



# Napier Boys' High School Association COLUMNS

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## Editorial

Reunion, a word described in the Oxford English Dictionary as meaning: 1. "An instance of two or more people coming together again after a period of separation" or 2. "A social gathering attended by members of a group of people who have not seen each other for some time." or 3. "The action of being brought together again as a unified whole." This word will have huge significance to many old boys of Napier Boys' High School on the weekend of July 26th/27th 2019, when the school hosts old boys whose third form, (or year 9) started their secondary schooling at Napier Boys' High School, in a year with digits of the year ending in 8 or a 9 or a 0 or a 1 year group. In conjunction to the Year Group Reunion, there will also be a Reunion of the 1961 First XV Rugby team celebrating 58 years and the 1969 First XV and Australian Touring team celebrating 50 years. The Reunion is a chance for old boys and both rugby teams to renew friendships and reconnect with Napier Boys' High School, some former pupils may have never stepped in the door of the school since leaving. This is a great opportunity to change that and do so.

A school isn't just a collection of bricks and mortar that holds it together, it's a dynamic learning environment where teachers and pupils interact with each other to study, learn and educate. After the demise and demolition of the old red brick school and administration block, it is refreshing to see that some of the traditions of Napier Boys' High School still survive. The school buildings may have changed but life does not stand still for any of us, as you know the world around us is always evolving around constant change.

The 1961 "Dream Team" First XV, who were featured in NBHS "Columns" Newsletter in June 2018 are holding their first reunion as a result of that issue of "Columns" and are looking forward to meeting surviving members of that special time. Members of the 1961 who have passed away, include the coach, J.D. Briasco, Captain, Bernie Tuck, and fellow team members: Andrew Campbell, Doug Curtis, Malcolm Gilray and Joe Murray. Over the years members of the 1969 First XV and Australian Touring Team have met on numerous occasions, the last major one being on Labour Weekend 2009 when they got together to celebrate "40 years on". Also at that reunion were the coach, Derek Brebner and team members, Peter Smith and Garson Bell, who have now all sadly passed away. During the August-September 1969 vacation, a party of 26 rugby players spent nineteen days in Australia, where six matches were played in four states New South Wales, Victoria,



*NBHS under 3ft of flood water in 1927  
as viewed from Te Awa Ave*

Tasmania and South Australia in the five cities of Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, Hobart and Adelaide. The touring team consisted of the 1969 First Fifteen with six lower grade players being blooded for future 1st Fifteens. The team was coached by popular master, Derek Brebner and skilfully captained by Murray Ashcroft with Peter Jane his able vice-captain. Make sure you have your registration forms into the School by Friday 19 July 2019 and have an enjoyable Reunion of fellowship, camaraderie and reminiscence.

*Chris Geddis  
Editor*

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### Year Group Reunion 2019

Year Groups 8/9 and 0/1  
(two groups because of 150th Jubilee 2022)  
1961 & 1969 1st XV

27 July 2019

Rugby v New Plymouth Boys' High School

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# From The Headmaster

2018 is well underway now with the school starting the year with a healthy roll of over 1160 students – domestic and international - which included 185 boarders. Our staff remain strong and stable - currently eight old boys work at the school which is a real asset to the culture we pride ourselves on. As an important note, Pete McGlashan is retiring after 43 years continuous service to our school. He is well-known to many of you and his farewell later in term 3 will be a significant event. More on this in due course.

The school's examination results were the best in at least the last six years, particularly at the top end where University Entrance was 74%. Senior students won 22 national scholarships with Liam Silverwood leading the way with four, while, Jacob Eyles, Michael Young and Nicholas Wright, from year 12, gained two each.

Our prefect team of 19 is well led by Head Boy Leo Watson – the third of his family in the past four years to be a prefect. He is ably supported by his deputy, Sol Cerson. The Heads of Houses have been extremely competitive this year and, for the first time in years, Scinde is not leading the House Competition. Napier House won the recent cross country and has a ten-point advantage going into the last big event, the Cornford Cup.

Culturally, we are hosting the combined musical this year – "All shook up" (The music of Elvis, naturally) and our debaters, TheatreSports groups and solo musicians all placed at the Super 8 Cultural festival held recently in Palmerston North. Choral groups performed at the Big Sing and will also look to repeat their national Barbershop appearance later in term 3.

Many young men have been fortunate to go on two international sporting tours in term one: a squad of 31 senior rugby players toured Dubai and South Africa in March, whilst the 1st XI Hockey journeyed through Malaysia in April. Our 1st XI Cricket was due to tour Sri Lanka in October but, given security concerns, will undertake a briefer visit to Melbourne in December. While our

cricket teams did not progress past Hawke's Bay in national competitions, there is significant depth coming through the ranks and we have invested heavily in facilities to support the future of the game. Athletics and Cross Country are also in good heart and we expect nationally significant results over the next 12 – 18 months here.

Late last year we opened the Ormond Block (Dorm 4/5 at Scinde House). Yet again I must report that the "long-awaited" Armour Block rebuild has not commenced,

however, there has been a partial demolition in January this year and considerable enabling works around the school's infrastructure. Possibly construction will start in July in time for the year group reunion.... The front of the school has received a small facelift with the removal of the old boiler and the upgrading of the concrete bunker in which it was housed. There is now a respectable classroom annex to the Hall.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the year group reunion in late July.

*Matt Bertram*  
*Headmaster*



# From The Archives

It has been a quite half-year in Archives. Work adding to our WW1 files crawls on as Judith finds more coming on-line. Against all expectations our 'final' WW1 Roll of Honour has jumped one more to 85, with Judith's discovery of Richard Rothwell Carter (1891). He went to the Boer War, with the 6th Contingent, joined Kitchener's Fighting Scouts and must have stayed in South Africa. In WW1 he fought with the South African Army in German South West Africa (now Namibia) and was killed on the Western Front in 1917.

Our recent gatherings all come from "in house" – members of the Association Committee. Huck Berry has passed on a Maths exercise book and note book bearing the school motto, but not the crest. They were the property of his namesake Philip Berry (1915-18), one of his three doctor uncles. They contain medical notes, so they were obviously put to economical use after his school years.

Chris Geddis continues to find interesting old photographs of the school – the last being of the 'new' school surrounded by the flood waters of 1927, taken from Te Awa Avenue.

Our Property Supervisor Geoff Pyott, has added to our "salvaged artefacts" collection. First came the makers' nameplates etc from the old Boiler Room, which is undergoing conversion (no, not into an Archives Suite) into a classroom. An interesting discovery came to light when the disused fireplace in the Headmaster's residence study was blocked for draught proofing. Tucked up the chimney was an antique fire extinguisher. I wonder if it dates back to when the Headmaster's residence was used by the overflow of boarders

following the 1931 Earthquake, or part of a diabolical schoolboy plot in the manner of Guy Fawkes?

There have been the usual interesting inquiries from those on the track of fathers' or grandfathers' school careers, and requests for back-numbers of the Scindian, which we are happy to provide if we have a suitable number of "spares".

