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*Nelson College Old Boys' Association*

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### Message from the Headmaster



1 - Gary O'Shea

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*At this year's Senior Prizegiving I began my report with this paragraph:*

*"12 years ago, I stood in this same spot on stage in the same gown and hood and I gave my first Headmaster's address. At that time in 2006 the boys in the front row this evening were just entering school as 4 or 5-year olds. So, as I began my journey as Headmaster 12 years ago they began their 12 years of school education. Just as they have seen huge changes so have I".*

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### **Tena koutou katoa**

Twelve years has certainly flown by and there have been many individual highlights including increased roll growth, back to back Education Review Office 4-5 Year Reviews, strong academic and co-curricular achievements and a positive school climate, reinforcing a genuine sense of belonging amongst the boys, staff and stakeholders.

I have been privileged to have led and been part of this College's growth, and I am proud of our progress throughout this time.

## **Academic Performance**

The boys continue to perform well above the National averages in all areas of academic attainment including NCEA, Trade Qualifications, Scholarship and Cambridge Examinations. The broad achievement benchmark targets set by the Ministry of Education for all New Zealand schools for 2017 are close to being achieved.

Academic achievement highlights include: -

### **Core MOE National Targets for all Students**

- By 2017 that 85% of all 18 year old New Zealand adults will have attained a minimum NCEA Level 2 or equivalent qualification.
- Nelson College – 83% overall with (86%) NZE and (68%) Maori exited with a minimum NCEA Level 2 attained.

### **Scholarship**

- 13 Scholarships were gained in 2016.

### **Trades / ITO's qualifications.**

- Courses include – Building & Construction, Automotive-Mechanical/Industrial Engineering,
- Design Metal & Wood, and Electronics.
- In 2016 a total of 415 students achieved an average pass rate of 87.2%.

## **Co-Curricula Performance**

In 2016/2017 Nelson College students have continued to achieve success nationally and been selected for international honours (a full list is included in this edition of the Bulletin).

## **Old Boys & Community Contribution**

Thank you to Old Boys who have contributed in a multitude of ways in support of boys participation in the College, including the recent trip to the United Kingdom for Rugby School's 450th celebrations. Thank you to the following who have made contributions or who are sole funding significant projects which include:

- Matakita Lodge – upgrades and equipment (funded by the Christchurch OBA branch and Owen Bequest)
- Junior Elite Football Academy (funded by Sir Peter Vela)
- The College's Whare has a carved façade now in place using totara wood sourced from the West Coast and the Chapman Bequest Interest fund will be used to complete this project and to purchase waka-ama canoes for the College's sports programme.
- John & Sir Geoffrey Palmer and the contribution from the Palmer fund, which supports the Teaching Staff Professional Development programme.

- The Lamb Family, who support Environmental Education courses and the Lamb Environmental Centre.
- Tom Sturgess Fund supporting families with financial hardship, enabling their sons to fully participate in the College's programmes.

### **Special Project**

### **Boarding Re-Development**

I am pleased to announce continued progress on the most important infrastructure project in the last 80 years of our history.

- Work is finished on the Barnicoat refurbishment and the boys have occupied their modernised facility throughout this year.
- The development of the Rutherford Hostel is now underway with a completion date of October 2018 and junior boys to move in for the final six weeks of the 2018 school year.
- The Fell hostel will become a hostel facility for external hireage from October 2018, and its modernisation plan will be staged over several years and be funded by the hospitality and hireage income areas.

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Warmest regards

Nga mihi nui

**Gary O'Shea MEd(Admin)**

**HEADMASTER**





*2 - James*

## **DUX 2017**

### **James Mellor**

James received top honours in Chemistry, English, Physics and History. He is also the recipient of a \$40,000 academic excellence entrance scholarship for the University of Otago, and will be moving to Dunedin next year to undertake a double degree in law and possibly commerce (he is still deciding). James was also part of the Nelson College underwater hockey team, who won silver at the national competition this year.

We wish him well for his future.





