

## Editorial

Sometimes one's start at a new School, let alone High School can be a very traumatic or dramatic experience to say the least and can shape your future. We all remember our first day at Napier Boys' with the trepidation of being a small fish in a big pond and the reality that the course of study you were to pursue was to be your compass to your future. I recently came across a story of a now deceased distinquished old boy of Napier Boys' High School, and his first day that epitomised both of these on 3rd February 1931. Ray Copland had the previous year (1930)

received the Dux award at Nelson Park School Napier and he was heading to a promising future. The story is adapted from "Scenes that are Brightest" an Autobiographical novel by Ray Copland, his belated obituary appears in this issue.

"When I came to, I was lying in the playground. Blood poured from above my right ear, my vision was distorted and my ear was deaf. I was completely alone. The long brick school building looked exactly the same, but now there were no boys, no masters, and no sound. It was a ghost school. Then I felt a sharp pain in my right hand: my pen was dangling from its nib, which was buried in my palm. I pulled the pen and brought the nib out with it I turned and saw that the assembly hall, where lately hundreds of boys and a dozen masters had been singing, was now a hillock of bricks, completely destroyed. And there were the bike sheds, empty except for one bike. I realised that there must have been a colossal earthquake, and that everybody had fled homeward. I was never to discover how I ended up in the playground. I knew I had to get home, but as I walked towards my bike a thunderous rumble enveloped me, and the ground rocked. I lost my balance and was once more down on the asphalt. The earth shuddered for many seconds and then all was silent again. I began to ride shakily when again I heard the rumble, and jumped off. Mile-wide rolls of grass waves raced from the east



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Polsen Banner mudlarks scrum, PNBHS left NBHS right.

at incredible speed and rocketed away underneath me. Out on the street, I was back in a living world, among other human beings. Suddenly a man tried to seize my bike, explaining dementedly, 'I've got to get home to my wife and baby!' But then he ran off, and shouted back, 'You won't get much further down Hastings Street, son. All the buildings are down. 'He was right. My direct way home was through the town, but I would have to go around it. I reached the ruins of the Technical College, and thought of my friend and neighbour, gentle Lloyd Rhodes. I didn't know he was lying dead in there, on his first and only day at the college. Emerson Street was buried in glass and rubble, every building broken. Ribs of timber and brick thrust up through the wreckage. Smoke was beginning to seep through the ruins, and I could see sharp tongues of flame, fed by a brisk wind from the sea. No way through. I tried Tennyson Street but the further I went, the greater the mass of rubble. And I was scared that the fires might trap me. All this time the earth would suddenly shudder, threatening to throw me off my feet. My dead right ear seemed to unbalance me. Up ahead, the radiantly new Presbyterian Church was a jagged skeleton. Then I remembered Milton Road. There it was, clear and almost empty. Leaning on the saddle I made my way at last up to Fitzroy Road. My father was out on the street waiting for me."

Chris Geddis

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### From The Headmaster

As the year draws to a close, we can reflect on yet another successful chapter in the school's rich history. The academic performance of our top students is expected to be as strong as at any time in recent memory; the sporting diversity and range of overall success is up there with the biggest and best schools in the country, whilst the cultural reach of our young men continues to grow with yet another fine production and the burgeoning growth of our vocal groups in 2017.

Unsurprisingly, we can thank our experienced and stable staff for this continued consistency in all that we do. While several teachers will be moving on due to relocation or promotion, this change is healthy for a school of our size – we are expecting a starting roll in excess of 1200 students again next year which is extremely pleasing given the youth demographics for Napier.

Traditional end of year events are underway such as Scinde House's Christmas dinner and prize giving, the Year 13 Valedictory assembly, the Sport and Cultural prize giving and the newly instituted Maori Achievement Night Awards (MANA). These events provide our boys with the chance to shine in front of their peers and family whilst also giving senior leavers the opportunity to speak about their time at Napier Boys' High School.

One other highlight was the year 6/7 group reunion in term 3 on the eve of the New Plymouth Super 8 rugby fixture. It was wonderful to welcome back over a hundred old boys and their partners to this event presided over by Huck Berry and with Shayne O'Connor as guest speaker. The rugby and weather went our way over the weekend, adding to the feel good factor that was the dinner superbly organised by Judith Craigie and Bruce Smith among others. Our attention now turns to not only the next year group reunion in 2019 but also the 150th in five years' time – preliminary discussions have been held with the Association regarding possible projects for this significant event in our history.

The boarders have been excited to take possession of the first stage of the Dorm 4 and 5 rebuild – this has been completed to a superb level and these boys can revel in first class accommodation; I know

there is competition about who will be there next year! We expect to take full possession as stage 2 (the final 14 beds) is completed in December. The whole project is a triumph for architect and Old Boy, Gary Pidd and the team from Alexander Construction.

The second time planning for the new Armour Block is proceeding well and we are very happy with how our brief



has been interpreted by the designers. All things being equal, we expect to have approved planning by the end of this year and, thus, clear the first hurdle to start this essential project.

Seizing the myriad opportunities afforded by an NBHS education is a constant theme we put in front of the boys – a number were able to take advantage of the US history trip in the last holidays following a group who went to New Caledonia for a French exchange in July. Next year rugby tour South Africa in April for a World Youth tournament, our linguists go to Japan while in 2019 hockey tour Europe. Given the extensive fundraising opportunities our community provide and support wholeheartedly, these lifetime experiences are available to every boy.

My best wishes to all members of the association for a festive Christmas and happy new year.

Matt Bertram

### From The Archives

War news first: Judith and I have completed our preliminary examination of the World War II Roll of Honour. It now stands at 161 - as it always has, but we have removed eighteen names ("not ours") and eighteen more (previously not acknowledged.) However there are still several names in need of further investigation. We also have a dilemma: the 1939 Scindian carries obituaries and photos of "our first three deaths", three Scinde Old Boys serving with the RAF. These are Hugh Lynn McPhee (1928-31), killed in an air accident in Scotland, Leonard Clunie Steed (1927-32), flying from Singapore, crashed on landing in Egypt, and Joh James Drummond (1927-32) killed in action over France. However as McPhee died on the 21st March 1939 and Steed on the 8th August and war was not declared until 3rd September neither airman has a Commonwealth War Grave which has been my criterion for inclusion on the Roll of Honour. (Drummond was killed on the 9th September). I am reluctant to remove these two names and it has been suggested that they remain, but with a footnote to explain that they were pre-hostilities deaths.

