATION

CBHS Old Boys Newsletter



The official newsletter of the Christchurch Boys' High School Old Boys' Association

April 2021

From the President's Pen

Kia Ora koutou katoa to all Christchurch Boys' High School Old Boys

We plan to keep you and all the many thousands of fellow Old Boys up to date with what is happening with our members and activities with the Association and at Christchurch Boys' High School. Membership to the Association is now free and automatic for all Old Boys. This is an active decision made by the Executive to be inclusive and welcoming. We also see the Association as a support for the School in its drive of inclusiveness. I ask you to view the open letter the Executive has sent to the community on how we value being inclusive. You will find it on our Facebook page - CBHS Old Boys.

Please help the Association grow by sharing this information with other Old Boys you might know, encourage them to "like" the Facebook account and put their name on the email list for regular updates of happenings and news. More importantly – why not come to some of the events, time at School was formative, it was the time you left childhood and became men, there were good and bad times, but the experience is a shared one. Sam Neill (not a CBHS Old Boys) wrote recently in *The Listener*. "Find out what happened to those 'old blokes', what are they like now? The answer is often what you expect, but you can just as often be pleasantly surprised."

Altiora Peto

John Osborne

President of the CBHS Old Boys Association

CBHS High School Old Boys' Golf Tournament 2020

The annual golf tournament was again played on the first Thursday of November. This year's field at 68 was the largest for some years. Once again it was good to see new faces as well as the regular attendees.

The Waitikiri course was in excellent condition and the weather was perfect. Most players went home with a prize and the day was enjoyed by all.

The major prize winners were:

Old Boys Association Cup – best stableford won by Paul Duggan

Ray Pilkington Cup – runners up best stableford won by Warren Sheddan

HSOB Association – best gross score won by Darren Glen

Dick Cochrane Trophy – runner up best gross score won by Bill Bishop

Doug Archbold Cup – best stableford by member of HSOB rugby club won by Bob Grace

Once again, the tournament was very well supported by sponsors whose continued involvement is much appreciated. Each year Vance Bishop puts in a sterling effort in obtaining sponsors and prizes. After many years doing this Vance is now standing down and we thank him for his efforts which have been vital to the success of the tournament.

The sponsors for the Tournament were:

HSOB Golf Nov 2020 — Sponsors' list

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The Old Boys Association are very supportive of the tournament and are keen for it to continue and prosper. Each year an influx of new players is required, and it was good to see so many new faces this year. Please note your diary for next year's tournament which will be held at Waitikiri Golf Course on Thursday 4 November 2021



Old Boys in the 2021 New Year's Honours List

Companion NZ Order of Merit, Professor Stephen Thomas Chambers, (CNZM) 1964-68, for Services to Infectious Disease Research, Christchurch.

Officer NZ Order of Merit, Adjunct Associate Professor James Alan Tully, (CNZM) 1960-64, for Services to Journalism & Education, Wellington.

Member NZ Order of Merit, Keith James Locke, (CNZM) 1957-61, for Services to Human Rights Advocacy



Peter Broom (1995-99) South Island manager of Constellation Brands ran a wine-tasting evening for old boys and partners

Opportunities to meet old friends and make new friends

The Old Boys Association executive are keen to provide a wide variety of events that will enable old boys to socialise and make connections. To this end, they have compiled a calendar of events. Several of these fellowship opportunities encourage partners and wives to attend. Peter Broom (CBHS 1995-1999) – part of a group who refer to themselves as the ninety-niners, those who graduated from high school in the last year of the 20th century – hosted a very pleasant wine-tasting evening. Peter is the South Island Sales Manager for Constellation Brands, who sell wine to grocery, traditional and on-premise channels. Peter didn't have wine to sell, so the editor was able to purchase a very drinkable Robert Mondavi Chardonnay at his local New World supermarket.

Peter can be contacted peterbroom@cbrands.com or phone 027-4664-668

The executive as well as supporting well established reunions, such as third form (year 9) intakes and reunions associated with the School-College match, are also keen to facilitate and publicise groups wishing to meet up. A good example is the 1945ers, who started at CBHS in the last year of World War Two. Since 1995 the 50th anniversary of the end of World War Two and their Year 9 intake, the group have met every year up to pre covid 2019. Graeme Pilkington has been largely responsible for organising venues, and speakers for this luncheon that has happened annually from 1995-2019, in total 25 years. The executive request old boys' volunteers for specific intakes or decades. Email editor defydjoan@xtra.co.nz

The executive is also seeking sponsorship to make the Association more vibrant and vital in organising events for former students of CBHS. Advertising in this newsletter is an effective way of making contacts with the Old Boys' community. Contact chris@bycroftrural.co.nz and cc Editor Defyd Williams defydjoan@xtra.co.nz