This quietude is not to suggest that the Archivist is slipping into somnolence, or even senility, nor a loss of interest. I am attempting to write a history of the Old Boys in the Great War, and am finding it difficult to impose a regime of academic discipline on myself (there are Old Boys out there who will say it was never my strong point). So far I have completed drafts of five chapters from the 'Military Tradition' (school cadets, 1886-1914), through 'First Engagements' (pre-WW1 military service), the 'Declaration of War' (reactions in the Scindian), the 'Samoan Expedition' and on to 'The Main Body in Egypt'.

I've paused on the shores of Gallipoli, unlike our soldiers of April 1915, daunted by the task ahead. We have a treasure-trove of diaries, letters and Scindian articles to draw on. It will not be all over by Christmas – perhaps in time for the school's 150th in 2022!

*Phillip Rankin - Archivist*

## Memorabilia

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. We are also interested in obtaining Memorabilia from the "Napier Technical College" to ensure that this school is not forgotten. If you have anything you think we may be interested in, please contact us.

*Phillip Rankin - Archivist*

## Ties & Cufflinks

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Ties - \$27 & School Crest Cufflinks - \$25  
Are available from the School

## BENNETT, Mr Quentin Mountfield Member of NZ Order of Merit MNZM (NBHS 1956-1960)

For services to optometry, diving and conservation

Mr Quentin Bennett is a retired optometrist and internationally recognised New Zealand pioneer diver.

Mr Bennett ran an optometry practice in Napier, including a long-term visiting practice to the remote community of Wairoa from 1967 until his retirement in 2011. He has been a member of the New Zealand Association of Optometrists since 1967, serving as a national Councillor for a period. He was a member of the New Zealand Cornea and Contact Lens Society, serving a term as President. He was awarded Fellowship of the American Academy of Optometry. A very experienced scuba diver with a reputation as a specialist in space and underwater visual research, he made significant contributions to diving technology and underwater photography. He has had a number of scientific papers published in journals worldwide on these subjects, as well as articles and photographs in books and magazines. He introduced two very important safety innovations to New Zealand diving, namely the decompression computer and later the inflatable drysuit, both of which are now regarded as everyday safety equipment. He has been involved in underwater exploration and discoveries overseas. Mr Bennett has delivered many presentations on advances in diving technology, optics, underwater photography, as well as his observations on marine life, and has prepared submissions supporting environmental and conservation issues.

It was in the waters of Hawke's Bay that a primary school pupil, Quentin Bennett, taught himself to dive.

Now 77, Bennett is being honoured with the New Zealand Order of Merit, not only for his services to diving, but also optometry and conservation.

He said he was surprised to receive the honour.

"I'm totally and utterly staggered to be honest.

"I'm normally a very private person, how they found out about me I've no idea."

## ROWE, Mr Ronald William QSM (NBHS 1953)

For services to the community.

Ron Rowe only had one year at NBHS, and left and went to join the Royal NZ Navy as a 15-year-old Seaman Boy (2nd Class) in 1954 which he says, was in hindsight, one of the best things of my life. Why? As he looked back it was the year spent training in all facets of seamanship, with education every afternoon on Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf (near Waiheke) where the training was 'rigorous' in all respects delivered by senior NCOs, all vets of WW2 (this was late 1954 and 1955). They were tough! This in turn meant that whilst we didn't realise it at the time, we left training knowing much of all aspects of 'seamanship' and accepting discipline across all facets that stood us in very good stead. A fair number of 'boys' went on to become very young NCOs as a result of that training.

Ron became a leading Seaman at 19 (Corporal equivalent in the Army), recommended for commission. His first ship was the cruiser HMNZS Bellona (500 crew) which they took to the UK late 1955 to pick up HMNZS Royalist, a newly modified cruiser with the latest radar and gunnery systems. Royalist was at Suez at the outset of that conflict.

A year at the Australian Naval College, 'Flinders' enabled him to qualify as a Gunnery and Missile Instructor being the first Leading Seaman to achieve this. Promotion to Petty Officer, passed for Chief Petty officer, followed with teaching all facets of Gunnery and Missiles both ashore and afloat. More time was spent in HMNZS Royalist gaining the necessary requirements to be commissioned as a specialist Gunnery Officer. This was not to be as critical family needs meant that he left the RNZN late 1966 entering civilian life with BP Oil (operations) and then Europa Oil (sales and marketing). It was at this time (1966) that both Ron, wife Ngaire and his

He said highlights of his career were working with overseas navies and diving around Indonesia and the Pacific with some of the most famous divers in the world.

Now at age 77, he doesn't have plans to stop diving, and is heading to West Papua and French Polynesia in 2019, and Indonesia and the Solomon Islands in 2020.

"And of course also I'll be diving in New Zealand."

Despite his achievements, which include introducing two pieces of diving safety equipment which are now used for everyday safety while diving, he remains humble.

"I must say I have been privileged and had the chance to do all sorts of things with all sorts of interesting people in different parts of the world.

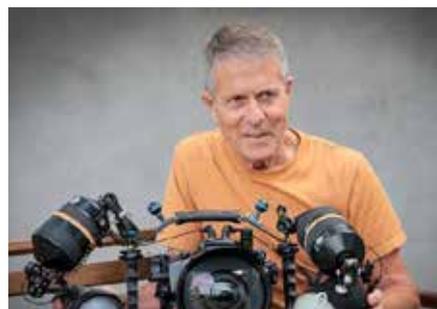
"I left Napier Boys High School on a Friday and left New Zealand by sea on the Monday to go to London to study when I was 18."

As an optometrist, he worked in Napier, but also ran a visiting practice to Wairoa.

He described his conservation work as "quiet", done through writing submissions and talking to ministers, but felt it was important in New Zealand today.

"You look at the rivers, you look at the sea, you look at the fish populations, it's all pretty terrible."

*HB Today/NZ Government Awards Citations*



young family began (unknowingly) their time in volunteering and community through Lions Clubs and other community organisations.

Ron's 6 years teaching experience in the Navy, and later to University, enabled him to build a career both in management, consulting and teaching in Polytechnics/Institutes of technology over many years.



Mr Ronald Rowe has been involved with Lions Clubs in a range of positions at all levels since 1966. Mr Rowe chaired liver transplant appeals in the mid-1980s which acted as a catalyst to establish a New Zealand Liver Transplant clinic. He also chaired the Whanganui Hospital Chapel rebuilding appeal. He chaired the New Zealand South Pacific Leadership programme and was a member of the Lions Clubs International Leadership Faculty from 1995 to 2000. He and his wife, Ngaire were international volunteers to Papua New Guinea and Samoa with Volunteer Service Abroad for two years. He has been involved with the New Zealand Institute of Management since 1970 and chaired the Hawke's Bay branch. He was originator of the Trust to raise the river ship Waimarie from the Whanganui River bed. He was a member of the task force reviewing and restructuring the governance capability of the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association in 2014. He has been and Executive member of the Napier RSA for five years and has been Parade Marshall for ANZAC Day commemorations.