While we were convinced that after four years of diligent research our WW1 Roll of Honour was now "definitive" Judith was excited to find No 83: Thomas Gordon Henderson from Dannevirke who entered the school in 14/4/1903. Checking the Register I discovered

beside his name: "vanished same day" and Headmaster Polson had added in the margin: "vanished no good". He died early in 1919 in the Influenza Pandemic and, as he hadn't been demobilised, has a Commonwealth War Grave. Do we add him to our Roll of Honour? We turned to our Headmaster to adjudicate: "if he makes it onto the roll he cannot be removed until a set number of days have passed". He's in! He was fifteen and enrolled for Std V in the prep school: I am sure there is a story there!

I am slowly building up my Napier Technical College Rolls of Honour for both WW1 and 11 but wish I could find a contact with the club who could give me access to their records.

I spent a very interesting three hours with Cathy Dunn, archivist with the Napier Museum, comparing our two Rolls of Honour with the "missing" civic one, and both agree that the latter is highly inaccurate. It is also proving very difficult finding someone "in authority" who will listen. Others have been working on the same problem and my latest line of enquiry has led me to Laurie Rhodes (1988-92), an ex-student of mine, now of Victoria, Australia.

One of the Great Joys of this job, since the last Columns, has come



via Matthew Hawkins (1985-89), previously donor of the Lionel Hall medal. Through his diplomatic contacts he arranged for our Ambassador and the Head of our Military Mission in Iraq to visit the North Gate Commonwealth Cemetery in Baghdad. I was uncertain whether Trooper **Christopher Courtenay** Bowen's grave would have survived the turmoil - but there was a photograph of the two gentlemen, suitably attired for an expedition beyond the "Green Zone", placing a poppy on his headstone. While the photo shows

signs of neglect - the usual Middle Eastern litter - compared to the immaculately kept war cemeteries elsewhere, it is a relief to know it has not been subject to vandalism or worse.

This story was featured in 'Hawke's Bay Today', thanks to journalist Roger Moroney (1968-71) and I've reworked it as part of my submission for the next Scindian, along with 'The Old Boys at War - 1917' and a history of the House System (the Rise and Fall of Colenso and Heretaunga Houses, periods of abeyance and resurrection, crests and colours).

"Special Visitor of the Half Year" was Gordon Traill - researching and photographing for author Michael Madden who is writing 'The Victoria Cross - Australia Remembers' for the Australian Disabled Servicemen's Association. Gordon was over from Australia following the New Zealanders who won the VC while serving in the Australian Forces - including of course, our Percy Valentine Storkey.

"Surprise of the Half Year", thanks to Chris's research, was the discovery that my favourite lecturer on New Zealand literature at

Canterbury University in the late 1960s, Prof Raymond Augustus Copland, was an Old Boy (1931-35). He had written a very moving (and ever so slightly fictionalised) account of his first day at NBHS, the day of the Earthquake. I was able to contact his daughter in Auckland who kindly sent me one of the last copies of his Memoir (slightly fictionalised) 'Scenes that are Brightest' - of 1926 and 1931 which includes a schoolboy's view of the scandalous "Kewpie Klub" (more details on request!). Another daughter to acknowledge, Judy Brewer has sent us her requirements (Rhys Charles Griffiths 1919-23 Dux). And a great niece, Sally Broad of Auckland has sent us a 1905 book prize (Gerald Stedman, 1900-08). From closer to home, Chris has reproduced for us a photo of the School in Flood (1927) with the headmaster's dinghy at the Te Awa fence.

We are also in an 'exchange' relationship with Liz Greenslade of Wairoa Museum's "Salute Wairoa" (WW1) and have just received a splendid photo of Dr Basil Jardine (1905) resplendent in uniform, on horseback.

I have received (and responded to) a request from Priscilla Porter and her husband's family; Colin Maurice McNaught (1922-25) and Kenneth John McNaught (1926-27).

"Phonecall of the Half Year" came from the son-in-law of the late Charles Stanley Butcher (1936-40) announcing that the family has decided that they will add Stan's QSM (for conservation work) to the artefacts (prefect's badge, cup miniatures, book prizes) that he had previously donated. We look forward to a visit from the family in early November.

Another call came from Bob McCaw (ex-Deputy Headmaster) who, while visiting Charles Smith and long-time Head of Technical), has recorded the story of the design and building of the Pavilion, as relayed by Charles' wife Beth, and he has slides of the event copied for us. Bob has suggested, and our Headmaster will put it before the Board - that the grandstand should carry Charles's name.

Finally, some tasks are very difficult, and delicate: I've had a request for a gentleman trying to identify his birth father who he only knows as "Brian", and believes he might have been at school in the 1940s. He possesses one photograph of his father and hopes to find a "match" in any of the photos we might have. There are 38 Brians in the Register for those years!

Phillip Rankin - Archivist

# Old Boys Graduating From Victoria University Wellington (June '16-May '17)

- Thomas Airey (NBHS 2007-2011) BCOM- Bachelor of Commerce
- Jarred Butler (NBHS 2009-2013) BBSC- Bachelor of Building Science
- Samuel Chadwick (NBHS 2008-2012) BA- Bachelor of Arts
- Daniel Chapman (NBHS 2008-2012) BCOM- Bachelor of Commerce
- Charles Faletutulu (NBHS 2002-2006) BA- Bachelor of Arts
- Taine Forman (NBHS 2009-2013) BBSC- Bachelor of Building Science
- Logan Gowler (NBHS 2009-2013) BCOM- Bachelor of Commerce
- Alexander Harding Jones (NBHS 2008-2012) BSC Bachelor of Science
- Ryan Kyle (NBHS 2002-2006) PHD- Doctor of Philosophy

- James Mitford-Taylor (NBHS 2008-2012) BSC- Batchelor of Science
- Matthew Murtha (NBHS 2007-2011) GDTCPR- GDip Teaching (primary)
- Callum Neil (NBHS 2004-2008) PHD- Doctor of Philosophy
- Oliver Penno (NBHS 2009-2013) BA- Bachelor of Arts
- Callum Robinson (NBHS 2006-2010) ME- Master of Engineering
- Liam Sargison (NBHS 2006-2010) MBMEDS- Master of Biomedical Science
- Cody Slater (NBHS 2006-2010) BEHONS- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)
- Ryan Smith (NBHS 2003-2007) BDI- Bachelor of Design Innovation
- Johan Vork (NBHS 2008-2012) BCOM- Bachelor of Commerce
- Luke Wagg (NBHS 2004-2008) BCOM- Bachelor of Commerce

# Old Boys Reunion Years 6/7 July 28/29 2017

Once again the event was superbly organised by the Association Secretary Judith Craigie, and a pleasing attendance was in keeping with other years. Friday night, at East Pier Bar proved to be an eclectic mix of Old Boys where many tales were exchanged, acquaintances renewed and promises of future get-togethers arranged. On the Saturday, many attendees took the opportunity to be escorted around the school and marvel at the changes that have been made over the years. Many of the old buildings have been replaced or renovated, so the advantages of modern teaching techniques can be accommodated and employed. This is still,

however, a school modelled on tradition and striving to prepare students for success when they depart for tertiary education or the workforce. Saturday afternoon, saw a good crowd round the rugby field to see the Super Eight fixture between the 1st XV's of Napier Boys' High and New Plymouth Boys' High Schools. This was a hard fought game where the lead changed hands a few times, but to the delight of our Old Boys, the local team prevailed 45-22.