The executive is also planning to link young old boys with older old boys to provide mentoring opportunities and exchange of ideas. Please tell us what you want from your association. Working together will provide lots of mutually advantageous situations. Contact Secretary Chris Carthy chris@bycroftrural.co.nz and cc the Editor Defyd Williams defydjoan@xtra.co.nz

HSOB Sydney/NSW Annual Reunion Dinner - Review of the Evening: Old Boy All Blacks provide highlight

The dinner for the Sydney/NSW HSOB Association, was held on the 18th of November 2020, at the View Hotel in North Sydney – right next to North Sydney Station. This was the first time that we have used this venue for our Reunion, which was very convenient for most and proved to be ideal on the night. It was a pleasing attendance of 34, in spite of the Covid restrictions, and everyone appeared to be in fine spirits. We mingled enthusiastically as long-established friends. Murray Olds was again our fantastic MC, being a highly respected radio personality and very much at home behind the mike; he did a splendid job conducting the evening's proceedings.

Our illustrious tenor Anson Austin was persuaded into leading us in a stirring rendition of the School Song. All Blacks Assistant Coach Brad Mooar and All Blacks Anton Lienert-Brown & Will Jordan spoke after the entrée and main courses. Bruce Rankin gave a warm welcome to our special guests: All Blacks Assistant Coach Brad Mooar ; All Blacks Anton Lienert-Brown and Will Jordan. They were on tour with the All Blacks in Australia and had made a special effort to come to our annual event. The three came to the front podium and were seated for a Q & A session. There were many questions on the recent game against Argentina and Brad responded by saying that Argentina played very well and showed that their rugby has improved a lot. He also mentioned that the ABs had chances to score and exert pressure - and that may have changed the game. All involved – coaches and players have reviewed their own performance and are looking forward to the second test v Argentina in Newcastle. In reply to a question, he mentioned that Gilbert Enoka had been the team's Mental Skills coach for some 19 years and provides a critical role for the team. Anton Lienert-Brown who had been an All Black from 2016-20 and had played 48 tests, caused much laughter when he agreed with a questioner that he was now seen as a veteran at age 25! He mentioned that he had studied mental health as part of his Sport and Leisure studies at Waikato University. Anton spoke extensively about the mental health aspect of elite rugby and he found this was great value in adjusting to playing at this level.

Will Jordan spoke warmly about the environment he has entered in joining the All Blacks. He spoke about how he was welcomed into the team, and how old hands take the time to make sure the new boys feel at home, and valued. He too spoke of the mental health side of elite rugby, how what happens in the honesty of the team environment off the field is as important as the 80 minutes in the middle. What struck us all was the maturity of both players. Brad remarked how Anton is still only 25 and made the point a couple of times how highly regarded he is within the squad for his leadership and mentoring of younger players.

Andrew Mehrtens – 1995-2004 All Black great – was also in the audience and caused considerable amusement with his comments and questions. Murray, our engaging MC, handled the session adroitly and in summarising the evening, conveyed our thanks to Brad, Anton, and Will for their contribution as our special guests and they were warmly acclaimed by a very appreciative audience. In conclusion,

special thanks to our hard-working Committee, ably led by Ron Lucock, with Murray Olds, Anson Austin, Mark Bluett, Peter Kirk, and Paul Connelly all there on the night. Ron in particular deserves special mention, first for suggesting that Brad Mooar was part of the All-Blacks tour group, as Assistant Coach, and could be the speaker at our Old Boys function, along with the two Old Boy All Blacks on tour. Secondly, for organising tours of potentially suitable venues and then putting all the arrangements in place with the View Hotel.

On behalf of the Committee, Bruce Rankin 25/11/20



Deans Stables, 1989, renovated as Deans Room, meeting place and home of Old Boys' Association

Obituaries from 5/9/2020

Batten Robert Michael, 87 years, 1947-50, on 5/9/2020
Creelman Ian Brien, 57 years, 1976-79, on 11/9/2020
Owen David John, 79 years, 1954-57, on 19/9/2020
Glynan Peter Edwin, 86 years, 1951-52, on 21/9/2020
Chatterton Donald Henry, 83 years, 1951-58, on 18/9/2020
Teape William Henry, 93 years, 1941-44, on 11/9/2020
Richards Timothy John, 47 years, 1987-91, on 22/9/2020
Kay Peter Alexander, 79 years, 1955-58 on 8/9/2020
McKeegan Neil Stuart, 63 years, 1970-74, on 25/9/2020
Anderson Thomas David, 84 years, 1949-53, on 4/10/2020
Thompson Warwick Howard, 77 years, 1961, on 6/10/2020
Todd Christine Mary, Honorary Associate Member,
Hutchinson Kevin Paul, 42 years, 1991-92, on 7/10/2020
Berry Peter Clarence, 77 years, 1957-60, on 7/10/2020
Spence Ross Denby, 79 years, 1955-59, on 16/10/2020
White Charles Loughton, 68 years, 1966-69, on 28/10/2020
Pearce, Alan Morral, 84 years, 1953-54, on 28/10/2020
Fazackerley Ian Thomas, 93 years, 1941-44 on 31/10/2020
Hooper Anthony Douglas Lockhart, 84 years, 1950-54, on 23/10/2020
Smith Gregory Brian, 44 years, 1990-94, on 30/10/2020
Sutherland Frank Robert, 89 years, 1946-48, on 1/11/2020
Wilkinson Hugh Graeme, 76 years, 30/10/2020
Mauger Warner James, 87 years, 1947-49, on 15/11/20