3 - Thomas

## HEAD BOY 2018

**Thomas Peterson**

### [Board of Trustees Medallion Recipients](#)

**Congratulations to the following boys who were national title holders or New Zealand (or other countries) representatives:**

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Maximus Curry</b>         | NZ U16 Basketball Team               |
| <b>Kaio Lart</b>             | NZ Track Cycling Record Holder       |
| <b>Ari Scott</b>             | NZ U17 Cycling Team                  |
| <b>Rick Muir</b>             | NZ U19 Football Team                 |
| <b>William Fu-Allen</b>      | NZ U18 International Gymnastics Team |
| <b>Devon Stove</b>           | NZ Inline Hockey Team                |
| <b>Luke Brady</b>            | NZ Junior Men's Rowing Quad          |
| <b>Leicester Faingaanuku</b> | NZ Secondary Schools Rugby Team      |
| <b>Matai McGuinniety</b>     | NZ Age Group Swimming Champion 50m   |
| <b>Rico Joass</b>            | NZ U17 Mixed Touch Team              |

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| <b>Thomas Marris-Craddock</b> | NZ U19 Men's Underwater Hockey Team                              |
| <b>Sam Hopgood</b>            | NZ U19 Men's Underwater Hockey Team                              |
| <b>Patrick Morris</b>         | National Powerboat Record                                        |
| <b>Jack Morris</b>            | NZ 15th Grade Indoor Cricket Team                                |
| <b>Jack Macneil</b>           | NZ 15th Grade Indoor Cricket Team                                |
| <b>Rohan Phuyal</b>           | NZ Refugee Youth Council                                         |
| <b>Reuben Orange</b>          | NZ U19 Volleyball Team                                           |
| <b>Ben Watts</b>              | NZ Representative at the Asian Science Camp                      |
| <b>Matt French</b>            | NZ Representative at International Science Forum                 |
| <b>Cole McBride</b>           | NZ Junior Power Lifting Champion Butterfly                       |
| <b>Scott Robertson</b>        | NZ Junior Karate Champion                                        |
| <b>Shota Goto</b>             | Kendo Black Belt - 3rd Dan                                       |
| <b>Johnny Hatch</b>           | World Record Junior Men's Indoor Rowing                          |
| <b>Michael Lauer</b>          | NZ U21 Croquet Team                                              |
| <b>Finlay Webb</b>            | NZ U21 Croquet Team                                              |
| <b>Logan Clarke</b>           | NZ Junior BMX Champion                                           |
| <b>Ben Baker</b>              | National Cross Country Team Champion                             |
| <b>Nick Matthews</b>          | National Cross Country Team Champion                             |
| <b>Sam Mead</b>               | National Cross Country Team Champion                             |
| <b>Max Meffan</b>             | National Cross Country Team Champion                             |
| <b>Jarod Fisher</b>           | NZ Remote Control Modified Champion                              |
| <b>Nathan Black</b>           | National Cadet Skills Champion                                   |
| <b>Fergus Enright</b>         | National Cadet Skills Champion                                   |
| <b>Lochie Quigley</b>         | National Cadet Skills Champion                                   |
| <b>Luke Walker</b>            | National Cadet Skills Champion                                   |
| <b>Toby Brown</b>             | National Youth Brass Ensemble<br>NZ Youth Symphonic Winds Band   |
| <b>Finn Fisher-Black</b>      | NZ U17 2000m Track Cycling Champion<br>NZ U17 Criterium Champion |



NZ U17 Road Cycling Champion

NZ U17 Time Trial Champion

NZ U17 Track Cycling Team



*4 - Matai McGuinniety*



*5 - Finn Fisher-Black*



*6 - Luke Brady*

## Barnicoat Upgrade



7 - 1938



8 - 1959



9 - 2017



Barnicoat renovations were completed earlier this year and after a \$2.3 million refit is looking very modern and smart! Originally built in 1931 these subsequent renovations remained "faithful to the boarding house's heritage value", sporting traditional colours.

To read the full and interesting article from *Wild Tomato* on Barnicoat House read [here](#)

### Rugby Schools' 450th Anniversary 7's Tournament



Nelson College performed admirably at the International School Sevens tournament held at Rugby School in England earlier this year, but were unable to bring home any major silverware, achieving a fourth placing.