That evening, after drinks and a welcome in the Library, we were ushered into the Hall, where the reunion dinner was ready. Old Boy and ex Black Cap Cricketer, Shayne O'Connor was the guest speaker and he delighted all with his speech and his toast to the school. Unfortunately our Chairman, Kevin Callinicos was not able to be present as he was on a yacht in a tropical part of the South Seas, so Phil (Huck) Berry stood in for him as MC. A wonderful meal was provided

and waiters from Scinde House looked after our every need. One highlight was the rendition of "Gaudeamus Igitur" by the more

senior at the gathering, and I have to say, they were in very fine voice. Headmaster, Matt Bertram addressed the gathering relating the changes that had taken place and plans for the future. By the achievements of the present crop of students it is obvious that the school is in very capable hands and that we as Old Boys of Napier Boys' High School can be proud of our links and through "Columns", continue to be informed of happenings of interest. We look forward to the next reunion in 2019.

Philip (Huck) Berry



Nikolai Pischief (1966), Huck Berry (1953), Brian Travers (1955), Barry Milburn (1946)

### ob Bruce Wins National Title

Central Hawke's Bay farmer and Napier Boys' High School old boy (1967-1970) Robert (Bob) Bruce won the national long head title at the New Zealand sheep dog championships on Saturday 10 June 2017.

It was the last run that won the day for Hawke's Bay sheep dog trialist Bob Bruce as he claimed his first New Zealand title on the last day of the North Island and national championships on Saturday.



The only Hawke's Bay centre trialist to survive the cut from any of the four classes from the North Island championships during the week at the Whangara club's Pouawa course north of Gisborne, Bruce and top Hawke's Bay heading dog Cheat won the long head title with clearly the best runoff as the top seven battled for the f 4 green tie, the symbol of New Zealand Sheep Dog Championships triumph.

The Te Aute pairing started the showdown in sixth place, but with a 98pt last effort leapfrogged the field to claim victory by a comfortable 1.5pt from runner-up Graeme Wellington and Murphy, of Wanganui centre club Parapara-Makirikiri.

It was the only success for the Hawke's Bay centre, of which Bruce is immediate-past president.

The long head was Bruce's first New Zealand championships title. He had twice previously been runner-up, including in 2009 at home club Te Aute which stages the North Island championships next year, when the national championships will be held with the South Island championships in Marlborough-Nelson.

He had, however, won a North Island long head title at Ohaeawai in Northland in 2012 with Trump, Cheat was Hawke's Bay's top heading dog in 2015 and jointly this year with Dave Wallace's Blue, and in April 2017 Cheat won the Hawke's Bay Centre championships short head and yard title with Susan.

Hawkes Bay Today

# The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is part of a worldwide network that provides young people with a balanced, non-competitive programme of individual challenge through which they can make constructive use of their leisure time.

The award programme provides a framework for personal discovery and growth through service, skills, physical recreation and adventurous journeys. The programme aims to develop perseverance, responsibility to self and to the community. That challenge is open to young people between the ages of 14 and 25.

Generally, participants commence with a Bronze Award once they are 14 years of age. This award requires three months of community service, three months learning a skill, three months of a physical recreation and a two-day/one-night adventurous journey. Having achieved the Bronze Award, participants move to the Silver Award. Again, participants are required to complete a service, skill and physical recreation, but each of these components is for six months. In addition, an adventurous journey of three days/two nights is required. A participant must be 15 years of age to start the Silver

Once a participant is 16 and has completed a Bronze and Silver Award, s/he can move to the Gold Award. Each of the service, skill and physical recreation components requires 12 months'

participation. The adventurous journey component is four days/

three nights. In addition, there are preliminary training journeys and practice journeys.

Clearly, to achieve a Gold Award requires a huge commitment by a participant.



Sam Purdy, Mitch Jackson and John Callinicos

It is therefore a significant achievement for three Old Boys, Sam Purdy, Mitch Jackson and John Callinicos (pictured), (all 2012-2016) to have been awarded their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards. The awards were presented to them by the Governor General, Dame Patsy Reddy, on 12 August 2017 at the Gold Awards Ceremony held at Government House.

Kevin Callinicos

### Polson Banner Is Back!

The conditions were far from conducive to positive rugby but the Napier Boys' High School 1st XV rugby players weren't complaining on Wednesday 2 August 2017. They won the Polson Banner, one of the country's oldest secondary school rugby trophies, for the first time since 2013 with a 12-10 win over Palmerston North Boys' High School counterparts in the 113th edition of the annual fixture played in the mud at Palmerston North Boys' High ground.

It was obvious there was a bit of feeling about the game when the two opposing hakas advanced and stood face to face, and referee Matt McEwen asked them to separate.

"The ground was a bog and there was plenty of water on top as well. It was a battle...we had one opportunity in the second half and we nailed it," Manager Rex Newman recalled. He was referring to the try scored by lock Fletcher Sugden with seven minutes remaining, which fullback Nikau McGregor converted to give Napier the victory. Had McGregor missed the conversion, PNBHS would have retained the banner with a draw for the second consecutive year as last year's match was drawn 17-all in Napier. NBHS trailed 10-5 at halftime as their only points in the first half came from winger Dan Sharplin after a draw and pass move which was well executed considering the conditions. Napier captain and blindside flanker Josh Bokser again led the Napier pack by example. Loose head prop Tyrone Thompson, lock Josh Gimblett and open side flanker Luke Russell were others to provide plenty of grunt at the

coalface in a clash which was also a Super 8 fixture. For Palmerston North, Second five-eighth James Stratton scored a try two minutes into the game off a simple scrum move, receiving a short ball and breaking through. Stewart Cruden slotted a penalty to give PN Boys' High a 10-5 lead at halftime. NBHS finished their Super 8 campaign with 3 wins and 4 losses. In other games played, The Napier second XV won 21-15 and the Napier third XV won 34-10. The PN Boys' High under-15 team won 17-10 and the PN Boys' High under-14s won 33-17. The PN Boys' High first XI hockey team won 2-1, the PN second XI won 9-0 and the PN Colts team won 5-0. In basketball the PN Boys' High premier team won 92-57 and in golf Napier won 5-3. PN Boys' High won the senior and junior debating. All three football games were cancelled because of the wet grounds.