Foulkes David James, 70 years, 1963-69, on 21/11/20 in Thailand
 Scott Peter Kenneth, years, 1956-60, on 30/11/19 as result of an accident in Sri Lanka
 Aitken Peter Alexander, 81 years, 1952-55, on 18/11/2020
 Grant Douglas Edward, 77 years, 1957-60, on 15/7/2020
 Brown Newton James Stevenson, 90 years, 1943-46, 29/11/202
 James Bruce Hall, 90 years, 1944-46, on 30/11/2020
 Malaquin Keith Gregory, 67 years, on 2/12/2020
 Walpole Leslie John, 79 years, 1955-59, on 12/12/2020
 Wylde Alan Francis, 77 years, 1956-60 on 17/12/2020
 Faulls Brian Alan, 80 years, 1953-56, on 23/12/2020
 Williamson Robin Brittin, 88 years, 1945-46, on 24/12/2020
 Burton John Ansley, 85 years, 1949-53, on December 2020
 Escott Donald Blair, 73 years, 1961-65, on 29/12/2020
 MacDonald Ian Hugh, 84 years, 1950-55, on 30/12/2020
 Beckett Francis William, 90 years, 1944-49, on 6/1/2021
 Aitchison Brian Peter, 82 years, 1951-53, on 1/1/2021
 Novis John Bolton, 66 years, 1967-71, on 7/1/2021
 Osment Robert Anthony, 72 years, 1962-67, on 6/1/2021
 Harris Brian Richard, 88 years, 1946-47, on 15/1/2021
 Shepard Wade Stewart, 55 years, 1981-83, on 17/1/2021
 Wells Mark Robert, 62 years, 1972-75 on 17/1/2021
 Mercer Marshall David, 97 years, 1937-41, on 21/1/2021
 Boaz Leonard Malcolm, 89 years, 1946-48, on 21/1/2021
 Shipp Ivan Arthur, 87 years, 1948-50, on 26/1/2021
 Porteous Bryon Martin, 80 years, 1954-57 on 7/1/2021
 Ewing Scott Russell, 40 years, 1994-98, on 3/2/2021
 Lilley Garry Colin, 84 years, 1951-52, on 31/1/2021
 MacAlpine Angus Duncan, 79 years, 1955-57, on 25/1/2021
 McCulloch Graham Lloyd, 82 Years, 1953-56, on 1/2/21
 Hendry John Edward, 85 years, 1950-51, on 12/2/2021
 Panckhurst David Joseph, 84 years, 1954, on 13/2/2021
 McNabb Ashley Rhodes, 95 years, 1940-43, on 11/2/2021
 Rattray Peter John, 67 years, 1972-76, on 22/2/2021
 Allen David Kinnimont, 87 years, 1947-51, on 21/2/2021
 Riach Desmond Douglas, 91 years, 1944-47 on 22/2/2021
 Mc Ginn Robert James, 89 years, 1951, 1946-48, on 3/3/21
 Ponder John McKenzie, 84 years, 1951-53, on 3/3/21
 Jenkins William George, 96 years, 1939-42, on 16/3/2021
 Milligan John Raymond, 80 years, 1955-59, on 22/3/2021



ANZAC Day – Sunday 25th April 2021 – CBHS Hall 10.00am

A day of remembrance when we reflect on our present freedoms and quality of life. At Christchurch Boys' High School, we have a long tradition of coming together on this day, as a community group, to remember the men who served and died for New Zealand from the Boer War to Afghanistan and on our peacekeeping duties around the world.

The memorial service starts in the Assembly Hall at 10.00am. We welcome all Old Boys and your extended family's attendance and participation in this community event and look forward to meeting with you there. **PLEASE BE SEATED BY 9.50AM**



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY
Each boy at his best.

School v College Game Thursday 3rd June 2021 – 1.30pm.

After last year's success with the pre-game luncheon the Association have decided to again hold a Buffet "**Pre-Game Luncheon**" at Adams House at 12 noon on Thursday 3rd June 2021. Nic Hill, our Headmaster, will say a few words, then off to School at say 12.45pmish to see the game.

