



# Napier Boys' High School Association COLUMNS

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## Editorial

It is true that every picture tells a story and "A picture is worth a thousand words" and the one on this page bears that out. The photograph was taken by P.C. Sorrell in 1923, (one hundred years ago this year) and came from an Auckland Weekly News photo, courtesy Ewan McGregor's collection. The photograph was taken when Napier Boys' High School was on the Hill in Clyde Road Napier, on a hillside that they seemed to feature in many of the school, class and team photographs of that period and had the advantage of getting everyone "into the frame", so to speak.

The total school roll in 1923 was 299 including 37 in the junior school and 69 boarders, "Note: The junior School was disestablished in 1924. The junior school, which was entirely self-supporting was disestablished for two main reasons: One was that as the senior school grew in numbers and was governed by the Education Department's secondary school regulations, the junior department (really a private school) could not occupy classrooms required by senior pupils. The other reason was the difficulty in obtaining qualified primary teachers, since adequate salaries could not be paid and since teachers here employed could not belong to the Teacher's Superannuation Scheme or get advances in grading. Yet the junior school at its best was an excellent preparatory department giving to the school many of its brightest and most loyal pupils and helping to swell the number of boarders.

During the years 1925-1927 a few junior boarders attended either at Napier Central School or Te Awa School." (Centennial Historical Survey 1872-1972 by Denis Revell). In the front row of the photograph can be seen 12 Masters including the Headmaster W.A Armour. Imagine trying to emulate the same sort of photograph "image" as it is now called in 2023. With the current school roll of 1195 students including 190 boarders plus 76 teachers, you would not get them all in. Where would you take such a photograph today, with a venue large enough to hold all those staff and pupils and the logistics of getting them all in one place for such a shot? The use of a drone would get only the heads and not the faces. Life is like a Camera. Focus on what is important. Capture the good times. Develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, just "Take another shot".

*Chris Geddis, Editor*



STURDY NEW ZEALANDERS: STUDENTS OF THE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, NAPIER, HAWKE'S BAY, PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THEIR MASTERS. P. C. Sorrell, photo.

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# From the Headmaster

As we reach the halfway point of the academic year, I am delighted to share with you the incredible efforts and achievements of our school community. The past several months have presented us with both challenges and opportunities, and I am immensely proud of how we have come together to overcome obstacles and celebrate successes. First and foremost, I want to acknowledge the remarkable resilience shown by our community following the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle. The impact was considerable, yet the response was truly uplifting as we stood together, offering unwavering support and displaying genuine care. The determination and unity shown by our students, staff, and families during this difficult time were truly remarkable. I would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the schools that generously raised and donated funds to support our recovery efforts. Wellington College, Christchurch Boys' High School, Palmerston North Boys' High School, Hamilton Boys' High School, Tauranga Boys' College, New Plymouth Boys' High School, Nelson College, Northcote College, King's High School, Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa Inc their contributions and support have made a significant difference, we will remember this kindness. A big mihi to Henry Heke, and his team from TMO Tihei Mauri Ora, along with Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc. for their awhi, their aroha and their manaakitanga.

Our gratitude extends to the Evergreen Foundation for their generous contribution, which has greatly alleviated the financial strain on numerous rural families. The overwhelming support we have received nationwide serves as a powerful reminder of the strength and compassion that lies within unity. Over the last term, school communities have faced challenges due to industrial strike action by teachers seeking compensation for their demanding and increasingly difficult jobs. Napier Boys' High School has stood firmly in support of our teachers and recognises the dedication and effort teachers provide to ensure a meaningful, robust curriculum is professionally delivered. We believe that adequate remuneration is vital to attract and recruit new talent to the education sector. While at the same time we acknowledge the disruption caused by the strike action. I do have faith in our teachers, who have the wellbeing and progress of students at the centre of all conversations. They don't want to let students down and will dedicate the necessary time and resourcing required to give students every opportunity to catch up on the lost learning and succeed.

In the realm of extracurricular activities, our students have demonstrated exceptional commitment and determination to reach their full potential. In local sports competitions, we have been highly competitive, with our teams representing our school with pride and skill. A special mention goes to our 1st XV rugby team, who finished 3rd in the Sanix World Invitational Rugby tournament in Japan. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school, showcasing dignity and grace on and off the field. I also want to congratulate our Kapa Haka group, who partnered with Napier Girls' High School, finishing 3rd at the regional competition and qualifying for the National competition next year. This accomplishment required tremendous support from families and unwavering dedication from our students.

We are excited to announce the upcoming commencement of our watertightness building program at our school. This program aims to address and repair the water ingress issues in a significant percentage of our school buildings. Ensuring the integrity and watertightness of our facilities is crucial for providing a safe and conducive learning environment for our students. The program will involve a comprehensive assessment, repair, and maintenance process, with the goal of enhancing the durability and longevity of our buildings. Together, we are committed to providing the best possible facilities for our students' education and well-being.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to our teachers and parent community for their ongoing support of our school.

Your dedication, collaboration, and involvement have played a vital role in our achievements thus far. We deeply appreciate your continued commitment to the success and well-being of our students.