The event, which commemorated their 450th anniversary, was held at the birthplace of rugby, Rugby School, just out of London. The tournament was played out on the very grounds where William Webb Ellis is reputed to have first picked up the ball and run with it, thereby inventing the game of rugby.

Read the full story [here](#)

## Keepers of Cups



10 - Photo Phillip Rollo/Fairfax NZ

Football First XI captain David Maisey, left, and Rugby First XV captain Leicester Faingaanuku hold Nelson College's two major sporting trophies that they have won and kept for their respective sporting seasons; The Alex Harvey Industries Trophy and the Moascar Cup.



11 - NC Moascar Cup Story

## Quad Winners 2017

### PLAYOFFS

**Nelson College 24** Wellington College 5

### FINAL

**Nelson College 29** Christ's College 5

Read articles [here](#) and [here](#)





12 - Nelson College in full support Photo: Philip Rollo/Fairfax



13 - A barely recognisable Wellington team Photo: Braden Fastier/Fairfax

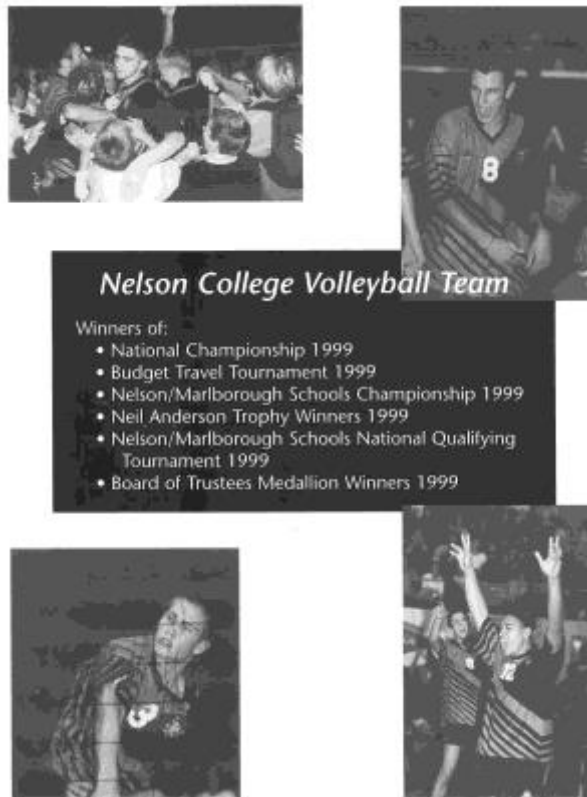
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*"All we want to do is make our school proud and continue the history of our school and continue the legacy."*

Leicester Faingaanuku

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## Volleyball Honours - NZ Top Boys School for the Decade



Nelson College's golden volleyball run in the 1990's has been recognised, named **New Zealand's top boys school for the decade** -presented by Volleyball New Zealand at its 50th Jubilee dinner in Auckland on 25 April.

Nelson College teacher and Volleyball "legend" **Neil Anderson** accepted the award on behalf of all the players who had been involved throughout the decade - Neil being at the forefront of the Nelson College programme for more than 25 years.

[Read the full article here](#)



## Nelson College Production - MacBeth



### Macbeth

*"Stars, hide your fires, Let not light see my black and deep desires."*

Played at the Theatre Royal Wednesday 24 May to Friday 26 May

Following their acclaimed collaboration of Romeo and Juliet, Nelson College creates Shakespeare's supernatural tragedy, set in a futuristic, dystopian tribal environment.

Shakespeare's darkest and most powerful tragedy - the story of Macbeth, the brave general who, returning victorious from battle, witnesses a prophecy from three witches that he will one day become King. He and Lady Macbeth then embark upon a murderous journey of treachery, paranoia, betrayal and suicide.