To keep costs down we feel that on this occasion we would not serve any alcohol.
(You may have a drink before attending the luncheon if you desire)

Thursday 3rd June 2021 - \$30.00 per person

We are limited to 120 persons so it will be first in first served. (There will be no door sales)

To reserve a seat, Email, Geoff Thomas (Event Organiser): gasthomas2@gmail.com and pay \$30.00 via internet banking to **06 0807 0068188 00
(Please note your name & year that you started at CBHS.)**

Please order & pay for luncheon by Wednesday 26th June 2021

After Match at Old Boys Rugby Club - located between the Croquet Club and Tennis Club in North Hagley Park, beside Bob Deans Fields, will be open after the match. All Old Boys welcome to gather. Check details with Barrie Johnson.

Taupo Rotorua Region

Ian and Jan Allott advise that they will be hosting their usual School v College Rugby lunch on Thursday 3rd June 2021. The game this year is to be held at School with kick-off at 1.30pm.

Ian will be sending out details in the next few weeks but in the meantime he can be contacted at 0211028918.

Ian Allott, Taupo.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE CHRISTCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (INC.)

Registered Office: C/- C.B.H.S., Straven Road, Christchurch

Notice is hereby given the 109th Annual General meeting of the Association will be held in the

Big Room at School on Monday 3rd May, 2021 at 7.30pm.

Agenda: 109th Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch High School Old Boys' Association (Inc)

- Apologies
- Minutes of the 108th Annual Meeting
- Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the 12 Months ended 31/12/21
- Election of Officers and Executive
- Comments by the Headmaster: Nic Hill
- Te Kura Trust: Peter Woods.
- General Business

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Branches Working Together: Staying in Touch

HSOB Executive has asked that we contact all HSOB branches and various individuals with a view to strengthening contacts between all Old Boys. To this end we suggest that you take the following actions, even if your branch is in recess. As Branch Liaison, our task, via newsletter and other channels, is to encourage and grow communication between the branches and the national association.

1. Keep in more frequent touch with your members. We suggest organise at least one function each year and two if justified. Possibly issue one or two newsletters per year.
2. Possibly organise informal luncheon meetings, such as Auckland Branch have their Straven Club.
3. Liaise with geographically adjacent branches to possibly organise joint functions.
4. Maintain touch with HSOB Executive, so that we can publicise your functions in our newsletters and co-ordinate with other branches if required.
5. Advise HSOB Executive of any email addresses to add to our data base.

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From School Curator-Archivist Bruce Harding

*‘The men who went before us’, a memorable line from **Altiora Peto** – the school song – is an important part of the school ethos and their stories add to our learning. School archivist Bruce Harding has written a profile on Sir Maui Pomare, the first president of the CBHS Old Boys Association. Maui was sent from Waitara Taranaki by his dying father to get a Pakeha education. He featured in the school swimming sports, so had an affinity for water like his legendary namesake. Dr Pomare held various ministerial posts including Minister of Health. He also played an important role in promoting Maori culture.*

‘Our Very Own Māui’: Sir M.W.P.N. Pōmare [10358]

The Hon. Sir Māui Wiremu Pita Naera Pōmare, CMG and KBE, was the first President of the CBHS Old Boys’ Association (in 1912 and 1913), by which time Pōmare was a busy Parliamentarian based in Wellington as MP for Western Māori from 1911 to 1930, when he was strongly backed by the Māori King, Māhuta Te Wherowhero. In his parliamentary career, Pōmare largely represented the conservative rural Reform Party and served faithfully under three Prime Ministers: W.F. Massey (a farmer politician), Francis Bell and Gordon Coates.

His birthdate is open to some question, but after his birth at Pahau pā (Onaera) near Urenui (Taranaki) in 1875¹ or 1876, this son of Waitara was schooled in primary schools at Waitara, the Chatham Islands, St Stephen’s Native Boys’ School, and the Anglican Grammar School in Parnell (Auckland). While in Auckland his beloved father (Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa bloodline) was dying and urged his son to gain a Pākehā education and share its benefits with their people. His parents were followers of the Māori prophet Te Whiti, and so young Māui was present when armed constabulary invaded Parihaka in 1881. His father’s ardent desire that Māui assimilate to Te Ao Pākehā, and the death of his high-caste mother (Ngāti Toa), was the reason that, from the age of 12, the young warrior lad was sent south to a white boys’ grammar school, CBHS, where he attended the Worcester Street site from 1887-88 as a junior scholar.² How he squared that environs after the appalling Pākehā assault on Parihaka is an enduring mystery. The CBHS Head Master was by then the Cornish *émigré* Charles Edmund Bevan Brown, who was intrigued by the few ‘native’ students under his charge, and they, prior to Pomare, were Richard Grey Taiaroa (1882-84) and John Taiaroa (1884-86)—R.G. later touring with the ‘New Zealand Natives’ rugby team to the U.K. in 1888. The Taiaroa boys³ were part of the original DNA of ‘CBHS Rugby’ which had been quickly established by George Hogben under founding Head Master Thomas Miller. Young Māui was (as his name would imply) more suited to an aquatic realm, as he loved swimming, and we have in our archives a group photo of CBHS swimmers at a central city baths. Sitting contentedly in the front row, ready to dive into the water, is a lithe and quietly handsome Māui Pōmare.