As we move forward, let us carry the spirit of resilience, generosity, and excellence that has defined our school community. Together, we can overcome any challenges and continue to celebrate the remarkable efforts of our students and staff.

Ngā Mihi, *Jarred Williams*  
*Headmaster*



# From the Archives

Last report lacked any substance, this one is also unlikely to trouble the Editor who has to type it for me. I hope it is not indicative of any waning of interest in the School's history, post – 150th. Now what has come in? Brian Oakley (1975-79) has called by twice, first dropping copies of his class and hostel photos as well as his father's 1939 3rd and 4th Agriculture Class (Peter 1939-41). Next visit he brought in a copy of a newspaper article "HB Man Pilot in Viscount", Brian's uncle John (1937-39) co-piloted the first commercial flight of the NAC's state-of-the-art turbo-prop Vickers Viscount .807 in 1958. There was also a Hawke's Bay Herald Tribune photograph of supporters at the 1970 Napier BHS v's Hastings BHS 1st XV rugby match. Amongst our group of boys is Brian's brother, Roger (1970-73).

What else? An interesting artefact indeed: A hard covered brass ringed and chained "Leave Permit Book". Dimensions 38cm deep and 12cm wide, it contains chits and duplicates filled out by boarders requesting town leave. These were signed off by housemaster Dugald McKenzie (1953-64) the legendary 'Doog', Agriculture Maestro who was still visited by Old Boys after his retirement as Principal of Marlborough Boys' College until his death in 2018 or by Fred Smart who served for 1957 and then returned 1963-72. The reasons for town leave are interesting

– many to make travel arrangements (this housemaster did all this himself – including to writing of tickets for Newmans and HB Motor Co.), putting bikes on trains was popular. J.E Clarkson and M Burridge wanted "to get some tea" and N Stewart had to arrange board for the holidays. Not all requests were granted. D.A. Bowman needed cricket boots, but was told to get them on Friday. A McKenzie wanted to take his greys in for dry-cleaning but was told to give them to Ryder. Dugald gave an emphatic "No!" to R.A. Kyle and D.B. Smith's request to get a haircut. The used part of this book begins in August 1957 and ends in December – the chits thereafter are blank and I think it safe to assume that despite its ring and chain it was souvenired. Its repatriation seems a little convoluted, it was handed to Ashton Johnson (Head of Boarding) by Duncan Macleod 1986-90 who has a son Finn in Year 10, following his father into Scinde House. However, the 'borrower' seems to have been the Late Michael Priest 1955-59 with Otane as the common denomination. It was a pleasure to get a phone call from Judith Craigie – our ex-NBHS Assn secretary who did all the WW1 googles for me. I now have two big packs of "other papers". I expect they are the records of our WW1 servicemen; another massive project ahead of me, although I am certain I have our Roll of Honour updated – and just await the go-a- head to get the one in the Memorial Library corrected.

*Phillip Rankin - Archivist*



# Pilot Officer: John James Drummond

Nine years after the end of the Great War, 1927 was the year of the Great Flood which closed the school and marooned the boarders – but that is another story. This is the story of John James Drummond, from Puketapu, in his first year in boarding. Like most children of the 1920s he had a direct family connection to the war. His uncle, Dr John Drummond had a distinguished career as a Captain in the South African Medical Corps. He had to come to NBHS from Dannevirke, played in the 1st X1 (Captain 1901-1902) and 1st XV (Captain 1902) (and, while at Edinburgh University, for Scotland against England), was a Lieutenant in the School Cadets, Head Boy for two years 1901-1902 and Dux 1900. You will find his name on both Honours Boards.

Returning to our John. In 1929 as a member of the NZ Scouts contingent he sailed (there being no international air service) for England to attend the World Scouts' Jamboree – a week of torrential rain and mud. On his return he wrote of his experiences in an article for the Scindian entitled "The Gathering of Nations" and contrasted the fellowship and goodwill amongst the fifty thousand scouts from all over the world to the horrors of that earlier "gathering" on the battlefields of 1914-18. The NZ Scouts had visited some of those sites. John describes "out of a yellow sea of wheat stands a battle-scarred old pill-box" and in Ypres where many New Zealanders fought "the beautiful Cloth Hall and Cathedral are now a mass of ruin and rubbish, among which street urchins play and beggars loiter". On one day trip they passed forty war cemeteries, some of which had 35,000 largely unnamed graves.

Mixing in the scouts' marching columns, tent lines and chow queues John mentions as one happy family boys from Australia and New Zealand, England and America, Egypt, Arabia and India, Norway, France, Holland and Japan and those former enemies, Germany, Austria and Hungary. His report ends with a quote from the address given by founder and Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell to the final "wheel of friendship" where all the contingents mixed:

"From all corners of the earth you have journeyed to this great gathering of world fellowship and brotherhood. Now I send you back to your homelands across the seas as my ambassadors of peace amongst nations of the world."

Ten years later, in June 1939 our "Ambassador of Peace" was back in England with the 48th Squadron of the RAF flying Avro Ansons on coastal patrols over the English Channel. In cruel irony on the 9th of September, six days after the declaration of war, Pilot Officer John James Drummond was killed when his plane crashed off the coast of France. He was 25 years old and is buried in Calais, north-eastern France. He was our first Old Boy killed in WW2, the first from Hawke's Bay and the fourth New Zealander to die in the first week of the war, you will hear his name on our WW2 Roll of Honour.