#### **Polson Banner Stats**

Played: 113, Palmerston North won: 63, Napier BHS won: 45, Drawn: 5

Palmerston North biggest win: 45-3, 1981, Napier biggest win: 43-14, 2002

Palmerston North most wins in a row: 12, 1972-1983, Napier most wins in a row: 6, 1999-2004.

New Zealand rugby is strong because its sturdy foundations sit on the bedrock of a sound national provincial platform. That's the verdict of champion New Zealand age-group mentor Craig Philpott soon after he returned from Georgia after his protégés lifted the World Rugby Under-20 Championship crown, the country's sixth. "It is one of the reasons New Zealand rugby is so strong compared with other countries because our Mitre 10 Cup rugby is so strong," said a jaded Philpott after a close to 20-hour connecting flight from Tbilisi arrived in Napier. The Hawke's Bay Magpies coach said the exposure on the national platform and, in some cases, even up to the Super Rugby level meant his charges were physically more mature and their mental fortitude in a desirable realm. It was Philpott's first time as head coach of the Baby Blacks at the tourney although he was the assistant in the previous stint." While the Baby Blacks juggernaut rolled everyone with relative ease Philpott said his players were tested. New Zealand beat Scotland 42-20, Italy 68-26, Ireland 69-3, and France 39-26 in the semi-finals and England 64-17 in the final at the Mikheil Meskhi Stadium. "We came up against packs that were bigger than us. I guess with the style of rugby we wanted to play, we weren't prepared to compromise that entertaining style," he said.

Philpott emphasised the U20s were a two-pronged venture involving performance and development, so the latter was equally important in helping them realise their Super Rugby and All Blacks potential. He was loath to single out individual performances as a coach but felt it was best left to fans to draw their own conclusions. However, to put some contributions in perspective, he said it was hard to go past the work of Wellington hooker Asafo Aumua, who crossed the line for a hat trick of tries in the final. "There's some talent there but I also think there's some smart players up front who have done the grunt work," he said, stressing the front rowers in



Baby Blacks Tim Farrell (NBHS 2012-2016) and Pouri Rakete-Stones (NBHS 2011-2015)

the tourney had stood their ground with excellence. Napier Pirate Rugby and Sport tighthead prop and hooker Pouri Rakete-Stones (NBHS 2011-2015) was consistent, while Tim Farrell (NBHS 2012-2016) had to come home after the second game due to injury so it's very unfortunate that at a short tournament you only get four or five days between games where the injury might take longer so it puts you out of the tournament. "It was very tough for him because he performed really well and was putting his hand up for a starting spot," he said of the tighthead prop who was the deputy head boy at Napier Boys High School last year.

Hawkes Bay Today/Chris Geddis

### Jack of All Trades

A young builder's knack with technology has resulted in him being recognised as the local Apprentice of the Year.

Born and raised in Napier, Jack Clifford 22, (NBHS 2008-2012) won the top award at the Hawke's Bay and East Coast Registered Master Builders 2017 Apprentice of the Year awards ceremony last Friday. Up against the highest-quality work in Hawke's Bay, Mr Clifford said it was his utilisation of technology on the building site that made him stand out as the winner.

"I think everyone was producing pretty high-quality work but the way forward for the construction industry is learning how to use the new smartphones and learning how to use them for our benefit." Mr Clifford said he had shown the competition judges how he used smartphone applications for daily practices like following health and In light of the win Mr Clifford said he was now focused on doing well safety protocol.

"When I came on to the site I had to induct them and that's when I used my smartphone and things like that, using some of our health and safety applications. They were quite impressed with all that. After finishing his final year at Napier Boys' High School, Mr Clifford completed a year-long pre-trade course at EIT while doing parttime work experience at Christie Builders and Joiners, going on to complete his apprenticeship at the company.

"They taught me a lot of things and, like I said at the awards, I couldn't have achieved it without them. They are a really good company and have trained quite a few apprentices over the years 6 and they've always become good tradesmen."



Now a foreman for the company, he said he grew up "tinkering around" in his father's workshop and hadn't stopped.

"Ever since I was about 14 I did some work experience with a builder and was deadset on it after that. I just love being outdoors. I cannot sit down, I can't stand that, really [it's] not me."

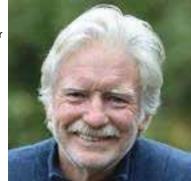
in the national competition held in Auckland this November. Regional winners will be vying for the title of Registered Master Builders CARTERS 2017 Apprentice of the Year, and a share of more than \$100,000 in prizes.

"I'm really happy I won the regional event. The New Zealand one is a pretty huge opportunity to be involved in. I just can't let the pressure get to me, keep going and give it my best shot." He said he wanted to pay special tribute to Richard Bowden, Jae Green and Mike Christie who trained him.

Jack Clifford is the son of old boy Tony Clifford (1977-1981) and grandson of old boy Richard Clifford (1947-1949)

## Peter John Hayden awarded Queens Birthday Honour MNZM

Mr Peter Hayden, old boy of Napier Boys' High School (1967) was awarded Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to film and television. He has a BSc (Massey) in Animal Physiology 1971 and Graduate.QE11 Arts Council Drama School, Wellington 1974.



Peter Hayden says a Queen's

Birthday honour is the icing on the cake after more than three decades telling "vital" stories about New Zealand's wildlife.

He was a key member of the documentary production company Natural History New Zealand (NHNZ) from its establishment as Natural History Unit in 1978 until his retirement in 2012. Peter Hayden first began acting on stage. His double screen careers in acting and documentary began in tandem in the late 70s, although by the 90s the documentary work had taken centre-stage.

NHNZ documentaries have been shown in more than 280 countries and have won more than 350 international awards. As a scriptwriter, director and producer Mr Hayden had a hand in producing some of

NHNZ's major early series and was the Executive Director of a wide range of documentaries. His involvement with the Natural History Unit included writing, narrating and occasionally directing the long running nature series 'Wild South' and co-hosting the children's show 'Wildtrack' in the 1980s, which won the Feltex Award for best children's programme three years straight. Later he personally undertook two important journeys for the Natural History Unit.

As director and presenter of 1985 series Journeys across Latitude South 45, Hayden examined New Zealand's geology and history by following the 45th line of latitude across the South Island. He won a GOFTA award for his script for this episode. Three years later Hayden won a writing award at the Listener Film and TV Awards for his work on Journeys in National Parks, which he also presented.