## Review

*WOW this show was amazing, from the first act with the stunning Highland Pipe Band, the haka, the witches and then the play - it was a feast for the senses, the music score was exceptional and the acting by the cast superb. You didn't think you were at a school production, the class of the acting, music, dancing, performance was to such a high standard. Yes it had sinister elements but that's Macbeth, and the mixing of Maori culture with Shakespeare - pure brilliance - loved it!*

*Congratulations again to the cast, crew, production, musicians, dancers, staff, parents, students, who obviously gave their all for a magnificent show.*

*Gina Fletcher - Audience*



14 - Smokefree Rockquest - winning Ivasa band members from NC & NCG clockwise from top left Sidney Barron, Emma Commons, Toby Brown, Devon Brassfield, Luke Wilkes, and Buda Szerelem-Tolnay Photo: Brittany Spencer

## Te Ara Poutama



15 - Newly finished carvings are up



16 - Kapa haka in action

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*Te Ara Poutama is the name of the whare at Nelson College. The name derives from the proverb that relates to Tāne obtaining the three baskets of knowledge and underpins the aspirations we have for our students. Kotahi tonu te hiringa i kake ai a Tāne ki Tikitiki o Rangī, ko te...*

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## Student Interest Stories



17 - **Neil** Photo: Martin de Ruyter/Fairfax NZ



18 - **Rohan** Photo: Marion van Dijk/Fairfax NZ



*19 - Josiah @ Business Hall of Fame Gala dinner*

### **FUELLED BY VEGE OIL**

17 year old deputy head boy **Neil MacMillan** uses cooking oil from the school's kitchen to fuel his diesel powered van - read his interesting story [here](#)

### **SCHOLARSHIP AT UNITED WORLD COLLEGES**

Yr 12 student **Rohan O'Neill- Stevens** left Nelson in August to complete two years of study at the prestigious UWC Robert Bosch College in Freiburg, Germany.

### **BUSINESS HALL OF FAME**

Josiah Kemp was "delighted and honoured" to have the opportunity to read the biography of David Nathan at the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame Gala dinner in Auckland earlier this year. In attendance with Josiah was David Nathan (great, great grandson of the original David Nathan) who attended Nelson College 1967-71.

## LOVE OF LADAS

Year 11 **Tom Henman** loves his Ladas - his first car being a 1992 Lada Cossack 4WD - read his interesting story [here](#).

## OPERATIONAL FIREFIGHTER

Year 13 **Jack Everett** is an Operational Firefighter based at Nelson Station. Every Sunday he attends training from 1800 till 2130 and attends callouts as they come, no matter the time or day. He has been an Operational Firefighter with the Rank of Firefighter for a year now. Jack was selected to attend the Qualified Firefighters Course at the National Training Centre in Rotorua early in September, with his goal being to become a Qualified Firefighter.

[You Tube Clips](#)



*20 - 2017 NC Graduation Video*



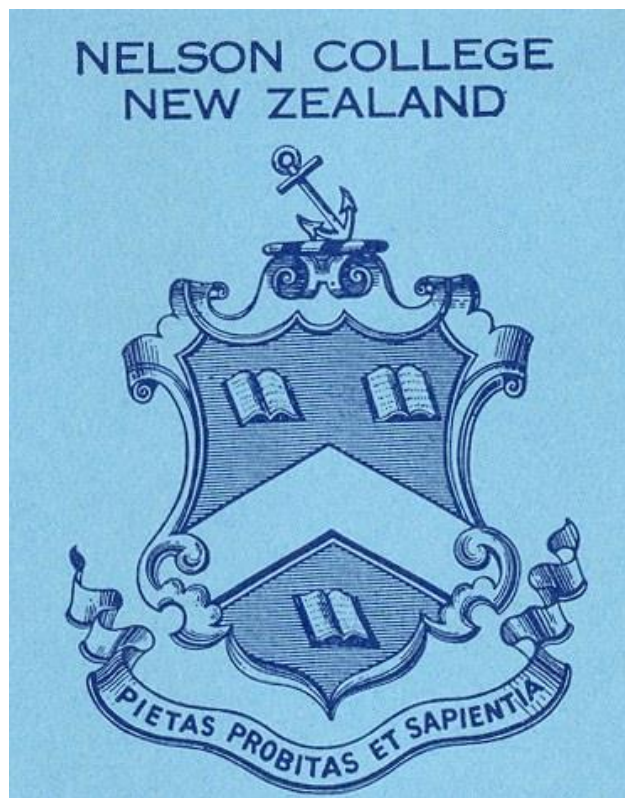
*21 - Watch incredible talent of Leicester Faingaanuku*





22 - An oldie but goodie NC sings Country Road

## Old Boys' Section



### Message from Old Boys' President

*Greetings Fellow Old Boys*

I am hoping this first electronic version of "the Bulletin" is well received.