*Compiled and read by Phillip Rankin Archivist at NBHS Anzac Service April 2023.*



JOHN DRUMMOND

## Old Boy has Model Career

Kiwi, Kieran Wright, straight out of Napier (NBHS 2006-2010) is making it big in Los Angeles by cutting the City of Angels down to size. He creates meticulous miniature models of famous LA landmarks and sells them to the city's most famous residents, Hollywood stars, rock gods and goddesses, the A-listers. Household names like Ringo Starr, Christine Aguilera, Slash and Quentin Tarantino. The buildings Kieran chooses are not the ones you would expect; burger joints, theatres, music venues and hotdog stands but they celebrate a golden age when the car was king and Los Angeles was the centre of the entertainment world. Buildings that were built to catch the eye as you drove by with names that tweak the ear. Architectural styles you may never have heard of, Googie, Dingbat and Programmatic - but you'll know them when you see them.

Kieran lost his job during Covid and took the time during lockdown to teach himself and learn how to make models. It's now his living but to many, it's even more than that. As Los Angeles paves over its past, replacing it with endless identical shopping malls and glass box buildings, Kieran has found a way to help preserve the city's architectural heritage.

*Mark Crysell, SUNDAY reporter*



Kieran Wright

# A man named Bruce and a dog named Sue

Central Hawke's Bay sheepdog triallist Bob Bruce (1967-1970) can't find any natural explanation, but somehow he and his dogs just keep on winning.

With his latest kennel star Susan, he won the North Island Tux Yarding title in Taupo 16, 17, 18 December 2022, just a week after the partnership won the Hawke's Bay Sheep Dog Trial Championships long head title, as the Petane club opened the 2022-23 season at Ahuriri Station.

Bruce has now won 12 Hawke's Bay championships long head titles and four in the short head and yard, with a now remarkable string of titles at four championships in a row. There have also been a New Zealand championships title and a string of other national and island titles in a career stretching back to the 1970s, when his dad started taking him to the trials, despite himself not being a triallist.

"He must have seen something in me," said Bruce, who was soon trialling a huntaway called Wag, but also following a more traditional path of rugby from Argyll School to playing for Central Hawke's Bay in the Ross Shield Hawke's Bay primary schools tournament, and off to Napier Boys' High School and its first XV.

Hawke's Bay Sheep Dog Trial Association chairman Rocky Hawkins, who won at the championships for a third year in a row, says Bruce is just "the consummate triallist" with his working relationship with the dogs almost beyond compare. "He just always has the dogs going for him," said Hawkins, who this year featured in a unique heading-dog double with Bruce. It was the second year in a row that Bruce had won the long head with Susan and Hawkins had won the short head and yard with Jean.

Bruce thinks it could be something to do with the five dogs that have shared his Hawke's Bay championships. Susan is the daughter of Skip, who won Hawke's Bay titles, while Cheat, who won the New Zealand championships long head title at Whangara in 2017, is the son of Trump, who won the North

Island long head title at Ohaewai in 2012. "Tom," he says, "was the outsider."

Whatever, Bruce needed all of it to claim the Hawke's Bay title on December 11 2022, having just scraped into the top five for the runoff, which did not include partnerships which dominated the club trial that serves as the preliminary round. While the next Hawke's Bay centre club trial is not until Waikoau at the end of January, it's a busy time, particularly for Bruce who, after the Tux yarding win at Taupo, represents the North Island in a national final on January 14-16 2023. Note: In the South Island championships May 22-26 2023: The Short head and yard: were won by Bob Bruce (Te Aute) and Susan.

*HB Today*



*Bob Bruce, Susan and the rest of the team 2021*

## Mastering Mountains Grant

David Kyle, (NBHS 1995-1999) and Head Boy in 1999, Is the 2022 Mastering Mountains Grant Recipient "I hope to improve ... my symptoms and show that with exercise and training people with MS can still stay active and enjoy exercising in the outdoors." — David Kyle. The Mastering Mountains team, are thrilled to announce 2022's grant recipient, David Kyle, a father of four from Upper Hutt. [Mastering Mountains is a charitable trust relying on donations to support and mentor people in New Zealand with Multiple Sclerosis and Functional Neurological Disorder.]

David's mind-set and objective are inspirational. At Mastering Mountains, our goal is to enable people with MS and functional neurological disorder to get outdoors, achieve their goals and experience positive, life-long change. We were impressed with David's determination to develop the skills, strength and stamina needed to complete the challenging 20 km Karapoti Classic mountain bike race and to continue cycling with friends and family long into the future.

Cycling has been a big part of David's life. David, who keeps busy raising four kids under the age of eight with his wife Mikola, works for a German med-tech company and was diagnosed with MS two years ago. Before his diagnosis, David did a large amount of road cycling and mountain biking, including long-distance races. Additionally, David regularly participated in group cycling and mountain biking with friends; it was an essential community.