He was particularly proud of his role as a writer, narrator and occasional director for the long-running series Wild South, and cohosting the children's show Wildtrack, which helped shape a new generation of conservationists. Telling the stories of species such as the Chatham Islands black robin - once considered the world's rarest bird - and helping promote its continued survival was both "humbling" and "frightening", he said.

He has one of the best known faces and voices in New Zealand having presented and voiced hundreds of nature documentaries on television for over 32 years. He was appointed as the first Head of Production Development from 1990 to 1999. He became Head of New Projects in 2002 when NHNZ opened a production office in China and has conducted documentary making workshops in China and Japan and executive produced documentaries out of China. He contracted with NHNZ from 2008 to 2012 during which time he worked on several high profile projects, including shows for Animal Planet. Mr Hayden has a background in film and stage acting and held lead roles in several New Zealand films and television shows in the 1970s and 1980s. Hayden has appeared in a range of dramas including: The Fire-Raiser, providing voices for the hit movie of Footrot Flats and acclaimed Arthur Allan Thomas docu-drama Beyond Reasonable Doubt. He also won a GOFTA for portraying 1860's Presbyterian minister Alexander Don in acclaimed goldmining tale Illustrious Energy. He has also taken on a role as a SuperSeniors Champion, one of 12 New Zealanders recognised as an outstanding advocate for positive ageing.

Chris Geddis/Otago Daily Times

## Napier Civic Award for Old Boy

Four people have been recognised in Napier's 40th Annual Civic Awards which were presented by Mayor Bill Dalton in September 2017. One of them was NBHS Old Boy now mariner Philip 'Piripi' Smith.

Mr Smith is best known as director of Te Matau a Maui Voyaging Trust and skipper of the ocean-going masted waka which has been based off West Quay in the Napier inner harbour at Ahuriri, since completing 140,000km of Pacific voyaging in late 2012. Teaching the next generation of celestial navigators is the driving force behind Ngāti Kahungunu navigator Piripi Smith. The waka has carried thousands of people on education and knowledge-based voyages under the guidance of the skipper whose nominees described him as a quiet man who has made a difference to so many people in so many projects, and is a "true celestial navigator". He has devoted thousands of hours to training crew and to maintenance. He has also been a driving force behind the celestial star compass at Waitangi Regional Park, Awatoto, which he regards as "probably the most significant historical land site in all of Hawke's Bay", and where he will share his matauranga (knowledge) with the next generation. He is part of the team that has brought to life the giant star compass or Ātea-a-Rangi, situated at Waitangi Regional Park just outside of

Clive, near Awatoto. The massive 50m structure began as an idea back in 2012.

"When I came back from Rapanui I had been challenged by my tutors to try and progress the kaupapa," he says. "That sail to Rapanui was my graduation test to becoming a navigator, I had to find Rapanui and I was fortunate enough to find it, because the next stop would be South America, and I wouldn't have been too popular with the crew. "I navigated two waka, Te Aurere and Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti from Aotearoa to Rapanui." The voyage involved using only traditional navigation techniques, using the stars, moon, sun, ocean swells, currents and wildlife. "As a voyager you're all



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part of a crew, everyone has got their own role to help keep the waka on course and make sure that you find the island."

After arriving back home he visited the historic river mouth where he grew up nearby. The whole area resembled a rubbish dump, and he knew that it was the right place for the Ātea-a-Rangi, since then, he says things have been falling into place.

Becoming a navigator was an unexpected journey for Smith who started out looking for something that involved adventure, tikanga and Te Reo Māori. He ended up under the tutelage of two of the country's most renowned celestial navigators, Jack Thatcher from Tauranga Moana, and Hekenuimai Busby from Northland. He was in his mid-30s at the time he began learning about traditional navigation techniques before being selected to train as a navigator. "Initially I didn't want to learn navigation, I was just doing kaupapa waka and lucky to be selected on various voyages, then with more wānanga and open ocean voyaging experience, things started falling into place and the stars started to make sense."

He says being a navigator is hard work "the reality is when you're navigating it means you get hardly any sleep, and you go through many mental tests" he says with a grin.

Being a voyager on various waka has meant Smith has been able to travel to different parts of New Zealand and around the world. He's

one of the founders and former chairman of the Te Matau a Māui Voyaging Trust and has now turned his full focus to overseeing the completion of the Ātea-a-Rangi and forming the Ātea-a-Rangi Educational Trust, which is closely linked to the Te Matau a Māui Voyaging Trust. Smith has formed the Ātea-a-Rangi Educational Trust with the two main carvers on the project, Phil Belcher and Nathan Foote. "We're keen to give a quality educational experience to schools but also do community events at certain times of the year which acknowledge the movements of the sun and stars, however it will always be available and open to the general public.

Regular carving wānanga have meant some of the crew from the Te Matau a Māui are able to learn how to carve some of the pou that will be a part of the Ātea-a-Rangi. However the main focus of the project is so that it will be an educational tool for waka people, schools and the general public to learn about the great Pacific migrations and celestial navigation. Citing the dedication given to the upkeep of the waka describing him as a true celestial navigator. His nomination also cited his commitment to the Waitangi Park and Ātea-a-Rangi Star compass project.

Smith is taking the award in his stride as he continues the work that needs to be done with his other team members to see their vision completed.

Hawkes Bay Today/Chris Geddis

# Toro Edward Waaka MNZM Queen's Birthday Honour 2017

A Napier community leader and old boy of Napier Boys' High School, Toro Waaka (1965-1968) has become the third person in his family to be appointed as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM).

Toro Waaka was humbled to receive the honour which was also given to his mother Awhina Waaka, in 2006, and his father Ted Waaka in 2008.

His sister Ann Motutere was also awarded the Queen's Service Medal in 2000.

Mr Waaka was appointed MNZM for services to Māori and the community due to his involvement in employment, community development, conservation and tourism initiatives over the past 45 years.

The New Zealand Māori Tourism board member said the honour was unexpected and humbling.

He was slightly wary about accepting the appointment because there were many others who deserved it but hoped this would inspire others.

"If we do get recognition I think we should accept it, we want our young people to aspire for better things.

"My receiving this award has got a lot to do with the way I was raised by my parents who were heavily involved in the community." Mr Waaka was a founding member of the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools Kapa Haka competitions in the late 1960s and Nga Tamatoa in the 1970s.



He has worked with at-risk youth through Napier YMCA and was the chair of Te Taiwhenua o Whanganui a Orotu, which included an urban marae, a kohanga reo and training and employment schemes.

He has been CEO of Ngati Kahungunu lwi incorporated and is chair of Hawke's Bay Māori Tourism.