The Bulletin has always been a reliable means for Nelson College Old Boys to be reminded about hi story and successes from our school and fellow Old Boys around the Globe and I would like to think the new format continues this purpose.

The cost for producing and delivery of approx 3,000 paper copies was in excess of \$8,000 per year.

We would be pleased to hear your feedback and any suggestions for improvement.

### ***We need your email contact for future electronic bulletins***

Please share this bulletin with your friends, make sure they have had contact from us. We need all Old Boys, young, old and older recorded in our database system.

### **Scriptorium and History of our School**

Special thanks this year to **Iain Graham (1969-73)** and **James Graham (2009-13)** for attending the Passchendaele 100 year commemorations to support fallen WWI Old Boy Donovan Oldham Hill.

Thanks to **David Robertson (1956-61)** for his ongoing voluntary work in our Scriptorium including archival and museum management. Please contact David if you like to arrange a visit.

### **Volunteers**

If any Old Boy is able to volunteer some time to help with the scriptorium, archives, scanning photographs, database or general communication with Old Boys, we would welcome your input. Contact Gina at 5483099 ext 825 or [gina@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:gina@nelsoncollege.school.nz).

### **2017 Nelson College Old Boys' Executive**

Please find below a list of those whot currently sit on the Nelson College Old Boys' Executive. *We would welcome new members.* Note also that we have a number of branches around NZ and overseas - [click here](#) for those further details.

President: **Paul Sturrock (1980-84)**, Secretary/Treasurer: **Brett Mochan (1972-75)**, Headmaster: **Gary O'Shea**

Sitting Executive Members: **Campbell Ching (1969-73)**, **Kieran Cleary (staff)**, **Paul Bromell (1981-86)**, **David Robertson (1956-61)**, **Edward Kelling (1958 & 1962)**, **Rob McKegney (1966-70)**, **Iain Graham (1969-73)**, **Ted Priest (1957-60)**

### **Congratulations**

Our students have had some wonderful successes in 2017. Congratulations to all prizewinners, sports teams and those proud of their achievements in 2017. We look forward to seeing you become part of the Nelson College Old Boys' Association and look forward to meeting with you on the side-line or at Nelson College Old Boys' events in the future.

### **Thank You**

To: **Doug McKee (1956-60)** and **Colin Gibbons (1958-60, Rutherford)** who resigned earlier this year from the Nelson College Old Boys' Executive and Trust Foundation respectively. Your commitment and time has been appreciated over the many years you have given to both these organisations.

To: **John Lines (1957-58)** and **Bob Sturrock (1949-50)** who volunteer around the College and work on various jobs quietly in the background - they repathed the "Dell" around Barnicoat, and their next project is a tidy up of the Lamb Environment Centre.

To: **Gina Fletcher** who liaises with a large number of Old Boys, their families and members of the community both within NZ and overseas throughout the year and has put together this Bulletin, increasing content from 16 pages to 74 pages!

Best regards for all Nelson College Old Boys', their families and friends.

### **Paul Sturrock (1980-84)**

President NCOBA

#### **Mataki Revisited**

The initial group earlier in the year was a standout success and I've had a couple of approaches from some who couldn't make the first one. As well as a lot of comraderie, we packed in: clay bird shooting, rafting the Mataki, hiking, fishing, jetboating plus stunning food prepared by our Lodge mother Louise - along with some pretty nice wines and beers.

*Read about the successful trip earlier this year [here](#)*

So is there an appetite for another group late February?? A group of 10-12 was the ideal size, so at this stage just looking for a show of hands as an expression of interest.