However, David's MS symptoms interfere with his ability to get out and participate in his cycling community. Leg weakness and difficulties with heat management make it hard to get out on his bike – and he finds the limitations frustrating. David explains: "It's impossible to keep up with my MTB mates on a long climb when we go out for a ride, where my left leg basically becomes a dead weight." More significantly, David's eldest loves cycling, and David's MS limits his ability to participate in the sport with him. "My 8-year-old is also a keen mountain biker, and I hope I can keep riding with him as he gets older and faster." The Mastering Mountains team believes there is tremendous value in being able to enjoy the outdoors with family. For this reason, we are committed to helping secure this future for David and his family.

4 Mastering Mountains will pay for nine months of weekly training sessions with a specialist coach. We believe that the mental skills and symptom-management strategies David will learn, in addition to the physical training, will enable him to achieve his goal and

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enjoy cycling long into the future. We are also contributing to the costs of an electric mountain bike, empowering him to keep up with his mates during those long ascents in the hills above Upper Hutt.

MitoQ, has also given David a nine-month supply of MitoQ Pure, providing him with more energy and speeding his recovery after training. Mastering Mountains will also supply David with up to \$500 of gear from Macpac. We are excited about David's mission to complete the Karapoti Classic and how this will inspire the wider community. His determination to push back on his MS through rehabilitation and lifestyle is exemplary. David wants to be in control of his MS "rather than the other way around" and to address "people's stigma and lack of knowledge around MS – [to show that people with MS] can still be active and push through symptoms to achieve physical goals."

*Nick Allen (Mastering Mountains Trust)*



*David Kyle*

## FMG Young Farmer of the Year: Patrick Crawshaw wins East Coast title

Patrick Crawshaw (NBHS 2007-2011) has been crowned the East Coast Young Farmer of the Year in what turned out to be a remarkably close regional final.

Crawshaw pipped last year's regional winner, Tikokino Young Farmers' Mark Wallace to the post by only a quarter of a point, while Dannevirke Young Farmers' Jack Scahill came in third. Crawshaw should now be focusing on the upcoming FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final in Timaru in July, but if he's honest, the contest is the last thing on his mind.

The Hawke's Bay sheep and beef farmer is still reeling from the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle, which cut off his Patoka farm from the rest of the world.

In February he and his wife Izzy paid \$7500 for a private helicopter to evacuate their 2-year-old and 5-month-old daughters out of their rural community northwest of Napier. This month, Crawshaw is trying to work out how to get his animals to market, as it is unclear when a bailey bridge would be in place to restore access for stock trucks.

"It's been an eventful few weeks," he told *The Country's*, Jamie Mackay.

Currently, light vehicles were allowed over the causeway to Crawshaw's property, but he said he had a few options open to him to get off-farm if this fell through.

"We had the option of a dingy [with a] vehicle on the other side, or a tractor-trailer and get dragged through by the tractor and dozer."

Despite these obstacles, he chose to compete in the regional final, for a change of scene and a break from the farm.

"We made the decision that it'd be nice to put your mind to something outside of the challenges that we see on our farm and in our community.

"We thought it'd be a good chance to be part of a different atmosphere – as it turned out it was a good weekend obviously." The next generation of young farmers also took part in Saturday's competition, with Napier Boys' High School having a clean sweep in the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year Competition. Cameron Brans and Quinn Redpath took out the title for a second year in a row, and classmates George Giblin and Baxter Twist were close behind.

*The Country/NZ Young Farmers*



*Isabelle and Patrick Crawshaw*

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# Building apprentice nails first round

Apprentice Daniel Harvey (NBHS 2016-2019) has claimed the title of Napier's champion at the regional heats of the annual New Zealand Certified Builders Apprentice Challenge (NZCB) sponsored by ITM, after competing against four other apprentices on April 1 2023.

The apprentices were given eight hours to build a fort that followed specific design plans and met minimum safety standards. The forts were assessed by a panel of expert judges, with Daniel, 20, receiving the top score overall. Daniel is in the third year of his apprenticeship with Christie Builders and Joiners Ltd, and will compete against 19 other regional winners from across New Zealand for the Ken Read Memorial Trophy and \$25,000 worth of prizes at the NZCB National Conference and Expo in Christchurch in May next month. This is the first time Daniel has entered the competition, and he said although he was very nervous about how he would perform, he managed to get past it.

"I mostly tried to zone myself out a bit and not worry about what the other competitors were doing, and to give my full concentration to what I was doing." Plans for the fort were sent to contestants a few weeks ahead of the competition, which Daniel says gave him time to prepare and consider the best way to build it. Add to that "a bit of study" and things went "pretty smoothly overall". He says the judges looked over their work as the builders were having their breaks and then took around an hour afterwards to deliver the final results.

"I thought I had done pretty well, but was still a little bit sceptical as to whether I would win the overall title. I was super-stoked and super-proud of myself for being able to achieve what I did."

Daniel says his first placing was also a win for Christie Builders and Joiners. "They were all extremely happy for me. It makes the company look good as well, as they are the ones who have taught me everything to be able to win." He says his fort won the top prize on the day because it had the most accurate measurements, followed the plan and he made sure the finished product was neat and tidy. The forts



(Left) Daniel Harvey

were available to be purchased by the apprentices or sold on. Preparation is now under way for the national champs, with theory revision taking precedence.