To commemorate the Napier RSA centenary Mr Rowe led the establishment of the Centenary Legacy Trust in 2015, which offers young people a working scholarship programme within Hawke's Bay health and social sectors. Mrs Ngaire Rowe helped with the establishment and held administrative and secretarial roles with the Trust. She has been involved with the Hastings Central Lions Club, serving as Secretary and President in the late 1990's. From 1995 to 2000 she was administrator for Mr Rowe in his roles as the New Zealand South Pacific Leadership Chairman and member of the Lions Clubs International Leadership Faculty. She supported her husband with secretarial and administrative services when he chaired several Lions community appeals in the 1980s, including two liver transplant appeals and rebuilding the Whanganui Hospital Chapel. She was secretary of the Whanganui Hospital Chaplaincy from 1989 to 1991. Mrs Ngaire Rowe has supported her husband

Ronald Rowe in contributing to a range of community organisations and projects locally, regionally, nationally and internationally for more than 50 years. Mr and Mrs Rowe were involved with the formation of the Wairoa Community Development Trust in 2008. It was a double honour for the Rowe family as Ron's wife Ngaire was also awarded the QSM at the same time as Ron. When Ron was asked on Radio how 'we' got involved in volunteering and the diverse range of community projects over that time... He said it was hard to comprehend where the last 50 or so years have gone... the answer was simple really... "When I left the Navy in late 1966 the local butcher in Browns Bay (we built our first home there) invited me to join Lions... and so it just went on from there really... ". The couple now live at Milson, Palmerston North.

*NZ Government Awards citations/Chris Geddis*

## Firefighter Brent Single 50 Years Of Service

Brent Single (NBHS 1968-1969) was 14 when he started his career as a firefighter in Napier.

He was a "runner", a job which saw him running between the fire and the water source to relay messages, before the days of radio communication.

On Saturday, May 11 2019, Single celebrated 50 years of dedication to Fire and Emergency Services in Napier. He grew up with the fire service, living close to the Fire Station in Napier, and his father was a volunteer firefighter.

He said that, in 1971, three people, including him, were hired as an auxiliary staff members to complement the paid staff on night shift. "We had to roster on with the paid staff and cover the seven night shifts. For this job we were paid \$3 per night and an additional \$1 for every call we attended."

He was then appointed to career staff and went to Auckland for 13 weeks to begin recruit training, before returning to Napier to work.

Firefighting appears to be in his family's blood. As well as his father, Single's brother also joined Fire and Emergency Services in 1976, and his son, Scott, has also recently begun his career in Wellington after 11 years as a volunteer.

Allen Proctor, the former Regional Manager presented Single with a 50-year gold medal on behalf of the United Fire Brigade Association.

This was followed by numerous other presentations from the Fire Service Commission, Fire Region, Gold Star Association, Wellington Provincial, and the Hawke's Bay Sub Association. Fellow firefighters, police, St John ambulance staff, Napier's acting Mayor Faye White, MP for Napier Stuart Nash and family and friends were there to witness it. Over his career Single has helped hundreds in the Napier community.

*HB Today*



## Navy Commander Martin Walker (NBHS 1983-1987) Brings Ship to Napier

A visit by a navy ship to Napier on June 27 to July 1 2019 will be a homecoming for new commander Martin Walker.

A young immigrant to Hawke's Bay from the UK, he grew up in the region and attended Napier Boys' High School from 1983 to 1987, making him a contemporary of prefect, First XV rugby player and 1993-1995 All Black halfback Stu Forster.

He took command of HMNZS Canterbury in late April 2019 and will visit Port Napier twice during exercises, from June 6-10 for the navy's Hiki Ano (concentrated sailors and officers training exercise) and from June 27 to July 1 to collect personnel and equipment for Exercise Talisman Sabre in Australia.

While the RNZN's frigates are being upgraded, HMNZS Canterbury is its primary sea-training platform.

Current NBHS prefects will visit HMNZS Canterbury soon after its arrival and there will be a powhiri at the school the next day for Walker, who told Navy media services, "I spent my informative years in Hawke's Bay and have great memories of Napier."

After school and a year studying geography at Massey University, he decided to join the Royal New Zealand Navy. "It sounds a bit of a cliché, but I enjoyed travelling and seeing new places, and I wanted a career that provided variety and excitement." Walker said. "I decided the Navy was a good way to achieve that."

He said it was fantastic to be back at sea after 15 years based in Wellington in various New Zealand Defence Force positions at Joint Headquarters and in Capability Branch.

While Walker has previously commanded inshore patrol vessels such as HMNZS Kahu, now decommissioned, the HMNZS Canterbury is on a different scale. The RNZN support ship is a 900-tonne, 131m multi-role vessel with the ability to transport personnel, vehicles and supplies around New Zealand and overseas.

Highlights from the commander's previous deployments include two postings as ship's executive officer on HMNZS Manawanui and HMNZS Endeavour.

A five-month deployment to Asia on HMNZS Endeavour included port visits in Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea and Australia, while he also visited Singapore with HMNZS Manawanui while taking part in exercises there.

*HB Today*



## Just one more month.....

This is the story of my great Uncle, Charles Arnold Spriggs, NBHS old boy Feb 1904 – August 1905.

Charlie was born in Napier on 17th August 1890, eldest son of Matthew and Clara Spriggs. He attended Napier District school then Napier Boys High School. He left when he was 15 to work with his father in the family cabinet making business.

Charlie (or Chas as he signed his letters) enlisted for the NZ Army on 7th September 1915 he was 25 years old. He was posted to D company of the 3rd Battalion on the NZ Rifle Brigade as a Corporal.

He trained in Trentham camp and Rangiotu camp, but was given special leave to return to Napier to marry, Elise Olive Younghusband on 25th January 1916, 11 days after his marriage he embarked for service abroad on the Ulimaroa in Wellington, unknown to him, his wife was pregnant.

Charlie trained in Egypt before arriving in France in April 1916 he fought in the battle of the Somme, his letters home describing the horror of war, it was during this time his daughter Joyce was born. He was over the moon, but this was short lived as she passed away at 6 months old of pneumonia, he never met her.

Charlie also fought in the Battle of Passchendaele and received the DCM for his acts of gallantry. "By his personal example and disregard of danger, he inspired his platoon at a critical time in the attack. In the consolidation under heavy machine gun fire, his cheerfulness and courage spurred on the men with him, it was mainly owing to his efforts that the work was completed".

Charlie was put through officer training in England and ended up a 2nd Lieutenant, he returned to France on June 1918.

On the 8th of October 1918 Charlie's luck ran out. His battalion had left Cambrai in Northern France early in the morning, following the Germans as they retreated. However, at a battle at Le Cateau,

they unfortunately did not spot a German machine gun nest and Charlie was hit from behind and killed aged 28. The chaps with him were so angry they stormed the nest and killed all the Germans.