Graham Butterworth has asserted that at CBHS Māui “was willing to fight at the least provocation.”⁴ In this, Māui recalled the hyper-sensitive Alan Duff (23934) in *his* one year (Form 4) at CBHS, as one of only two Māori boys there in 1965. Duff once told me that he was often subjected to racist taunts on account of his ‘colour’. Both Duff and Pōmare were treated at times like Caliban figures⁵ by some members of an Anglo-dominant schoolboy community, and one Old Boy vividly recalls Duff embroiled in a big fight on the main field which was broken up by the legendary John (‘DJ’) Graham, history master and All Black. A touch-paper temper is often linked with individuals who are emotionally vulnerable and disturbed⁶ and yet also intensely proud of their lineage, which others fail to appreciate or value. The trampling of mana (personal and cultural) often generates justified anger and bouts of violence. Pomare’s maternal grandmother (Kahe Hautonga Te Rau-o-te-rangi) signed the Treaty of Waitangi and he was a descendant of Hoturoa of the Tainui canoe; while Duff’s grandfather (Oliver), father (Gowan) and two paternal uncles (Ian and Roger) were educated at CBHS and all were very high achievers in the Pākehā world. However, unlike Alan Duff, Pōmare was bi-culturally competent.

¹ ‘Obituary: Sir Maui Pomare: Death in California’, *The Evening Post*, Vol.CIX, Issue 151 (30 June 1930), p.11.

² One wonders if Pomare’s maternal link to Ngati Toa is the reason that the first the School Haka was a totally ironic Ngati Toa one.

³ Sons of the Member for Southern Maori, H.K. Taiaroa, who served in the Balance-Seddon Liberal era.

⁴ Graham Butterworth, ‘Pomare, Maui Wiremu Piti Naera’, *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*, first published in 1996. *Te Ara—the Encyclopedia of New Zealand*, <https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/3P30/pomare-maui-wiremu-piti-naera> (accessed 16 February 2021), p. 1.

⁵ See Shakespeare, *The Tempest* (1611).

⁶ Maui’s father had died when the boy was 11 and his mother in 1889 (when Maui was aged 15); and Alan’s parents had split in Rotorua and Alan was sent down to Christchurch to live with Dr Roger and Myrtle Duff.

However, while the cold south may not have appealed (he later died of TB), Māui returned to the North Island to attend Te Aute College for his years of senior education because after the death of his mother Mere, his aunt and guardian, Hēni Te Rau Nicoll, transferred him to the Hawkes Bay where the Headmaster, John Thornton, was dedicated “to providing his pupils with an education that would equip them for professional careers and as leaders of their race.”⁷ One has to acknowledge that without the benefit of that educational praxis, Pōmare could never have become the successful ‘man of two worlds’ celebrated by his biographer J.F. Cody.⁸ That said, Pōmare cannot have left CBHS in a state of alienation or Māui would never have agreed to become the first President of the Old Boys’ Association (incorporated in 1912). He appears to have respected Head Master CEB Brown, as the classic image of him sitting next to a benign, ageing Brown in 1912 testifies, with Pōmare as first President and Brown its founding Patron. Our archives contain a taonga called *Old Boys’ Association First Minute Book 1912-1928*⁹, and we shall return to that shortly.

Māui undertook his pre-medical studies at a Seventh Day Adventist medical college (the Battle Creek Sanatorium in Michigan) to become a medical missionary and he received his M.D. degree from the American Missionary College (Chicago) in 1899. Returning to New Zealand after some time at Cook County Hospital (Illinois), in 1901 he was appointed the first medical officer to the Māori people, a senior role during which he burned 1,900 deserted whare.¹⁰ Once elected to Parliament in 1911 as MP for the Western Maori seat, Dr Pōmare was initially a Minister outside Cabinet (1912) but very capably filled the portfolios of Native Affairs, Minister for the Cook Islands and, from 1923-26, was Minister of Health after James Parr. His obituarian noted that “He had the somewhat unique distinction of having a longer term of continuous service as a Minister of the Crown than did any other Minister in the British Empire.”¹¹ With strong lineal links to Taranaki-Waikato iwi, Māui and his close Young Māori Party friends probably inspired Ngaio Marsh when she created an erudite, proud and charming indigenous doctor (Oxford and London-educated), Dr Rangi Te Pōkiha¹², who seems an amalgam of Pōmare and Dr Te Rangi Hīroa (Dr Sir Peter H. Buck) in their medical learning and Māori cultural advocacy, shown when Pōmare and James Cowan co-wrote *Legends of the Maori*, a major two-volume compendium of traditional tikanga, published in Wellington (Whitcombe & Tombs/Harry H. Tombs) between 1930 and 1934.