"We all have to prepare a CV, a work portfolio of projects we have worked on and a speech that we have to present to a judging panel. We also have to sit a theory-based exam." Daniel won't be resting on his laurels, saying he's always keen to learn more and will be concentrating on completing his apprenticeship.

"You will never stop learning something throughout your whole career as a builder. At this stage, I just want to complete my apprenticeship and stay with my current company for a while as I build up more knowledge and get more comfortable working on a variety of projects. Potentially, I'd like to start my own business one day, but am still unsure." Daniel is grateful to NZCB for running this event for apprentices across New Zealand. "It's a great opportunity for apprentices to show their skills and what they have learned and to be recognised for all their hard work that they put in. I am very grateful to have had this opportunity to participate and am I am looking forward to the national finals."

Napier Courier

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[www.nbhs.school.nz](http://www.nbhs.school.nz)

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

## 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*



# Eleventh time lucky as Sam Manson powers to special victory in Coast to Coast 2023

There is persistence, and then there is the sort of persistence that netted Christchurch multisport athlete Sam Manson (NBHS 2005-2009) his first Coast to Coast Longest Day title at his 11th crack at the race on 11 February 2023.

A delighted Manson secured his maiden victory in the 41st running of the iconic 243km race across the South Island at New Brighton Beach on Saturday afternoon, after overtaking fellow Cantabrian Ryan Kieranowski on the kayak leg, and powering to a result that meant the world to him.

Manson, who guides competitors over the course in his day job and had finished runner-up on multiple occasions, came home in 11 hours, 40 minutes, 15 seconds, over seven minutes clear of Kieranowski who was second in 11:47:36 and Alex Hunt who completed the podium on 11:56:13. The 31-year-old Manson clawed his way through the elite men's field in a race that changed leaders at every major transition. It wasn't until Manson hit the final 75km cycle along South Eyre Road, overtaking Kieranowski that he finally allowed himself to believe the race could finally be his.

Receiving a split with 40km to go telling him he had a two-minute lead, then another with 20km to go informing him that he had now grown it to five, he finally knew it was in the bag.

"Overtaking Ryan was the moment. I knew my legs were feeling pretty fresh, which was unusual, as they would normally be wrecked. I passed him quite quickly, which was inspiring, and never looked back," said Manson.

"My legs felt good, but my head didn't feel good. I felt pretty sick and thought I would throw up about 500 times."

"It means so much," Manson told media at the finish. "I can stop now. I'll probably have a year off now. That's why I've done it 10 times [previously]. I keep coming back to win, and I wasn't winning, so I kept coming back and coming back. It feels so good.

"It's so special. It's everything I've dreamed of and worked so hard for. It's pretty cool."

Setting off from Kumara Beach on the West Coast at 6am, the first bike ride was tight, with a large lead bunch most of the way to Aickens corner. A small breakaway of three was formed in the last 20km of the 75km ride, before being swallowed up by the chasing bunch as they made their way up the Deception River to the top of Goat Pass.

Fourth-seed Hamish Elliott set a blistering pace at the front, coming off the Mountain Run with a time of 2:58:45. Elliott knew he had to give it his all to have any chance of challenging the favourites, but was overtaken on the river by Manson, Kieranowski and Hobart-based Alex Hunt, who rounded out the podium.

With a low river resulting in a compulsory portage at Halfway Rapid through the Gorge, it was always going to be a tough battle. "It was about racing your own race and looking after yourself nutrition-wise because I knew that paddle was always going to be long. I'm very proud of the way I raced," added Kieranowski.

Note: In 2004 Old Boy George Christison (1984-1988) won the Coast to Coast Longest Day in 11 Hours 33 Minutes and 30 Seconds

Stuff/Chris Geddis



Sam Manson, Winner



# Obituaries

## OWEN HUDSON BROWN, 22 May 1930-20 April 2023, Aged 92

### TEACHER NBHS 1953-1956 and 1961 – 1990

Owen was born in Gore and lived there for the next 12 years, attending Gore Primary School and Gore High School. His mother was a music teacher and his father a bank manager with the BNZ which resulted in many job transfers throughout NZ. Owen's love of music came from his mother and at the age of 12, he played the piano to the public in the Smith's Department store in Gore.

A move to Hokitika resulted in music lessons with a piano teacher, playing rugby, joining bible class and church, and Boys Brigade. Owen attended Gore District High School before the family moved to Christchurch and he attended Christchurch Boys' High. It was at this school that Owen's first interest in geography began. It was one of his teachers who encouraged Owen to go onto Canterbury University where he got his MA majoring in Geography.

Except for a brief span of four years Owen's teaching life was entirely NBHS for 33 years. He started as a first year teacher in 1953 and stayed for 4 years. He then left to travel overseas in 1956 for 5 years and returned to Napier Boys' High School in 1961 and stayed all the way through to 1990.

The first 4 years he was a single house master at Scinde House Hostel. The latter span as a married man and a more varied range of duties including the role of Senior Housemaster with extra responsibilities.

Owen enjoyed the company of the boys and their parents in the Hostel and from the day school. Many old boys still came up to Owen at school reunions, sports fixtures, and events or out and about in Napier. They wanted to relive the many happy memories of those days and Owen's involvement with them.