The overall cost including a donation to the school (\$500.00) worked out at around \$1800.00.

No need for us all to be ex pupils and Dave Boswell, a friend of Pete Thodey's fitted in well and was most welcome - so expand your minds to see if we can put another group together. Contact me to find out more.

### **Roger Green (1962-67)**

Email: [fabric@maxwellrodgers.com](mailto:fabric@maxwellrodgers.com)



23 - From left: Visitor Dave Boswell, Peter Thodey (1964-68), Nigel Stace (1963-67), Tim Mordaunt (1962-67), Kim McGlashen (1963-67) and Roger Green (1962-67)





### [Radio NZ Launches Maori Journalism Internship](#)

RNZ earlier this year launched the Henare te Ua Maori Journalism internship - a paid 12 month position supporting te reo Maori and fostering Maori journalism. The internship recognises the outstanding veteran Maori broadcaster **Henare te Ua (1951)** whose career spanned four decades. Henare passed away in 2007 but his legacy lives on.

The Nelson College Scriptorium recently purchased his book *Henare te Ua In the Air* which dedicates a whole chapter to his time at Nelson College - the book itself is a wonderful read.



24 - *Henare Te Ua*

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*"His ability to easily move between English and Maori, his leadership and remarkable communication skills marked him as an exceptional broadcaster."*

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## Old Boy Feel Good Moments of 2017



25 - *Mitch Hunt (2009-13)* monster 83rd minute drop goal to give Crusaders 25-22 win over Highlanders





*26 - Hamish (1976-82) and Jack (2004- 10) Fletcher*



*27 - David Robertson (1956-61) and John McCaul (1954-60) @ Barnicoat Opening*



*28 - Ross Kennington (1955-57) with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Photo: Derek Flynn*



*29 - Wyatt Crockett (1994-2000) presented with a Crusaders sword after his 175th game for the province in April*





30 - *Iain (1969-73) and James (2009-13) Graham @ Donovan Hill's (1910) grave Passchendaele*



31 - *Danny Yuen (2011-13)*



32 - *Cliff Saxon (1949-53) and John Harwood (1950-53) enjoying QUAD*



33 - **Mike Simpson (1971-73)** completed three generations of Simpons sinking holes-in-one on Nelson Golf Clubs 17th

## Old Boys Out and About

*Interesting stories on our Old Boys Out and About - to read further full stories you can click on links provided*

### Business



34 - **Michael Bird with Richard Branson**

### INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD BRANSON

**Michael Bird (2001-06)** Co-Founder/CEO @ SocialGarden - Enterprise Customer Acquisition - was given the incredible opportunity to sit down with Virgin Group Founder and entrepreneur Richard Branson as part of his time at the Igniting Change Leadership Gathering in Necker Island. Read this great interview [here](#). Nelson College was also lucky to have Michael visit the College earlier in the year and present to Business students.

### CHANGING COURSE - GOLF TO REAL ESTATE

**Glyn Delany (1992-96)** has recently switched golf for real estate, after 15 years as New Zealand's highest qualified PGA professional - the only PGA professional in New Zealand with a diploma in golf management. Read article [here](#) and [here](#)

## FOUR FLETCHER GENERATIONS OF VICTORIA LAW GRADUATES

Featured earlier in our *Feel Good Moments of 2017* is **Jack Fletcher (2004-10)** with his father Hamish at his graduation earlier this year. Jack is the fourth generation of the Fletcher family, and third generation Nelson College Old Boy, to receive a Bachelor of Law (LLB) from Victoria. His great-grandfather Walter was the first lawyer in the family, graduating in 1928, Jack's grandfather **Ron (1948-52)** received his LLB in 1958; and **Hamish (1976-82)** in 1989. To read the interesting full article click [here](#)



35 - Alistair King (2012-16) *Your 30,000 days in a World of Opportunity*

## THE REFORMER - GEOFFREY PALMER: PRIME MINISTER 1989-90: NELSON COLLEGE 1955-59

Earlier this year Radio New Zealand produced a "landmark" new series in The 9th Floor, where Guyon Espiner talked to five former NZ Prime Ministers. His first PM to interview was reforming lawmaker Sir Geoffrey Palmer, who became New Zealand's 33rd PM in 1989. This interview and article are lengthy in nature but nonetheless make an interesting read/listen - click [here](#) to read the interview and click [here](#) to listen to the interview.