As a Crown Minister Dr Pōmare did much to arrest high maternal and infant morbidity and mortality rates with his sterilization-sanitation (aseptic practices) and midwifery campaigns for Māori and was also a very energetic and capable advocate for the Cooks and for isolated leprosy sufferers whom he visited in Fiji (Makogai Island) and New Zealand’s quarantine centre, Quail Island. Sir Māui and his Young Māori Party colleagues fought bad diet, poor clothing and housing, weak nursing, unventilated rooms and ‘unwholesome pas’. That was why, as a health advocate, he supported James Carroll and his controversial Tohunga Suppression Act 1907. He was also an empathetic Minister in Charge of Mental Hospitals (1923-26). Unlike Ngata, Pōmare was akin to Alan Duff in his advocacy of responsible individualism¹³, believing that the era of communalism had passed. Writing in 1906, Pomare advocated accommodation, inter-marriage and ethnic assimilation:

This was a warrior race used to fighting for liberty or to death. All this is gone; fighting is no more. There is no alternative but to become a pakeha....There is no hope for the Maori but in ultimate absorption by the pakeha. This is his only hope, if hope it be—to find descendants merged in the future sons of the Briton of the Southern Hemisphere.¹⁴

Pōmare promoted a Victorian push for Māori self-reliance and a strong Pākehā-style work ethic. Proud of his ancestral connections and of also of being a member of the British Empire, Pōmare actively recruited the Rarotongan Contingent and controversially supported conscription for the formation of the Māori Battalion in his role as Chair of the Māori Recruiting Board during the Great War. (He clearly had learned his pro-imperial lessons well from CBHS Headmaster CEB Brown.) Radicals today would deem these to be the compromising commitments

⁷ Butterworth, p.1.

⁸ See J.F. Cody, *Man of Two Worlds: A Biography of Sir Maui Pomare* (Wellington: AH & AW Reed/Reed Education, 1953). 171 pages.

⁹ Catalogued as 1994/54/0075 and 2010/09/494.

¹⁰ See Raeburn T. Lange, *May the People Live: A History of Maori Health Development 1900-1920* (Auckland: Auckland UP, 1999). 374pp.

¹¹ ‘Obituary: Sir Maui Pomare—Death in California’, *The Evening Post*, Vol.CIX, Issue 151 (30 June 1930), p.11.

¹² In Marsh’s first New Zealand detective novel, *Vintage Murder* (London: Geoffrey Bles, 1937).

¹³ This is the most narrow construal of the School’s motto *Altiora Peto*, with its individualizing thrust.

¹⁴ Pomare; cited in his ‘Obituary’.



of a 'kūpapa Māori' who was rewarded with a CMG (1920) and a knighthood (KBE) in 1922, both of which Sir Māui considered he shared with his people.

We are all trapped within our cultural-historical mindsets, and so it cannot occasion surprise that Sir Māui did not 'join the dots' and contextualize some Maori mental health issues in the cultural fracturing caused by mass colonization and the alienation (often by unjust Pākehā confiscation) of tribal lands, especially of Taranaki iwi, which a later MP (Tāriana Tūria) dramatically likened to a 'holocaust'. Both Drs Ivan Sutherland and Roger Duff attributed the 'psychological failure' and the 'psychological collapse' of many early 20C Maori to the terrific onslaught of 'the Great Society' of colonizing Eurozealanders.¹⁵ Pōmare did, however, evince a strong belief in cultural recuperation and land

recovery and at the time of the forming of the CBHS Old Boys' Association (1912), The Hon. Dr Pōmare was deeply embroiled in repairing tribal grievances relating to 18,000 acres of leased Taranaki lands which had been converted by the Crown to freehold title. A Select Committee on western North Island land recommended that dispossessed Māori be granted the right to make bids on the open market for leasehold of their own whenua which had been converted from Crown title to freehold status. It proved a disillusioning experience for Pōmare when the West Coast Settlement Reserves Amendment Act 1913 confirmed such injustice, and so in 1912-13 his attention was substantially focused on these issues, such that he was not able to do much as the first President of the HSOB Association. The Inaugural HSOB meeting was held in The Big Room (Worcester St) on Friday 19 July 1912 under the chairmanship of T.W. Reese and Pōmare was elected inaugural HSOB President. Later a meeting was convened (7 August 1912) about the School Sports, and the Chairman was to ask Dr Pomare "to preside at the Re Union and if possible provide a war cry for the Association."¹⁶ In a meeting (20 November 1913) it was agreed to write to President Pōmare to be on the platform at the annual School break-up and to give an address boosting the association. On the speech night, Reese spoke in place of Dr Pōmare, and at the AGM on 13 May 1914 Pomare tendered an apology and a new President, Mr James Tait, was elected.¹⁷ Pōmare was clearly too busy, being based in Wellington and his electorate, fighting historic Pākehā land grievances to be writing 'war cries' or boosting a bourgeois white boys' club. One must recall that time-consuming sea journeys south and back were *de rigueur* then, in an era of no commercial flights. Sir Māui remained fond of the Old School but had more momentous matters to pursue.