Apart from hostel duties, Owen really enjoyed his teaching years. He taught Geography this was the subject he majored in at university. He had senior classes in Geography right from the start of his time teaching but also taught a wide range of subjects including Social Studies, English, Phys Ed, Maths and French in the junior School. Owen later became the HoD Geography. He introduced junior classes to elementary gymnastics and Duke of Edinburgh.

Owen made a number of friends during his time at NBHS. One in particular Dugald McKenzie was his best man at Owen and Janet's wedding in 1964. When Dugald and his wife left NBHS Owen and Janet moved into a school flat. Owen took rugby teams at various levels; he introduced boys to tramping with several Sunday day trips into the local ranges. Boys got to experience Owen's love of the outdoors, and this involved regular school trips to Lake Waikaremoana over the years with 1 or 2 colleagues.

Enjoyable as his first 4 years teaching were Owen still had the urge to travel. Still single and with money saved while living in the school hostel, his Geography training and teaching had given him a tremendous curiosity to see other countries. Another reason for leaving NBHS then was the ruling that a secondary school teacher must do some service in a rural (country) school if he/she is expected promotion. So later in 1956 Owen resigned from his position little knowing that he would be back again 4 years later. His love of travel took him on his OE trip by ship to Australia then to England. He taught at a Secondary Modern School in London bought an Italian Lambretta scooter and travelled Europe. After his time overseas, Owen returned to Pahiatua to complete his 3 years of country service in a rural school. He made good friends there, including his soon to be wife, Janet who also returned to Pahiatua where her parents also moved to, after teaching overseas and doing her OE. Owen and Janet ended up teaching at Tararua College for 3 years.

Owen had a trip to Alaska and Canada during an extended school holiday period. His last leg home involved a flight to Honolulu, then to Auckland; an overnight train to Palmerston North, a railcar to Pahiatua where he dropped his bags and arrived for a day's teaching at school! He always said how it made for good conversation in the classroom!

It was back to NBHS in 1961 four years later where Owen was appointed a teaching position and house master at Scinde House. Owen was instrumental in setting up the Interact Club for interested boys. He taught English to adult students at Community



Owen Brown



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Retiring from teaching in 1990 Owen joined a NZ Walkers tour and travelled to Canada in the 1990's to tramp the Canadian Rockies. At the age of 87 years, he was still tramping into the local Kaweka and Ruahine Ranges where he had taken hundreds of NBHS students over the years.

Education was a big part of Owen's life, having taught at NBHS for 33 years. He also taught Community Education Classes and classes at the Napier Prison and later the Mangaroa, HB Prison. He carried on with community tours in and around HB, sharing his love of the outdoors and knowledge of the area. Owen kept his association with NBHS becoming Editor of "Columns" and being part of the Old Boys Association committee right up until ill health took hold in 2019.

Owen was a well-respected teacher and has contributed to the educational successes of thousands of boys, many of whom kept in touch with him and would recognize him after all of those years. Owen also made many friends through his many interests. These included the Port Ahuriri Bowling Club, St Pauls Church, NZ Forest parks and Mountain Advisory Council, Heretaunga Tramping Club, Amblers Walking and Cycling group, Scinde Lodge No.5 where he was also the organist for them and other lodges.

*Eulogies from Bruce Smith, Deputy Headmaster/ Kerry Brown, Daughter compiled by Chris Geddis.*

## JOHN EDWARD LLOYD 18 January 1929-26 March 2023 Age 94 years

Born John Edward Lloyd in Napier on 18 January 1929 to his parents, Edward (Ted) and Isabella Lloyd. He was schooled in Napier, including Napier Boys' High School (1943-1945) where he would eventually end up being a teacher himself.

But before he became a teacher he completed a 5 year Fitter & Turner apprenticeship at JJ Niven in Ahuriri. John was also a keen yachtsman joining the Napier Sailing Club at a young age and racing competitively for many years. He built his own yacht at 19 and raced it through to the completion of his Engineering Apprenticeship at 21.

He had the desire to work as an Engineer at sea so in 1950 he moved to Wellington so he could get work on one of the cargo ships, which he did, for the Hain Steamship Company when he was 21 going to sea for 8 years. While working on the cargo ships, he furthered his skills to eventually become a chief Engineer in 1957 aged 28. John was a Marine Engineer for the Merchant Navy before becoming a Secondary school teacher.

During his teaching career at Napier Boys' High School, 1963-1969 then he went to South Africa returned 1971-1985. He taught mathematics, physics, technical drawing and fitting and turning to apprentices. He coached rugby to different grades up to and including the Second XV with success. His later years were spent as a member of the guidance network and succeeded Tom Carpenter as acting Guidance Counsellor. Fellow colleagues and friends, described John as a good, honest man and honourable to his word.

John met Alma in Cape Town South Africa through a friend. Due to meeting Alma, John decided to stay onshore and secured a job as a maintenance manager in a winery. They were married in Cape Town on January 10, 1959. John brought his new bride home to NZ the same year.

Son Brian was born in 1960. From 1960-1977, the family lived in Taradale until the new family home, that John designed with his younger brother Mike in Bayview, was ready to move into. John and Alma lived there together in Petane Road Bay View until John had to move into Atawhai rest home where he resided for the past 16 months, Alma still lives in their Bay View family home.