Charlie was buried at Hilltop Cemetery but was moved to Naves Communal Cemetery near Cambrai.

So now 100 years on it was my turn to honour Charlie, the Uncle I never met but feel I know through his many letters home, and through the loving relationship I had with my Grandfather, Ron Spriggs, (NBHS 1911-1913 High School Board 1963-1969) Charlie's brother.

I left New Zealand on the 21st September 2018, I travelled to London, France



*Charles Arnold Spriggs DCM*

and Belgium. In Belgium I visited Ypres and Passchendaele and the grave of another Uncle Arthur Bee. It was then time to return to Northern France. My son John Francis Edwards (NBHS 2009-2013) and my partner Frank Heuser were with me on this journey. On the morning of October 8th 2018, we woke up early in the Village of Cambrai and drove out of town to Naves Cemetery, it was 100 years to the day since Charlie's death. On this cold and dark morning, we walked by torchlight to the rear of the cemetery looking for Charlie's grave. It was a very emotional and moving experience when we found it. I placed a rock on his grave that I had collected from the Marine Parade beach in Napier, (I had painted it with a soldier and Charlie's name on the back). We also placed a silver fern on his headstone and a New Zealand flag. It was very sad to see all the men in the graves surrounding Charlie's were from the same division and had died on the same day.

Back in New Zealand the Spriggs family and descendants assembled at the same time at the Wellington War Memorial where Charles Arnold Spriggs was the Soldier honoured that day. My son Tom Charles Edwards (NBHS 2011-2015) read the oath. We were live streaming from France and when my son John performed the Napier Boys' High haka in front of Charlie's grave there wasn't a dry eye in either country.

It was a very sad and unforgettable time for me. I admired the respect shown to our men buried half way across the world. The cemeteries are wonderfully kept and the men remembered 100 years on.

On the same day we visited Charlie's grave, we drove an hour up the road to Le Quesnoy. This is the village the New Zealanders set free on the 4th November 1918. Charlie's men were one of the New Zealand rifle brigades involved in this Battle. What a shame he never got to see this.

The war ended on Armistice Day, 11th November 1918, just one more month and Charlie would have made it home...

I am honoured to have some of the furniture Charlie made in my home, it is beautiful, and it is a way we can remember him.

Footnote: Charles Spriggs' letters home have been published in a book available at Napier Boys High School Archives Library and the HB Museum, Napier.

*Ronda Chrystal*



*Charlie Spriggs' Grave*



*John Edwards and Ronda Chrystal at Charlie Spriggs' Grave*

# Experiencing the Kathmandu Coast to Coast World Multisport Championships 8th February 2019

Have you ever wanted to complete something that was really important to you but didn't know where to start or have the courage to undertake? That was me, there was always plenty of excuses not to do it.

Over the years I have had some good friends compete in the Coast to Coast and I have been involved in crewing for them. Hence the peer pressure was high for me to do it and I eventually folded!



When you take those first few steps towards a new challenge it's amazing how life changes. Suddenly you are studying training concepts, looking into purchasing all types of gear the list goes on. But it's not until you pay the \$900 entry fee it all becomes real.

The Coast to Coast is a race from the Kumara Beach on the West coast just south of Greymouth all the way to the New Brighton pier an oceanside suburb of Christchurch.

The course is made up of a 2.2k run off the beach at Kumara to the first transition at Kumara Junction, which leads into a 50k road bike alongside the Taramakau river towards Christchurch. 2nd Transition starts from Aicken's corner at Jacksons. This is the first major challenge, an off-road 33K mountain run up the Deception River over Goat Pass and down the Mingha River to Klondyke corner in Arthurs Pass. 24 river crossings in total and 800 meters of climbing.

Here the two-day participants get to rest overnight and start again in the morning, (the longest day competitors keep on going) Day two starts into a short 15k road bike to White bridge then a short run with your bike down to the Waimakariri river. Next is the formidable 70k Kayak leg down the Waimakariri River a real treat in fact truly spectacular with the clear water and amazing scenery. It's a mix of braided river, grade two rapids and you guessed it more river! It takes athletes from the Southern Alps down to the Canterbury Plains just out of Sheffield. Last is a flat 70k ride to the finish line straight into the prevailing Canterbury northeast wind and for me it was 32 degrees to cap things off.

The biggest challenge is making the start line. Putting the time in for the training and being injury free on the day whilst ensuring you have put the endurance work in leading up to the big day so you can enjoy the race without being underdone.

During the early stages of learning how to kayak, I met George Christison (NBHS 1984-1988)(2004 Coast to Coast winner) and his son Thomas Christison (NBHS 2014-2017) on the bank of the Clive River. Thomas had also entered the 2-day Coast to Coast. Long story short George taught me all I needed to know to be able to take on the Waimakariri River. This involved multiple trips down the Mohaka River. These trips were a valuable experience and taught me why we need to treat rivers with respect when using them!

I was doing training I never dreamed I would, like running up the Ruahine Ranges as well as competing in other major multisport events like the Motu Challenge which is also a great event.

race blows the airhorn to start the 2019 Kathmandu Coast to Coast.

It was all on! Over the 2.2k short run to the bike, in your mind you have got all day, but we were running hard. A quick jump into your bike shoes and onto the bike, I wanted to get into a strong group so rode hard for the first 20 minutes until we had a solid peloton of riders working together. One of the greatest fears is someone falling off in front of you trying to dodge a dropped drink bottle when you're doing 40KPH down the road, so you are always on your game no time for sleeping here.

Transition 2 came into view, I knew I had already pushed it a bit hard as the intensity was more than I had trained at, but I was into the next transition where my wife Pauline was waiting for me amongst hundreds of other supporters and crew, she hands me my back pack and nutrition I put my shoes on and grab a banana. George Christison pokes his head in gives me a hurry up, a man can't even give his wife a kiss goodbye!

Into the 33k mountain run I was struggling; legs were dull after the ride and I ran at a slow pace until I hit the first river which was frigid that soon woke them up!

Fortunately, a faster runner came past and I hung on to him as we headed up the Deception river. I was lucky as there were no direction signs in the early part and this runner showed us the way. We crisscrossed backwards and forwards over riverbeds, clambering over rocks into bush and repeat. It's not until you get about 10k into the run the elevation changes into 4 k's of steep climbing up to Goat Pass. This was grueling and seemed to go on and on. I reached the top and was greeted by race marshals who were checking that we had all the compulsory safety clothing in our packs. With a pass mark I headed out down the Mingha river. You can see the finish at Klondyke Corner from Dudley's Knob my GPS watch says it's still 7ks away! Running down the finishing shoot at the end of day one and there was Steve Gurney waiting at the finish line shaking all the athletes hands as they came through and our support crew and friends all there to pick your sorry body up off the ground, and share in a few stories of the day's events.



Day 2 starts early with a 15k bike to White Bridge, we are put into groups of ten in the order we finished from day 1. The marshal counts us off and it's all go again. Off the bike and down to the kayak the crew are waiting for me with my kayak. I donned all my safety gear, check nutrition and drinking systems are working, and down the Waimakariri River I go, not knowing what was ahead.