Pōmare felt an increasing burden to his electorate over its appalling land loss and hoped that his advocacy of Māori recruitment to fight in the First World War (with Māori stepping up to the plate of their citizenship rights enshrined in Article 3 of te Tiriti) allowed him and Sir Apirana Ngata to press hard in the post-war 1920s for the resolution of historic confiscation grievances, by gaining the support of Gordon Coates to establish a royal commission into land confiscation (raupatu) in October 1926 (Pomare then being politically threatened by the rise of the Rātana movement). The Commission recommended compensation, and in 1931 (after Maui's death) Taranaki iwi accepted an annual payment of 5,000 pounds. Sadly, Sir Māui never lived to see this: having caught TB in 1928, he and his wife travelled to a summer climate in Southern California but, sadly, he died in Los Angeles on 27 June 1930, and a truly great totara in the forest of Te Kura at Putarikamotu had fallen.

¹⁵ See chapters by Drs Sutherland and Duff in IGL Sutherland (ed.) *The Maori People Today* (Wellington, 1940). This volume succeeded Sutherland's own important monograph *The Maori Situation* (1935).

¹⁶ *Old Boys' Association First Minute Book 1912-1928*, p.10.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, p.24.

Dr Harding also has written an affectionate obituary Christine Todd, the popular CBHS teacher and athletics coach, who was an honorary member of the Old Boys Association

“A Sporting Life”

CHRISTINE TODD

Christine Todd was an educator and a legendary and beloved figure in school athletics, triathlon, duathlon and performance sport in general. Known universally as “Miss Todd”, she taught for 31 years at Christchurch Boys’ High School as one of the notable sporting teachers there, from 1986, (after her appointment by Ian Leggat) until 2017.

Todd was educated from 1967-71 at St Mary’s College (Wellington) and went on to study for a double major in chemistry and maths at Victoria University, gaining a B.Sc Hons. with First Class Honours in Chemistry in 1976. While at Victoria, Todd was awarded the Stage 2 and 3 Chemistry Prizes for top student, a Senior Scholarship and later a Ph.D scholarship. Todd tutored maths and chemistry at Victoria from 1974-75, was a junior lecturer in Chemistry (1976-78), in 1979 was a junior lecturer in Chemical Engineering, then in 1980 a maths tutor and lab demonstrator (Chem Engineering) at Canterbury University before working at Christ’s College (1982-84) in maths, and in 1984 she also worked at Cashmere High. Todd then became a night class maths teacher at Hagley and taught chemistry to hairdressers at Christchurch Polytechnic whilst undertaking teacher training at Christchurch Teachers’ College in 1985, where her tutors assessed Todd as very competent and as someone who “speaks her mind and is firm and forthright.”

In October 1985 she was appointed to the staff of Christchurch Boys’ High, where she taught mathematics, worked as a sixth-form (Year 12) Dean and captured a real male bastion by becoming “Master in Charge of Sport” for the latter period of her career at CBHS until she departed to work at St Margaret’s College and Christ’s College while she continued to battle an inoperable form of cancer (which, unbeknown to her, had sapped her energy when competing in the Duathlon World Champs in 2013). CT scans in 2014 revealed neuroendocrine tumours which required intravenous nuclear radiation treatment at the Peter McCallum Centre in Melbourne. For six years Todd resolutely battled this condition and outlived the predictions of her clinicians, as would befit a marathon runner. She challenged her doctors and once claimed to Headmaster Nic Hill, in his words, “that the arguing she has done with Headmasters over the years helped prepare her for this ordeal.” He also noted that Todd was made an Honorary Old Boy of CBHS, having “dedicated her identity to the school and in particular its athletes for 30 years” and so has become “part of the fabric and history” of the place, as one concerned for the well-being of its staff and students. As Hill expressed it: “Christine epitomised the concept of public service, to her boys, her athletes, and to her community.”

Todd played senior competitive netball, badminton, tennis and basketball, was Canterbury representative in cross-country, road and track running, and was a NZ representative at the 1982 London Marathon and in South Korea in 1983. Todd gained a University Blue in 1982 and was named UC Sportsman of the Year the same year, where she was also Club Captain of the UC Cross-Country and Athletics Clubs (1981-82).