36 - Sir Geoffrey Palmer and Queen Elizabeth



*37 - David Lange and Sir Geoffrey Palmer*

## Honours

### HUMBLED TO RECEIVE BOXING HONOUR

**Jeff Rackley (1966-71)** was appointed patron of the Victory Boxing Charitable Trust in a surprise ceremony which left Jeff feeling "humbled". He left his job as a real estate agent in March and now attends the gym five times a week. To read the full article click [here](#).

### AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Ex Telstra boss **David Thodey (1967-71)** was named in the 2017 Australia Day Honors list, joining the ranks as an officer in the Order of Australia (AO). He was recognised for "distinguished service to business, notably to the telecommunications and information technology sectors, to the promotion of ethical leadership and workplace diversity, and to basketball".

### QSM FOR PILLAR OF GOLDEN BAY

**Barry Pomeroy (1951-53)** was awarded a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for his dedication to the Returned Services Association (RSA). He served as president and vice-president on the Collingwood RSA for nearly 30 years, until his retirement in 2015. Read full article [here](#)

### INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

Congratulations to **Professor Tim Bell (1975-79)** for receiving the 2018 SIBCSE Award for Outstanding Contribution to Computer Science Education. Professor Bell receives this award at an international symposium in the United States in February 2018.

### RESILIENT FARMER FOUNDER MADE MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT

**Doug Avery (1968-71, Barnicoat)** has been recognised for his efforts helping others develop mental resilience. After years of drought in the 1990's, Doug went through a difficult time, battling five years of depression. He credited his wife Wendy, and a fresh approach to dry land farming as the reasons he was able to recover, and in fact help others in similar predicaments. In 2017 he has also published a book called "The Resilient Farmer" outlining his story.

See Doug's Facebook video [here](#)

## FORMER DUX NOW TOP PHYSICIAN

**Thalib Mowjood (1999-2003)** received the highest marks across the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) written and practical exams in adult medicine in 2016. He was awarded the Bryan Hudson Medal for the best overall performance, ahead of more than 800 other students from across New Zealand and Australia. Read the full story [here](#), including how performing CPR on his father inspired his interest in cardiology.