The first 8k was a procession, kayakers everywhere some were stuck as it was shallow, even stacks of kayakers crashed into one another. Fortunately, I managed to maneuver my way around this and make good head way especially once we hit deeper swifter water. This was great, my strategy was to stay upright in the rapids and paddle hard where I could. There were plenty of Kayakers upside down in the big rapids and jet boats picking up lost paddles and other gear for kayakers to carry on. The river is very cold and not a place you want

to spend too much time in. The kayak leg is a real highlight of the race and all the training on the Mohaka with George and Thomas Christison now paid off.

There is a real sense of satisfaction even a wee tear in the eye when you are coming to the end of the paddle leg knowing you have knocked the bastard off with just the bike between you and the finish line.

My crew (Pauline and mate Jonesey) were on hand to help me get out of the kayak, up the track and onto my bike.

It was nice to get the legs moving again after 5 hours on my butt. The ride into Christchurch was hot South Eyre Road is flat and dead straight for about 30k into a head wind. It wasn't long before we had picked up several riders as we closed in on the finish line. Round the last few bends and then off the bike where Pauline was waiting for me and a quick run up the finishing shoot together.

All over, job done. 12 months of training and two days of racing.



I had said to myself if I can do it in 15 hours I will come back and do the longest day. I finished the race in 14 hours and 58min so guess what I'm doing in February 2020?

If you're interested in learning more or keen to do it yourself then please make contact with me at [gogrunta@gmail.com](mailto:gogrunta@gmail.com).

Footnote: Thomas Christison aged 18, finished 4th in the open men's 2 day event in 13 hours 2m 34s.

*Grant Morrish – (NBHS 1981 – 1984)*

## Scinde House Late 1950's Mini Reunion



*Scinde House late 1950's get together. November 2018 L-R, David Bryant, Ewan McGregor, Nick Riddell, Wynn Nation, Bill Rowbottom, Stuart Wright, Brian Field, Mac McGregor, Peter Youren, Rodney Kent, Don McDonald, Derek Fergusson, Charles Chesterman.*

On the 21st of November a dozen old timers from late 1950s Scinde House met for a get-together in Napier. Forget 'Forty Years on...' This was sixty years on, and counting. Such is the enduring camaraderie of life in a school hostel. This initiative was the inspiration of Dannevirke's Stuart Wright (1956-59) who some time ago organised a wonderful reunion of the same vintage from Central and Southern Hawke's Bay at Takapau's Oruawharo restaurant. Following lunch we visited David Mackersey's car collection at Ahuriri, then Laver & Wood cricket bat manufacturers, and followed next door to the Coastguard Headquarters. Finally it was dinner at Jandals, and, for some, breakfast next morning. Stimulating days at Scinde House recalled.

*Ewan McGregor 1959-1963*

## Old Boy Geoff Pyott "Drones On" With New Toy

You could say Geoff Pyott (NBHS 1980-1982) is just an old boy with a new toy but don't be surprised if he gives you a "yeah, nah" response. That's because Pyott will impress the toy, a drone, is more than a plaything — it's actually a tool with unlimited potential. "You can call it a little bit of a toy but it's a very good toy which takes some very good photos," says the 52-year-old property manager (2014-onwards) and former student of Napier Boys' High School.

"It has a lot of potential uses in the environment that can benefit the school." He has been spotted flying a drone at the NBHS First XV rugby matches at the school grounds.

The Brendon Ratcliffe-coached team, who played in the Super 8 final against Hamilton Boys' High School in Hamilton on 11 August 2018 (televised live on the Rugby Channel, had requested the unmanned aerial vehicle last October to be included in this year's budget.



To Pyott's delight, a pilot-less aircraft landed on his lap in all its gleaming glory of the DJI Inspire 2.

NBHS principal Matt Bertram was generous, opting for the \$5299 model that can be left to levitate for two hours although the request was for a basic one.

"At this point we haven't done it that way because it's another cost but we've got this one that you can use for movies and things like that," says Pyott whose prowess other people have noticed.

"A couple of people associated with other schools have asked about it because it's something you can put forward to learning in regards to subjects at school."

He hasn't christened DJI with a name but says it's a well-behaved identified flying object that goes from 0 to 80km/h in five seconds and gains a maximum speed of 94km/h.

It's certainly not cheap after boosting the inbuilt camera with a lens and a crystal screen controller, to the tune of \$4500, and you start getting a clearer picture of why it isn't just a toy. DJI Inspire 2 hasn't been christened with a name yet but it's a well-behaved identified flying object. No doubt he's had a few hiccups with the sassy sensor slave, comprising of magnesium aluminium composite shell and carbon fibre arms, as one does with any technological device.

"You've got to re-calibrate and you have to be very careful flying it but it's worked well for what we've got."



Pyott is still a cadet in manning DJI because in his role as property manager it isn't just a toy he can chuck at anyone else.

"I don't get to use it every day but I practise it with friends and do bits of things with it at the same time."

The Polson Banner footage against Palmerston North Boys' High School First XV, part of the Super 8 school rugby competition, captured on 1 August 2018 is more for the school archives.

In previous non-televised encounters the NBHS First XV team have used the footage to analyse their performance although they use videotaped material taken from the stands and side-lines as well.

Pyott has used DJI to record cross country, swimming as well as taking aerial shots to help with the design plans of new blocks on the school premises.

"We have our Cornford Cup coming up, which is our big cross country meeting ... so I'll put up the drone to get video footage because 1200 boys are doing that run," he says of the event on August 20 which will have a shotgun start from Te Awa Rd via circuit that leads back to the school.

Material will be posted on the school website for fans, friends and family to see.

DJI also will come in handy for promoting the school to newcomers with snippets from impending school camps and other cultural activities.

A laughing Pyott says he wasn't a gadget geek growing up but he's simply filling his portfolio at school.

That is not to say the brainy bee isn't bringing out the boy in him but it's a serious part of his job description so adhering to the rules is imperative.

"You can't fly over people ... so on the day of the rugby [on a weekend] I parked up at the [nearby] Te Awa School grounds, which was locked off, so no one was walking under me or anything like that."

During the athletics meeting he could hit certain areas but had to maintain a safe and regulated altitude amid some public debate on how and where drones should be used.

Because the school is inside the 4km limited airport zone, he is only permitted to fly 40m above their highest building.

Conversely hovering too low at school events is the other limit for the two lenses that enable him to take wide and close-up shots so they have done their homework.

In rugby, part of the New Zealand Rugby Union requirement is to keep it up to date on emerging talent so it is crucial NBHS keeps up with the rest of the schools in the country.

"Technology is changing things now so you're getting things, not toys that schools can benefit from" he says

Note: The Napier Boys' High School First XV narrowly lost the Super 8 Final to Hamilton Boys' High on 11 August 2018 23-22 to a last minute penalty goal.