He was a claims researcher and trustee negotiator for the Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust 2012 Treaty of Waitangi Deed of Settlement, of which he is chair.

As a Fisheries Commissioner he helped develop the Māori Fisheries allocation model.

He has chaired the Napier Community Grants Committee and is a member of the Ministry of Social Development National Māori Innovation Reference Group.

He has had influence on council policy and planning as a Māori Liaison Officer for the Wairoa District Council, member of the Hastings District Council Māori Committee and co-chair of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council planning committee.

# Queen's Birthday Honour ONZM for Ruruarau Heitia (Heitia) Hiha

Former Maori All Black and Napier Boys' High School old boy Heitia Hiha (1947-1951) who received a Queen's Birthday honour says he has gratefully accepted the appointment as a mark of respect for his elders.

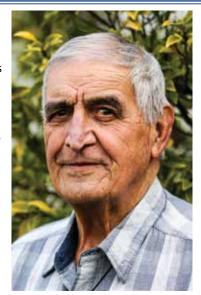
Ruruarau (Heitia) Hiha was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to Maori.

Heitia Hiha was a Maori All Black from 1954-57 and has been a teacher and respected representative on a wide range of committees representing the interests of Maori within local and central government.

His motivation for this work was from hearing historical stories growing up and then using them for the benefit of his people, he said

"I feel like I'm getting the honour on behalf of all my people, the knowledge that I've accumulated has been from them." Mr Hiha joins his wife Margaret who was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to sport in 2009. "Both of us are proud because of what it means to our elders. The people who have gone on before us and for our people today," he said.

Mr Hiha has been involved with the Ahuriri Hapu Treaty claims, having made clear submissions to the Waitangi Tribunal on seven different claims and been committed to attending negotiations. The Ahuriri Hapu kaumatua will continue his involvement within his various fields in the future but hopes to have some spare time to spend it with his grandchildren.



He has been iwi liaison officer for the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, kaumatua for the Napier City Council and chaired the Napier City Council's Maori consultative committee from 1991 to 1999. He was appointed to the Hawke's Bay Conservation Board in 1993. He has been a trustee for Mana Ahuriri Inc since 2009 and a trustee of Te Awahohonu Trust and Tataraakina C Block Trust. Mr Hiha has been a justice of the peace since 1982 and was a trustee of the Waiapu Diocese Board from 1987 to 2006. He also received the Napier City Council Civic Award in 2006.

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## Challenge Trophy Presentation

Nigel Ebbett (NBHS 1965-1969) presents the Challenge Trophy to Hastings Boys' High Captain Kianu Kereru-Symes, after Hastings BHS 38-3 win over Napier BHS first XV on June 17 2017. In 1970 Nigel Ebbett (Napier Boys' High School first XV 1968 and 1969) and his (now late) father Owen Ebbett (Hastings Boys' High School first XV 1932 and 1933) presented for the first time this Challenge Trophy to be played for annually between the two schools as none existed. Nigel Ebbett also showed the Cap his father Owen Ebbett received from HBHS dated 1932 and 1933.

Chris Geddis

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The School has a growing collection of Memorabilia in our Archives which includes war medals and artefacts, photographs and printed material, prize books, uniforms and many other items pertaining to the School and its Old Boys. If you have anything you think we may be interested in, please contact us.

**Phillip Rankin - Archivist** 

### Obituaries

#### John (Jack) Dallin Dunlop QSM. NBHS (1934-1936)

I have been asked to speak on behalf of the astronomical community. Jack's influence in this community means that I will need to don three different hats to cover it all. The first hat represents the Hawkes Bay Astronomical Society, of which I am the current President, a position that I inherited from Jack more than ten years ago. When I first arrived in Napier in 1994 and joined the HBAS, the meetings were held in Jack and Marie's living room. A dozen or so of us would sit around reading newspaper articles that Jack had cut out of the papers over the past month, very low-tech stuff. Jack also ran a night school course at Napier Boys High School, using an overhead projector and black and white transparencies, high tech stuff at the time. I still use some of those transparencies. For his contributions to the society Jack was awarded a life membership, the only one to be awarded so far.

The second hat that I wear represents my position on the executive committee of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand. Jack was a long time member of this organisation and is still well remembered. For many years RASNZ arranged a lecture tour by a prominent international astronomer. Whenever the lecture tour stopped in Napier, Jack and Marie hosted the lecturer at their home. Among the people they have housed were Sir Patrick Moore, a name familiar to most people with an interest in astronomy. In recognition to his contributions to RASNZ, both nationally and locally, Jack was awarded the Murray Geddes Memorial Prize in 1989.

The final hat that I wear is the one I am most proud of and one that I would probably not be able to wear if it weren't for Jack. In 1962 the Napier City Council purchased a Zeiss planetarium projector, the first of its kind in New Zealand. The projector had a number of homes

and was operated by volunteers from the HBAS led by Jack. Over the years the relationship between the volunteers and the NCC drifted apart and the projection equipment was dismantled and put in to storage. Clearly this was not good enough. Jack and others, some of whom might be in attendance today, established the Holt Planetarium Charitable Trust with the goal of raising sufficient funds to construct a purpose built



facility and hopefully permanent home for this unique piece of equipment. After much hard work and some frustrating encounters, the Hawkes Bay Holt Planetarium was opened in 1998 at its current location on the grounds of Napier Boys High School. In 2002 I was hired at the first Director of the planetarium, a position that I have held since and the hat that I now wear with great pride.

All of Jack's contributions to astronomy did not go unnoticed at the national level. In 2009 Jack was awarded a Queens Service Medal for services to astronomy and the community, a fitting tribute for a lifetime of dedication.

To finish I can think of no better way to send Jack on his next journey than by quoting the motto of NASA, the US space agency. Ad astra. To the stars Jack, to the stars.

Funeral Eulogy by Gary Sparks

#### Professor Dr Raymond Augustus Copland 1918–2009 (NBHS 1931–1935)

The earthquake that shattered Napier in 1931 shook Ray Copland for the rest of his life. The trauma remained until he died, aged 90 in 2009. His daughter, Dr Alison Copland, said "it was a seminal event". Befitting a Professor of English, author and literary critic, Copland wrote and spoke movingly of the earthquake. His autobiographical novel, "Scenes That Are Brightest", hinges on the experience. Born: Feilding, 6 September 1918; Schooled at Nelson Park School Napier (Dux 1930), Napier Boys High School, (1931-1935) Christchurch Boys' High School, Canterbury University; MA [Master of Arts], PhD [Doctor of Philosophy] Lecturer Canterbury University 1949- War service: Royal NZ Air Force 1942-46.