Known throughout her career as “Miss Todd”, and to friends as “Chris” or “Toddy”, she relished tackling a variety of challenges such as running the Boys’ High sports programme with passion, focus, determination and extreme dedication. From the late 1990s Todd broadly managed the entire co-curricular programme at Boys’ High, surely earning her the sobriquet of “Miss Sport”. She also created a series of highly successful and well executed fund-raising junior dances to assist her own teams in undertaking travel to compete outside of Canterbury.

She had worked to assist gifted and struggling maths students as an excellent and committed educator. Awarded the Ernest Duncan Award for Maths Teaching in 1990, Todd encouraged many students to enter the Canterbury Maths Association Cantamaths competitions. As teacher-in-charge of cross-country at CBHS, Todd ran the annual school cross-country race and also enjoyed working with fellow athletics coaches of the calibre of Terry Lomax and Don Lyall until taking over the programme when these men departed the school to further their careers.

Todd identified and nurtured a talented tribe of CBHS runners including Simon O’Carroll, Paul Spinks, Penn Trevella, Simon Panckhurst, Kevin Taylor, Rhys Bateman, Aaron Orangi, Simon Church, Nic Cullen, Andrew Pavitt, Jake Coom, Hamish Loe, Royce Hartland, Chris Stephenson, Dean Sheddan, Dougal Thorburn, Tom Davis and Brad Mooar, among a host of others down the years. Many of Toddy’s boys toured around New Zealand and Australia to compete in high-powered athletics meets. Todd pushed her own body relentlessly and ran regularly with her charges on both hills and flat, as she always led from the front, offering sage training advice along the way. ‘Toddy’ thus created a substitute family of aspiring athletes as an active mentor of talented and driven acolytes just as she was mentored by her friend, doctor and fitness advisor, Dr Johan Hellemans of Sports Medicine.

Todd was herself a powerfully driven person: light in frame but fierce in spirit. She was a passionate advocate of academic achievement (gaining a Master's in Education at UC) and notably of sporting excellence. Todd, blessed with seemingly indefatigable energy, also arranged a series of wonderful cultural and sporting awards nights at CBHS.

As her own health began to be seriously compromised, Todd flew to France to partake in cycling up the Tour de France's Alpe d'Huez, actually reaching the top. She also reluctantly, but wisely, ceded the very demanding sporting roles she had performed at CBHS. Deeply valued by many of her colleagues, that astonishing, total commitment was returned fulsomely when a number of CBHS staff and her running friends actively fund-raised to help to pay for Todd's expensive trans-Tasman treatment in Melbourne. As close friend Alannah Uren stated, they all wanted to help to give Toddy "a better quality of life. We just want to be there for her." An auction was held, among other events, and sports memorabilia was donated by a clutch of prominent Old Boy sportsmen (mainly from Todd's era), including Corey Anderson, Brodie Rettalick, Anton Cooper, Colin Slade, Ben Jones, Ben Sigmund, Todd Astle, Sir Richard Hadlee, Tim Bateman, Ash Dixon, and a slew of very generous local firms and individuals.

Needing to refresh herself in light of her gruelling medical programme, Todd eventually left Boys' High to teach at St Margaret's College before what proved to be a final stint at Christ's College (where she taught maths and also ran end-of-year examinations, as a very capable organizer). Retreating reluctantly to Sumner (where she lived), Todd home-tutored a phalanx of grateful local students before the disease really closed in upon her from last Christmas. Her fit, lean body held on, driven by an unyielding spirit which simply would not compromise. Chiropractor Guy Trolove was astonished by the sheer strength of Todd's body and her willpower over the almost 10 years he treated her for many different ailments, and notes that "her thought pattern was always 'How can I make it work?'" Trolove remembered the time when her feet were covered in blisters, "but she desperately wanted to keep running, even during her treatment, so she cut out the areas of her track shoes' inner soles under the blisters to ease the pressure—and continued training! Giving in or giving up was never an option with Chris", he says.

Todd was incredibly grateful to Trolove and Dr Hellemens, to the McCallum Centre, to all of the Christchurch and Burwood Hospital clinicians, nurses and nurse-aides who assisted her, and also to the very caring staff at the Edith Cavell Lifecare and Village where she finally ended her journey, surrounded by her close and very special friends.

Many people will be grateful to Chris Todd for her carefully masked kindness, loyalty, inspirational guidance and simple humanity. She held out powerfully against her illness, having run a very good race, like the proverbial long-distance endurance runner that she was.



Christine Mary Todd was born on 27 October 1953 in Dunedin, raised in Wellington, and died peacefully in Sumner on 8 October 2020. Survived by a sister, she is fondly remembered by legions of students, colleagues and her close-knit circle of friends.