John had many talents, he could turn his hand to anything, mechanics, woodworking, engineering, building, designing and gardening to name a few. These skills came in very handy during his teaching career where along with the core subjects

John involved himself with coaching rugby, teaching yachting and introducing pupils to outdoor pursuits which he particularly enjoyed.

He also helped plant Dolbel Reserve. John was a keen outdoors man who enjoyed yachting, fishing either on a boat or surfcasting, tramping and deer stalking and he loved rugby. He was also a valued volunteer member of the Hawke's Bay Coastguard.

*Lloyd Family/Chris Geddis*



*John E Lloyd*

# PAT MAGILL OBE 29 .09.1926- 30.04.2023 dies in Napier, Aged 96

Internationally-known Napier social justice campaigner Pat Magill died at his Westshore home on April 30 2023, aged 96. Born in Napier on September 29, 1926, and named Patrick Robert Magill, a pupil of Napier Central School and Napier Boys' High school (1940-1943), Pat first trained as a wool classer but found his career at the other end of the chain in the family carpet firm of father Robert Magill.

While at NBHS Pat Magill (known then as Bob Magill) was 1940 2nd in the Steeplechase, 1941 3rd in the under 16 Handicap mile, 3rd in the Steeplechase, 1943 In the 2nd Rugby XV, won the Obstacle Race and was 3rd in the Senior Handicap Mile. He became president of the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union for a year during the 1966-1969 Ranfurly Shield era – having himself played a game and a half for the Bay at halfback - but he was also a stalwart for the YMCA movement, and 45 years ago – in 1978 – was bestowed an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for services to YMCA and the community.

It was part of a unique straddling of the social divide on a mission barely part done at the time, much of the remainder being focused on the ideals of the Napier Pilot City Trust of which he has been the backbone since its establishment almost 40 years ago – a mission which would see him dubbed everything from Napier's biggest stirrer to a Saint.

With wife Catherine (nee O'Donnell) having died in a car crash when the couple were holidaying in Queensland in 1994, while visiting one of the six children from their marriage of 43 years, he became even more embroiled in what had been their joint pursuit of a better community, and his own take "Building Communities Not Prisons" – a call for restorative justice and healing, ahead of the punitive measures.

It stemmed from a 1983 Government-funded study and Napier's designation by Police and Social Welfare Minister Ann Hercus as a Pilot City for social change, the research report having cited that the social philosophy of the Pilot City project was to embrace finding new ways to offset social problems and violence for improvement in securing a better quality of life for all citizens of Napier. Under his leadership, the YMCA would develop the Downtown Y in the late 1970s as a youth venue in the Napier CBD, which among other things spurred the resolve to reconnect the gathering Maori youth disenfranchised by the social, education, housing and employment issues of economic change, his commitment leading to multi-generational links to whanau and disadvantaged groups across the city. Downtown Y Drop in Centre closed down and the recognition of the need for a more permanent base. The Napier YMCA was very much to the fore during the heady days of fundraising walks. The thousands of dollars raised enabled the work of the Y to continue. As part of Pat's commitment to advancing the interests of young people he developed the idea of the "Pub with no beer", being a place where young people could gather unsullied by alcohol. The YMCA then built the 'Pub with no Beer' named Michael's Place in Riverbend Road as an alcohol free venue for youth in 1983.

The Pilot City Trust would in 1990 establish the Robson Collection at the Napier Public Library, a now globally-recognised collection of books, thesis and other writings on social reform, named after Dr John Robson, the Secretary for Justice who is credited with abolishing the death penalty in New Zealand in 1962.

The Pilot City Trust, with Magill leading from the front, would stage a "Unity" walk from Taupo to Napier, drawing together not only the varying communities of his own local sphere but also ethnicities in the morphing of the concept into a Unity and Unity Week, now marked annually for more than 30 years around Anzac Day and the 2023 version, with its Pilot City Trust awards for community services and the Robson Lecture, held just nine days before he passed at his Westshore home about 7.15am on Sunday, surrounded by family.

The Robson Collection was formally recognised by the International Conference on Penal Abolition, and in 2012 was recognised as a finalist in the Senior category of the New Zealander of the Year, not only on the flash night at the Langham in Auckland, but also at Hawke's Bay Airport in the hours beforehand, as a flight was held up while the suit he wore was fetched from where it had inadvertently been left behind. The "Unity" mission, says fellow-Napier social change activist Denis O'Reilly writing just last week, turned Anzac Day celebrations "upside-down upside down by focusing on peace and unity rather than the commemoration of that wasteful human endeavour called war."



Pat Magill OBE

Almost all except the final chapter, and the last 18 months of continuing the fight, despite indifferently failing health, was told in the wide-ranging 282-page tome "Pat Magill – Leading from the Front" – "edited" by daughter Jess "with loyal and solid support from whanau and friends", as it says on the title page, published in September 2021. On the back cover it posed the question: "What drives Napier-born and raised Pat Magill to be his town's social conscience?" It says he wanted everyone in the city to reach their best and deserved potential, and that he reckoned the only way that would happen would be for "Napier/Ahuriri" embraced its biculturalism and became a "child-friendly city".