Close friend Dr Jim Walshe says Copland in later life once talked to him about the earthquake for about three hours. His "minute-byminute account" indicated a "precise and detailed memory".

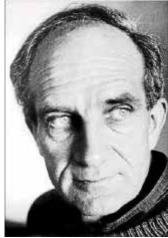
"He counted himself very lucky to have missed injury. He saw many people injured, bereft and dazed amid dust and destruction," Walshe said.

Copland was 12 years old and on his first day at Napier Boys' High School 3 February 1931 when the earth rumbled. He was knocked unconscious in the collapse of the school assembly hall. When he regained his senses, he was lying on the former playing field. Mounting his bike to ride home, he found roads blocked with broken buildings, fires breaking out and bodies of dead and wounded lying in the rubble. People were dazed or in panic. Further 1 () tremors added to their terror.

Copland's daughter and her husband took him back to Napier in 2008. From his wheelchair he still recognised the "old haunts".

Copland returned to Napier Boys' High when it re-opened in 1931 until 1935, he then completed his secondary education at Christchurch Boys' High, as his clothing retailer father had moved the family south.

He trained as a primary teacher and studied at Canterbury University, part-time. He taught in the Gisborne area until joining the air force in World War II. He



trained as a navigator and flew on North Sea patrols. While based in England, he completed the final unit for his Bachelor of Arts degree.

He met Englishwoman Jean Proudman at a forces dance. According to Walshe, "they gelled instantly" and married in 1944. Regulations required them to travel in separate ships to New Zealand but they remained a loving couple.

Copland next taught at Elmwood School in Christchurch, while studying at Canterbury for his MA. This was completed in 1948. The following year he started lecturing in English at the university and

began many years of writing for The Listener and literary magazine Landfall.

Walshe says his Listener articles, published under his second name, Augustus, gave vent to his "unwounding wit".

"He was one of the wittiest writers, very funny but never at the expense of others. He was happy with anonymity and never a publicity seeker."

Other factors also drove him to anonymity. University colleague Dr Howard McNaughton says when Copland was researching pioneer Canterbury English Professor John Macmillan Brown, he came to dislike him. He compiled and edited the works of Macmillan Brown but refused to let his name appear on the volume.

Copland also disliked Frank Sargeson, of whom he wrote a partly biographical critical review, in 1977. He abhorred the Auckland writer's pretentiousness. Sargeson tried several times to meet Copland to "bend his ear". Copland's colleagues shared many jokes about the escape plans Copland devised for his trips to Auckland.

McNaughton says Copland was a popular and witty lecturer.

"He was totally unpretentious, very supportive of students and staff, considerate of others and fatherly. He coaxed the best out of people," McNaughton says.

His doctoral thesis around the novels of Benjamin Disraeli

established Copland as a leading commentator on the link between mid-19th Century English literature and the utilitarian trend in life and politics. He was one of Canterbury's first PhD graduates in English, in 1960.

Copland was made a professor in 1970. He retired in 1975 but remained involved in establishment of the Macmillan Brown Library at the university. He was chairman of the NZ Literary Fund.

Alison says her father was a strong family man. He took the whole family with him to England in 1958 for a sabbatical year at Oxford. In Christchurch, he cycled home to Merivale each day to eat lunch with his wife.

He was calm and self-contained. His family never saw him angry.

A retirement project was to establish a home on bare ground north of Kaiapoi. Copland, a handyman, built sheds and outbuildings. A lover of trees, he planted many in the sandy ground and carted water to them in buckets. This became the scene of many parties and picnics as his wide circle of friends made frequent visits.

The couple moved back into Christchurch in the early 1990s. Jean died in 2006 and Copland moved to Auckland to be near Alison.

Raymond Augustus Copland, born Feilding, September 6, 1918; died Auckland, January 8, 2009. Predeceased by wife Jean and son Martin; survived by daughters Alison and Tessa, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Christchurch Press/Chris Geddis

# RT Hon Sir Duncan Wallace McMullin, May 1, 1927 — June 26, 2017. NBHS (1940)

Born in Auckland, the last of six children to a Victorian father with strong work ethics, religious beliefs, discipline, and modest means, Duncan McMullin did not start out in life with a silver spoon in his mouth. His father was chief warder of Napier and Mt Eden prisons, but a man of compassion. In Napier he often lent prisoners money to get them started on their release. Some of those businesses still operate today. Duncan attended Napier Boys' High School in 1940. Duncan's early life reflected the hard times of the Depression, and he recalled to family that he and his father once rode more than 600km to Wellington and back on pushbikes to visit his grandfather. When his father transferred to Mt Eden in 1940, Duncan was sent to Auckland Grammar. Duncan completed an LLB at Auckland University College in 1950. His career was to be a stellar one, rising to be a privy counsellor and Knight of the Realm. He started practising in Hamilton at age 22, worked for the Crown solicitor, and developed an interest in criminal law, as well as in tax and personal injury litigation. He was quickly noticed, and in 1950 at the age of 23, due to partner death and illness, was appointed a partner in the firm of Strang, Taylor and Sandford.

One of his favourite tales from his early days as a Hamilton lawyer was defending a man facing the gallows. Duncan thought his case was going terribly, the judge was known to be of the hanging persuasion, and delivered an unsympathetic summation to the jury. When the jury retired to consider their verdict, the police involved in the case went off to celebrate, convinced they had got their man. Just 90 minutes later the jury was back with a not guilty decision. Duncan's client duly set off for home in the Taranaki, and stopped, as one does when one has just dodged hanging, for a steadying beer at a Te Kuiti pub, where he bumped into the police from the trial. Thinking Duncan's client had escaped, they re-arrested him on the spot, and before he had managed to get near the bar.

Duncan practised in Hamilton as a barrister and solicitor from 1950 to 1965, and then as barrister sole until 1970. In 1952 he met

Isobel Atkinson, who was from an old Cambridge farming family. They were separated while Isobel completed an OE, but married in 1955, and were together for 62 years until parted by his death at age 90. Duncan's ability to think on his feet in court had not gone unnoticed, but he is said to have declined appointment as a Queen's Counsel, despite the success of his practice. He was appointed to the High Court bench at the very young age of



43 in 1970; the Court of Appeal in 1979; and to the Privy Council in London in 1980.

Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias, writing on the NZ Law Society website after Duncan's death, recalled a man who was the best of company and one of the judges who was pivotal in setting New Zealand law on its own path. "He had high good spirits, great kindness, unfailing courtesy and deep interest and engagement in life and the people he encountered ... His self-deprecating good humour and easy manner put everyone who met him at their ease. But he had in addition intelligence and shrewdness." In the 1987 New Year Honours, Duncan was appointed a Knight Bachelor in recognition of his role as a judge of the Court of Appeal. He was conferred with his knighthood at Buckingham Palace on July 22, 1987; retired in 1989; but continued public service, writing, among other things, a number of opinion pieces in newspapers against, for example, the proposed flatulence tax, and the need for a separate Maori criminal court.