*HB Today*



*Drone footage Cross Country 2019*

## Smoke gets in your eyes.....

It was probably 1953 while I was a boarder in Scinde House, that my mate 'Catman' (Alan Watson)...everyone had a nickname, undoubtedly still do.. And I were having a smoke, (in those days reckoned a Capital Offence), concealed amongst the tall, dry bulrushes that used to line the "Serpentine" that ran alongside the road behind the School. Experimenting in an idle moment as boys will in the Spirit of Inquiry, and so testing the flammability of bulrushes, we established they were highly so!

Across the road, I think in the School precinct, lived the Music master, a cheerful ex-British Navy Chap, who is remembered with great gratitude, along with others such as Max Campbell and Mike Rout, and whose great achievement among many, was to have several hundred boys all singing lustily at Morning Assembly, one of the translations of Rossini's "La Donna e Mobile", which went thus:

*"Woman is Changeable, Ever deceiving;  
Fickle and heartless, True love 'ere Grieving.  
Light are her Fancies, Wiling and smiling;  
With wonton glances,  
All men beguiling!  
So trust her never, Nor let her sway you;  
She will Be-traaay You,  
'Tho she be Fair!  
Tra-la-laaa, Tra-la laaaa;  
'Tho she be Fair!  
Never confide in her, Nor heed her Fancies,  
Many and fleeting, are her Romances...etc etc"*

And so on it went. Great Advice for young boys about to face life! A fearless Innovator for his times!

(WE also sang the Old School Song, which, I was surprised to learn at our recent Old Boys reunion, is remembered by very few, and certainly not sung now. Perhaps it never existed, and is a relic of my fevered imagination? However, I will include the Lyrics hereunder to see if any memories are jogged by its rousing words! )

To continue: Our efforts to douse the flames beginning to look increasingly unsuccessful, we ran across the road to the Music Master's house and raised the Alarm. The Fire Brigade quickly arrived and calm was restored. The Music masters wife, a motherly and very kindly Lady, was greatly impressed by our Alertness and

obvious Heroism, and instantly produced quantities of scones with whipped cream and jam. This was manna for starving Boarders, and obviously not a time for faux protests. Thus it is that I can ruefully relate that, Greed trumping Guilt, we consumed those scones before her admiring eyes, without actually choking.

Well,, here are the stirring Verses of the Old School Song, as I remember them. NBHS then was modelled somewhat on the 'English Public School' (or at least, Scinde House was reminiscent of Tom Browne's Schooldays - early morning rise after sleeping in freezing open-ended dormitories. 15 minutes of PT then a run around the School, followed by a cold shower!) A jolly healthy life for boys, (of course in Retrospect)!

*"Some talk of Harrow on the Hill,  
Of Charterhouse and Saint Paul's;  
Of Rugby House and Winchester,  
And Eton's classic halls...  
But none of all these well-known names,  
So famous for their Rule;  
Can stir the Pulse, or lift the Heart,  
Like NAPIER BOYS HIGH SCHOOL!  
So sing a Chorus out, my Lads,  
And shout with three times three;  
Make every rafter quiver!  
Raise your voices lustily!  
May the mem'ry of our Boyhood,  
Raise a throb where ere we be;  
So let's shout then out the louder  
louder still and even louder,  
With a ONE, TWO, THREE !! "*

It will be interesting to hear if any of the men from those years can remember this marvellous old song.

With my Best Wishes for 2019.

*John Williams (NBHS 1951-53).*

(Seems to be the tune and part lyrics of The British Grenadiers. Editor)

## Napier Boys' High School Sports Events

### Exchanges:

Polson Banner – 31st July, Palmerston North Boys' High School @ PNBHS

Gisborne Boys' High School – 15th August, @ GBHS

### Super 8 Competitions:

Badminton – 27/28th June, Palmerston North

Football – 1-3rd July, New Plymouth

Basketball – 5-7th August, Hastings

Hockey – 5-7th August, Hastings

### Rugby:

8th June vs. Gisborne @ Gisborne BHS

15th June vs. Hastings @ Napier Boys' High School

22nd June vs. Tauranga @ Tauranga BC

29 June vs. Hamilton @ Napier Boys' High School

6th July vs. Rotorua @ Rotorua Boys'

27th July vs. New Plymouth @ Napier Boys' High School

### Tournament Week: 2-6 September:

Golf – 2nd September, @Cromwell

1st XI Football – 2-6th September, @Napier Boys' High School

Colts Football – 2-5 September, @Tauranga

2nd XI Football – 2-5th September, @New Plymouth

Junior Basketball – 31 August – 3rd September, @ Napier

Senior Basketball – 4-7th September, @Wellington

U15 Rugby – 2-6th September, @ Napier Boys' High School

U14 Rugby – 2-5th September, @ Palmerston North

1st XI Hockey – 2-6th September, @Napier

## A Proud Mother Had Her Say At A Test Match!

This story is part of folklore at the Barbarians Club in Auckland, New Zealand. It is one which shows that even in the middle of a feisty rugby test match a mother's pride will still come shining through!

Back in 1930 an excellent Wellington forward Hugh McLean (NBHS 1921-1923) made the All Blacks team to play Great Britain in the third test. No one was much surprised at this as McLean had been in excellent provincial form in recent seasons and two years earlier his strength and sporting capacity had carried him into a New Zealand rowing eight. That crew was bound for the Amsterdam Summer Olympic Games. Sadly they didn't make it as funding eventually was not on hand for such a large group of men to travel so far at one time.

But 'Hughie' got his chance in 1930 to play for the All Blacks. His debut was to be on Eden Park in Auckland.

When the team assembled beforehand and McLean was handed his hallowed black playing kit he expressed surprise that he was to wear jersey number 13. His reluctance was not because of any superstition. That number had not been allocated for him in that day's match programme or in the morning newspaper. In the centre pages he was down to pull on number 9.

But you see, seniority within the All Black team ranks played its part. The crusty veteran W.E. ("Bill") Hazlett of Southland had an apparent aversion to wearing the 'unlucky' number 13. So Hazlett claimed number nine and the new kid was 'told' to wear 13.

Whether this actually bothered Hugh is not known but when the game kicked off it could have been the reason he played so superbly. The young forward in fact dashed in for two tries as New Zealand won 15-10 and took a decisive lead in the series. As the action went on everyone watching soon started talking about the new forward in the All Blacks and how well he was playing. Those were days well before TV of course so even the keenest of All Black fans only had newspaper photos of players faces to go by. Therefore the crowd soon started calling out in praise of the great game which was being played by 'Number nine Hazlett! Go Hazlett!'

Sitting in the grandstand that call irked no one more than Mrs McLean - Hugh's mother.

When her son scored his second try on his test debut she could stand it no longer. When the cheering was dying down the redoubtable Mum rose from her seat. She turned to face the crowd and in her most commanding, if not demanding voice, shouted out to all and sundry - 'That's not Hazlett! That's my boy Hughie!'