# DANIEL MILLER Auckland flood victim grew up in Napier, Old Boy of NBHS (2002-2003)

One of four people killed during the tragic Auckland floods over the Auckland Anniversary weekend was raised and schooled in Napier.

Daniel Mark Miller, 34, was found dead in a culvert along an Auckland street in the suburb of Wairau Valley on Friday night 27 January 2023 "helping someone" before he died, a friend of the victim says, following record rainfall and flooding. "The body of 34-year-old Daniel Mark Miller, of Wairau Valley, was found on Target Rd by a member of the public, police confirmed. The Auckland resident earlier posted a live video on social media filming some of the flooding while offering assistance to people in need. Miller had earlier filmed himself walking through the floodwater offering assistance to residents.

Miller posted several live videos on Facebook during the flooding. In one of the videos, he can be heard saying "this is all bad ... it's all bad". "Something's telling me to go up and check on the people in this house, so I'm going to."

Miller can then be seen walking through floodwater talking to people outside their property. In another clip, he appears to drop his phone in the water. Miller has been remembered as "an inspiration" and "a beautiful soul" by those close to him. Napier Boys' High School confirmed he was a student at the school during 2002 and 2003.

He also attended Henry Hill School in Napier and Napier Intermediate prior to high school. One of Miller's friends posted

on Facebook that he would be sorely missed.

"You were so cool, always had me in fits of laughter and cheeky giggles whenever we talked. "You will be missed my friend, you really left a mark and definitely made an impact in the lives of not just mine but so many people." Another person added he died trying to help others.

"[Your] willingness to help others without wanting anything in return was one of the many things I admired about you, you were courageous and committed to your beliefs.

"You are and always will be an inspiration to me my brother." One of Miller's friends told Stuff he was an, "all or nothing type of guy". "He loved the gym and was really friendly." She said Miller worked at a private drug and alcohol rehab centre on the North shore, where he spent countless hours helping clients. "Dan had respect for his peers, and took his job as an addiction support specialist seriously. "He died doing what he loved and that was helping someone."

Miller was the first person to die in the floods, which inundated houses and businesses across the region, closed Auckland International Airport and brought traffic to a standstill. Police said in a statement they extend sympathies to Miller's family and friends. His death has been referred to the Coroner.

*HB Today*



*Daniel Miller*

# Last Roll Call

The following Old Boys and teachers passed away recently:

ARNOLD, Jeffrey (Jeff) G – 1982-1984  
BEATTIE, Ian Alexander – 1961-1964  
BROWN, Owen Hudson (Bruno) (Spot) (Staff 1953-1956, 1961-1990)  
CANNINGTON, William (Bill) – F7 1990  
CHADWICK, Vallance Te Kahurangi (Kahu) – 1969-1974  
CHAMBERS, Raymond (Ray) – 1947  
CLIFFORD, Gordon Alfred (Scott) – 1940-1942  
COOPER, Noel Gilray (Gil) – 1940-1943  
CUSHING, Patrick Francis (Pat) – 1967-1969  
EDDY, Richard Greville (Dick) - 1947  
FINLAYSON, Ian Keith (Fin) – 1953-1955  
FRANKLIN, Douglas Bernard – 1953-1956  
GUILLEMOT, Maurice John – 1956-1957  
HARRINGTON, Hugh Robert (Staff) 1980-1981  
HAWKINS, Alfred Frederick -1949  
HAWKINS, Ronnie Patrick – F4 1959-1961  
HOUSEMAN, John David – F4 1960  
JOHNSON, Colin Ivan – 1945-1946  
JOHNSON, Kenneth John – 1963-1965  
JOHNSTON, Clive Allan -1971  
KAWHE, Royal George – 1958-1961  
LLOYD, John Edward – 1943-1945 (Staff 1963-1969, 1971-1985)  
MAGILL, Patrick Robert (Pat) -1940-1943  
MANSFIELD, Ian – 1950-1952  
McNICHOL, Duncan (Dinky) – 1962-1964  
MILLER, Daniel Mark (Auckland Floods) - 2002-2003  
MOFFITT, Ian George – Staff 1982  
NORRIE, Ian David Maxwell - 1946-1950  
PRENTICE, William Ross (Ross) – 1949-1950  
PRIEST, Michael Gordon – 1955-1959  
REYNOLDS, John Laurence – 1947-1949  
ROBERTS, John Ramoth (Jack) – 1951-1955  
RYAN, Paul Douglas – 1969-1971  
SPEAKMAN, Leon Balmer – 1947-1949  
TILTON-MIST, Neil Garth (Tilty) – 1969-1972  
WALCH, Paul Neville (Baldy) - 1960  
WHITE, Ashley Douglas – 1967-1970  
WILSON, Raymond Karl (Ray) – 1957-1958  
WIGGINS, Timothy Christopher Paul (Timmo) – F4 1974-1977  
WOODCOCK, Ian James – 1955-1958

“Columns” expresses sincere condolences to the families of these  
Old Boys and Staff Members  
Chris Geddis

If you know of an Old Boy or Teacher, who has recently passed away  
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Boy or Teacher (as per death notice), who has passed away and  
approximate dates at school.