#### Allan Douglas Hunter (MNZM) (Master NBHS 1949-1959)

The death has occurred in Christchurch on 12 July 2017 of one of the most respected past masters of Napier Boys' High School. Born in Christchurch in 1922, Mr Hunter was educated at Timaru Boys' High School from 1936 to 1940, where he played rugby in the first XV. He then studied at Canterbury University College, graduating Master of Arts with third-class honours in 1948. His university studies were interrupted by World War 11. He was called up in July 1941, but he was allowed to defer army training until after examinations at the end of that year. He then served with the First Battalion, Canterbury Regiment, which was tasked with defending the Canterbury coast against possible attack by the Japanese. Later in the war, he travelled to Britain where he joined the Royal Navy and was commissioned as a sub-lieutenant and served on HMS Rutherford from 1944 to 1945. Mr Hunter moved to Hawke's Bay in 1949 and a part of his interview for a teaching position at Napier Boys' High School was the caveat that he would play rugby for the Napier High School Old Boys side. That later led to a call-up for the Hawke's Bay provincial rugby team as first five-eighth at the age of 27.

Mr Hunter had earlier played rugby in Christchurch for the Canterbury University College club, alongside future All Blacks, Bob Stuart, Larry Savage and Jack Kelly. Mr Stuart had beaten Mr Hunter in selection for the captaincy, but, Mr Hunter said, it had never bothered him after the forward went on to captain Canterbury and the All Blacks. While at Napier Boys' High, he left his mark in more

ways than one. He took over the coaching of the first XV in 1953 when Bert Milburn retired, after having coached it for 31 years. The

quality of Mr Hunter's coaching can be gauged by his teams having won the Polson Banner game against Palmerston North Boys' High four times in succession. Besides being an outstanding rugby coach and teacher, he was a hostel master, coached cricket and edited the school magazine "The Scindian". On leaving Napier Boys' High in 1959 he became first assistant at Kuranui College Wairarapa, and was then appointed principal of



Upper Hutt College in 1962, where he remained until 1969. He then moved to Burnside High School in Christchurch, serving as principal until his retirement in 1980. In 2000 he wrote an account of the First Battalion Canterbury Regiment's coastal defence duties during WW2 titled "The Young Defenders". In the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours, Allan Hunter was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to Education and the Community. Over the years many past pupils of Napier Boys' High have made a point of visiting their former teacher and coach while in Christchurch. At 94, he was thought to have been the oldest surviving Hawke's Bay Rugby Rep.

Chris Geddis

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The following Old Boys, Teachers and Association members passed away recently:

- Andrews, Richard Teiwiwhati (Dick) 1956-1957
- Annan, Raymond Frederick (Ray) 1936-1940
- Barbarich, Destry James Te Ao 1982
- Basher, Alan David 1962-1963
- Bishop, Cecil John Assn 1936-1937
- Bowie, Russell John 1973-1976
- Bray, John Michael Walter F4 1936
- Brownlie, Michael William F6 1975
- Butler, Terence (Terry) 1963-1964
- Carman, William Brian (Brian) 1953-1954
- Chambers, Peter John (Pete) QSM 1944
- Clarke, Robert Gilbert Alexander (Robin) 1954-1957
- Dockary, Raymond Henry (Ray) 1945-1947
- Down, Melvin William 1938-1942
- Dunlop, John Dallin (Jack) QSM Assn 1934-1936
- Foreman, Reginald James 1932-1934
- Fraser, Colin James 1964-1965
- Gebbie, Peter Albert F5 1953-1954
- Gray, Eric Joseph 1954-1957
- Griffiths, Geoffrey Thomas 1954-1957
- Hannah, Stephen William (Steve) 1964-1967
- Hastrop, John Harold Teacher 1962-1964

- Hawkins, Barry Wayne 1970-1971
- Hawthorne, Lance Christopher 1954-1955
- Hills, Stuart Gordon (Stu) 1972-1974
- Holt, Peter Glyndon Assn 1948-1952
- Howard, Claude 1940-1941
- Hunter, Allan Douglas Teacher & Housemaster 1949-1959
- Jackson, Lyal Hayward 1940-1942
- Jeffares, Gary Reginald 1965-1966
- Laing, Leslie Davis Remuera 2002-2004
- Lawton, Christopher James (Chris)
- Lee, William Clayton 1933-1934
- Leyland, Ray Limpus 1944-1947
- Little, George Allan 1947-1948
- MacDonald, Mark Dowell 1968-1972
- Malcolmson, lan Assn 1953-1954
- Marnoch, Trevor John 1955-1956
- Mason-Riseborough, Eric Wallace 1940
- McDougall, Brian John 1950-1951
- McKinnon, John Alastair 1945-1947
- Osborne, Robin Dion 1959-1961 McMullin, (The Rt Hon Sir) Duncan
- Wallace 1940
- Morgan, Michael John Wixon (Mike) F5
- Oakley, David William George 1948
- Otto, Brian Kingsford 1952-1956
- Pattison, Ernest Desmond (Ernie) 1961-
- Pink, Lawrence Eldred 1942
- Ratima, Haami Zac 2012
- Roberts, Alex (Lucky) Assn 1953-1955
- Roberts, Philip Mason (Phil) F4 1966-1968

- Robinson, Lawrence Saywell (Lawrie) 1939-1940
- Sherning, Max Galbraith 1938-1940
- Sherwood, Ashley Bruce (Brick) Assn 1962-1965
- Shirley, Morris John Teacher 1956-58 1970-1973
- Single, Ronald Peter (Ron) 1951-1953
- Smiley, Michael John 1955-1956
- Speakman, John Gordon Lawrence 1949-1950
- Stacey, John Michael 1937-1939
- Steel Sinclair Lewis (Tinny) 1945-1949
- Stoddart, John Alexander (Alex) 1943-1943
- Strong, Kenneth Gordon (Ken) 1966-1967
- Sweeting, (Rev) Frederick Thomas Fraser (Eric) Assn 1942-1946
- Thomsen, Cedric Ronald Assn 1956-
- Thomson, Robert Henry (Bob) Assn 1945-1947
- Treloar, John Denness 1946-1948
- Turner Richard Snr F6 1959-1960
- West, Maxwell Arthur (Max) 1953-
- Yeoman, Brian Barton 1955-1956

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