That was it! McLean went on to play for the All Blacks until 1936. Was it just desserts that after that season was over Hazlett never donned any All Black jersey again!

*Keith Quinn*

## Obituaries

### DUGALD MCKENZIE – 1922-2018 Staff 1953-1964

Those old boys, especially boarders and any who took the agricultural course, who remember Dugald McKenzie (staff 1953-64) will be saddened to learn of his death in Marlborough at the age of 97. Dugald - 'Doog' - was a real personality; laid back, unruffled, a whimsical sense of humour. He was a born teacher who naturally commanded respect through his popularity and ability to impart knowledge in a way that made learning enjoyable. As Head Housemaster he maintained Scinde House as a place of fraternity, with discipline. It's hard to imagine anyone who had associations with him having anything other than favorable memories.

Dugald was born in Timaru in 1922, where he had his early education. He joined the army in 1943, and, later, was sent to the UK for officer training. There he was transferred the Royal Navy. He served in three theatres of war; The Pacific, the Atlantic and, finally, the Russian Convoys, serving on the HMS Bermuda. In 1946, back in New Zealand, he attended the Dunedin Teachers' College, followed by the University of Otago, and Lincoln Agricultural College, where he was President of the Student's Association. Before arriving at Napier he taught at Mosgiel High School.

For all but the last year at our school he was Head Housemaster, and lived on site with his wife, June. To boarders only Head Master Hugh Henderson was a more influential figure. In the days when a number of schools throughout the country had a compressive agricultural course, NBHS, with a 240 acre farm at its back door, (which, for a time, his brother managed), had a reputation as having one of the most highly regarded. While I'm not sure of its truth, it was suspected that Dugald had a role in setting and marking Agricultural School Certificate papers. He disappeared mysteriously for about a week a couple of months before the examination and there seemed to be a bit of Doog's stamp on the paper. In any case, he was, obviously, highly regarded nationally as an agricultural master.

Dugald, along with masters Tom Carpenter and Derek Brebner, was regularly involved in coaching the school shooting team, a key sporting activity in the days of cadet training.

Dugald left NBHS at the end of 1964 to take up the position of Principal of Marlborough Boys College, which was inaugurated that year after the establishment of a girl's high school. He must

have done well, as he held the position until retiring in 1983. He and June maintained a secluded bach in the Sounds, with a boat moored below, enabling him to put to effect the seamanship skills he developed in wartime.

Four or so years ago old boy Stuart Wright of Dannevirke organised a reunion of Central and Southern Hawke's Bay old boys of the late 50s, early 60s at Oruawharo homestead, Takapau. (Apart from being fellow boarders, we had additional bonding by travelling to and from school on either the railcar or Newman's bus.) Our Scinde House days coincided with Doog's time there, and most of us took the agricultural course as well. We sent Doog a letter, which we all signed, expressing our appreciation for the priceless contribution he had made to our upbringing as we entered manhood, so many years before. This I had framed before sending. He responded with a long letter of heart-felt appreciation. He concluded thus; "I would appreciate it if you would pass on my regards to any other ex-pupils in your travels." I think it's safe to assume that such a wish stands posthumously.

One of Dugald's favourite sayings was the Prayer by St Ignatius of Loyola, Spain: "To give and not count the cost. To fight and not to yield".

(My appreciation for assistance in this obituary from niece Jessie McKenzie, and life-long friend Arch Jelley (incidentally, John Walker's coach), who served on the Bermuda and attended Dunedin Training Collage with Dugald.)

*Ewan McGregor 1959-1963*



## KEITH FRANCIS CLAUDE HANCOX – 1938-2019

### NBHS 1952-1954

Keith Hancox, the long-distance swimmer, whose prowess in the water earned him the nickname "Flipper", broke records swimming Cook Strait and the English Channel has died aged 80. Born in Napier, Hancox attended Hastings Street Primary School, Napier Intermediate and Napier Boys' High School. Hancox recalled as a teenager sitting on the beach looking out to Cape Kidnappers and telling himself that one day he would swim from there to Napier - and then tackle the English Channel.

In April 1963 as a member of the Pacific Swimming and Lifesaving Club he was the first to swim from Cape Kidnappers to Napier in ten hours 50 minutes.

On 7 February 1964, at age 25, swimming as a member of Wellington's Island Bay Lifesaving and Surf Club team, he became the second person to swim Cook Strait, North Island to South Island, completing the 23km crossing in nine hours 34 minutes, the record stood for 13 years.

The following year August 1965 Hancox swam the 33.8km English Channel, from France to England knocking it off in 15 hours 33 seconds. He was the first New Zealander to accomplish the crossing.

Hancox, who played water polo for Hawke's Bay and Wellington in his youth, also represented New Zealand in Canada in a 1968 marathon swimming team. After an 18-hour swim he was admitted to hospital, where 2lb of silt from the murky lake was removed from his stomach.

Swimming was his main focus but Hancox - a big burly man even in his early years, he was also a wrestling champion, winning the Hawke's Bay amateur heavyweight title 1956-1958 and winning the New Zealand amateur heavyweight title in 1957.

Out of the water, Hancox lent his skills to sports administration. He was a member of the NZ Surf Life Saving Council and the National Water Safety Commission. He was the secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society's Hawke's Bay Centre and of the Wellington Surf Life Saving Society. Hancox, who had started out working as an



insurance officer, went on to work in journalism. He was a political and economic writer for The Dominion and later the Wellington bureau chief for the New Zealand Herald before ending up as news director for Capital City Radio. In 1968, during his days on The Dominion, his swimming skills were put to the test when his chief reporter sent him down to inspect the sunken Wahine. Hancox didn't need to be asked twice. He came back with some memorable photos taken with his underwater camera and got a decent scoop for his troubles. He ended up as a political writer in the press gallery at Parliament. Hancox, who had persuaded Robert Muldoon's National government to establish the Sports Foundation, was given the top job running it in 1978 to 1992.

In 2018 at the NZ Ultra-Marathon Swim awards, Keith Hancox was recognised with a lifetime award for his swimming achievements. A celebration of Keith's life took place 55 years to the day since he swam Cook Strait on 7th February 2019 at Island Bay Beach.

[Stuff.co.nz](http://Stuff.co.nz)

## PETER DAVID COX OBE – 1927-2019

### NBHS 1941-1945

The death has occurred in Napier of prominent Old Boy and former Napier deputy mayor, Napier Operatic Society patron and former international travel agencies leader Peter Cox.

Mr Cox, just turned 92, was a Napier city councillor for 21 years, elected at the age of 26 as the youngest person ever to be elected to the council which had started as a borough in 1874.

Serving from the last term of 1950-1956 Mayor Ron Spriggs and through the 18 years' mayoralty of Sir Peter Tait, he became a long-time town planning committee chairman and was Deputy Mayor from 1963 to 1974.

Having helped the operatic society out of the recess forced upon it during World War 2, he was a member for more than 60 years, and president in 1962-1966, and at the time he passed had been Patron for more than 20 years. Peter Cox's role with the operatic society was mainly off-stage, his thespian talent being displayed in just one major production (The Vagabond King in 1959).

Born and raised in Napier, he spent his entire working career in the family real estate and travel businesses C D Cox Ltd, established by his father Clarence (CD)Cox, starting in 1946 after leaving Napier Boys' High School.

President of the Travel Agents Association of New Zealand from 1978 to 1980 and made a life member in 1989, he in 1990 succeeded to the World presidency of the Universal Federation of Travel Agents' Associations, with a board of 18 from 18 of its more-than 80 countries.

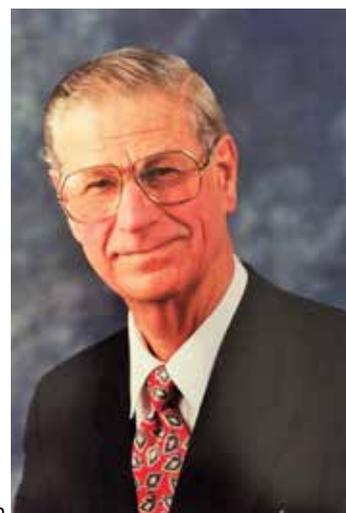
In 1992 his service with the UFTAA was rewarded with the title of Honorary President, and in New Zealand's New Year Honours of that year he was awarded the OBE for service to the industry and the community.

His time as a city councillor spanned some of Napier's most iconic events and developments. There were the visits by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip in 1954 and the Queen Mother in 1958, Pania of the Reef was unveiled by Prime Minister Sid Holland in 1954 as a gift from the Thirty Thousand Club, Hawke's Bay Airport was built at Westshore and opened in 1963, and the city built the Centennial Hall and the Onekawa swimming complex.

Taradale became a part of Napier City in 1968, having been administered by a Town Board since from 1886 to 1963, at which time it became a Borough Council with its own Mayor.

The council acquired the former Napier Park Racing Club racecourse at Greenmeadows, and with Mr Cox adamant as to its future purpose in the face of developers with other ideas, it became a 36 hectares reserve now known as Anderson Park. He was not as successful with his retirement-years opposition to big-box retail development on the old Napier railway yards site where a shopping complex is now being built, where he would have preferred perhaps residential and parking development to support the nearby CBD.

He was said to have had little difficulty heading the Monaco-based World travel body from Napier with the aid of the fax machine,



ahead of the explosion of internet and email use. His time with the organisation involved multiple trips abroad each year, and focused on restoring its financial integrity and securing its future as a global advocacy for the industry.

The travel business in Napier succeeded into a fourth generation, with Peter's son Eric becoming involved in 1984, and his daughter joining Cox World Travel following her grandfather's retirement.

Eric Cox died suddenly in November 2017 and the travel business ended after 97 years in Napier. Cox Partners Estate Agents continuing to thrive. Other involvement in the community included chairing the Hawke's Bay and Wellington divisions of National Party youth wing the Junior Nationals.

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## IRVINE WEBBER (DON) DUNLOP OAM NBHS 1939-1941

Irvine Webber (Don) Dunlop passed away on the 5th April 2018 at age 94 (born 1925). His first day of primary school - at Westshore, was the day the earthquake struck 3 February 1931.

Although he lived the past 60 years of his life in Melbourne, his older brother, Jack Dunlop QSM (1934-1936) (deceased 2017) remained in Napier all his life and kept him in touch with the High School they both attended.

Don, a journalist for the majority of his career, was like his brother in his commitment to the local community and was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his contribution to the Credit Union movement.

*Martin Dunlop (Son)*

# Last Roll Call

**The following Old Boys and Teachers passed away recently:**

Aitchison, Brett - 1955-1956  
Ainsworth, Allan William Donald - 1943-1944  
Alexander, Jackson Thomas - 2010-2014  
Anderson, Barry Lauritz - 1944-1945  
Armitage, Wiremu John - 2002-2006  
Barrie, Christopher Morris - 1965-1967  
Birrell, Oswald Stuart (Stu) - 1946  
Blair, Brian Hugh - 1951-1952  
Budge, John Alexander Raymond (Jack) - 1949-1951  
Bull, Roger Gregory - 1940-1942  
Clarke, Bernard William (Bernie) - 1945-1946  
Clarkson, Jeffrey Edward (Jeff) - 1955-1958  
Crisp, Peter Bruce Landon - 1954-1958  
Cox, Peter David OBE - 1941-1945  
Danks, Peter William - 1940-1944  
Davis, Allan James - 1985-1987  
Des Landes, John Philip - 1955-1956  
Dobson, Peter David - 1958-1959  
Duncan, Allan Charles - 1958  
Dunlop, Irvine Webber (Don) - 1939-1941  
Ellis, Lance Louis - 1953  
Fischer, Maxwell John (Max) - 1941  
Gillon, Kaye Robert - 1949-1953  
Glenie, William James (Bill) - 1954  
Gollan, Barry - 1961-1962  
Gudgeon, Melville Walter (Mel) - 1962-1966  
Hancox, Keith Francis Claude - 1952-1954  
Heays, Brian Owen - 1944-1945  
Hiha, Peter - 1950  
Hyland, Desmond John - 1933  
Kerley, Robin Christopher (Rob) - 1973-1975  
King, Peter Ernest Charles - 1949  
Lane, Trevor Ralph - 1985-1987  
Lascelles, Rowley Alfred - 1938-1941  
Lister, Bruce William - 1949-1951

McConnochie, Bruce - 1941-1945 (Board 1976-1978)  
McKenzie Dallas Andrew Phillippis - 1953  
Meachen, Peter John - 1943-1944  
Marple, Graham David - 1951-1952  
Muggeridge, Darryl John - 1970-1974  
Northe, Barrington Gordon (Barrie) - 1948-1949  
Paxie, Dennis Andrew - 1958-1962 (Staff 1970-1975)  
Reid, Andrew Braid (Andy) - 1952-1953  
Riden, Peter Edward - 1944-1949 (Staff 1956-1966)  
Rispin, Donald Ernest (Don) - 1949-1950  
Sigvertsen, Colin Andrew (Snow) - 1966-1968  
Simmonds, Michael - 1965-1966  
Stevenson, Paul - 1965-1967  
Taylor, John Bertram - 1941-1942  
Thomas, David Noel - 1954-1955  
Tutt, Allan Francis - 1960-1962  
Twyford, Frederic Cleal - 1950-1954 (Staff 1975-1981)  
Tyler, John Trevor Wickham (Trevor) - 1943-1944  
Webster, Michael John - 1962 F5  
Wellwood, Robert Martin - 1952-1956  
Wereta, Graeme Ross - 1972-1973  
Weston, Peter (PG) - 1954-1957  
Yarwood, Zachary Christopher (Zac) - 2010-2012

**"Columns"** expresses sincere condolences to the families of these Old Boys and Teacher.

*Chris Geddis*