38 - **Jeff Rackley** Photo Andrew Board

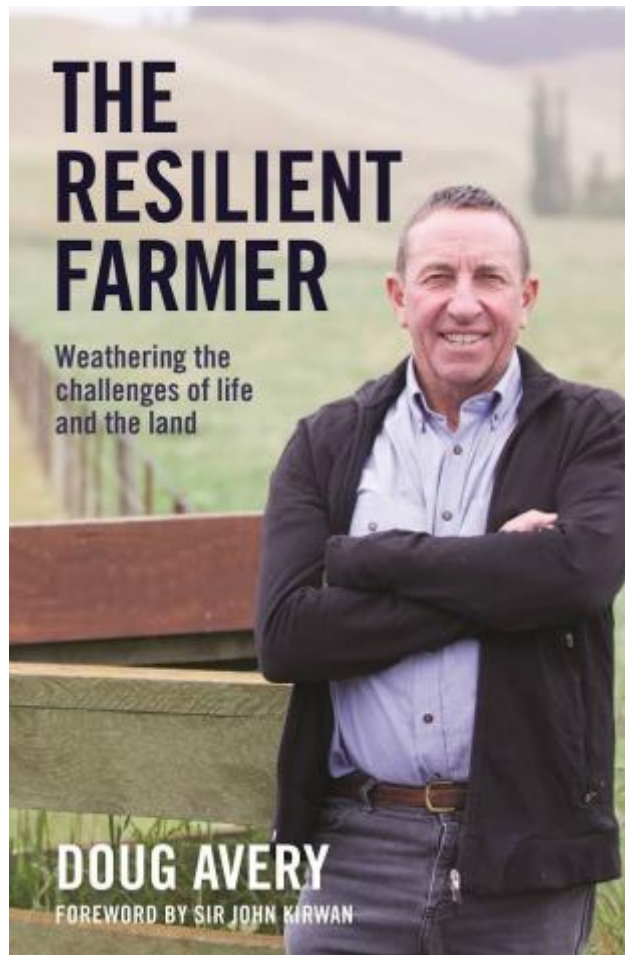


39 - **David Thodey** Photo The Australian, RossSchultz





40 - **Thalib Mowjood** Photo Marion van Dijk/Fairfax NZ



## Retirement

**Stuart Hebberd (1961-66)**, retired earlier this year after 36 years as business owner of Prices Pharmacy in Nelson. He intends spending time long-distance ocean swimming, cycling and spending time with his wife Jill.

**Des Hughes (1954-56)** a Prefect in 1956, a member of the 1st XV 1954-56 and Captain 1956, 1st XI 1956. Subsequently played rugby for Nelson and Wellington provinces, completed a BCA at Victoria University



and retired from Corporate business life 8 years ago after working in manufacturing, marketing and HR roles in tobacco, packaging and electricity industries for over 50 years.

**John McArthur (1958-64)** retired from paediatric medicine at Wellington Hospital in 2014. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Massey University in 2016 with Majors in Classical Studies and in History.

## NOT READY TO RETIRE YET AFTER 70 YEARS OF SEA SERVICE

In 2017 **Tony Shuttleworth (1944-46)** has worked on the Nelson waterfront for 70 years. The 86 year old may look at retiring at the end of this year.... Incredibly Tony commutes up to 28,000km a year between Nelson, Picton, Elaine Bay and Havelock from his home in Elaine Bay, where he has lived for more than 20 years. Read his interesting story [here](#)

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*"I'll retire when I feel it's an imposition to be doing it and I'm not enjoying it."*

*Tony Shuttleworth*

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41 - Port Nelson archives 1940s, when Tony started

## Around the World

### FRANCE FOR FREEMAN

**Dick Freeman (1947-52)** writes from France, where he has spent most of his life, particularly in Alsace.

Alsace is a region which has long been disputed between France and Germany. When I first arrived here it was not uncommon to meet locals who had changed nationalities several times. Happily those days are gone. With a new bridge across the Rhine we can be in Germany rapidly by car or cycle. Even one of the tram lines in Strasbourg which I take frequently has its terminus now across the river in Kehl.

There are four languages in the family, French, English, German and Spanish, but no one speaks all four. My compagne is Alsacienne and like many of her kind speaks French and German as well as the local dialect. My four children who were born in England, France or New Zealand, were educated in

France so are naturally bilingual but the next generation is dominantly Anglophone. However language is not a real barrier within the family. We get along fine when we are together...

## UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

**Troy Stade (2007-11)** started a new position as Researcher at the University of Tokyo in October. The University is a world-class centre for research, and has a vibrant academic community.

## PROFESSOR OF ASTROPHYSICS

**Benjamin Strappers (1985-89)** is a Professor of Astrophysics @ Manchester University in the UK. Read his interesting biography [here](#)

The Arts



42 - Photo courtesy Anna Naygrow



*43 - Anna and Stophs audition video for the Block NZ 2018*

Old Boy **Christoph Riedel (2008-12)** and his partner Anna - have applied to be contestants on the Block 2018. We think they'd be great contestants - they have already built themselves an impressive Tiny House 7.6m long by 2.4m wide on a trailer base - check out the full and interesting story [here](#)

#### **CINEMA DANCE FILM**

Earlier this year award-winning film-maker **Daniel Belton (1983-87)** opened a new dome cinema dance film "AXIS - anatomy of space" which opened in the Perpetual Guardian Planetarium at Otago Museum. He continues to impress with his digital dance films - his latest being EMAKI at Gallery OUT of PLACE, Nara, Japan - 17-30 November.

#### **ACTING OPPORTUNITY IN LA**

**Nick McLoughlin (2009-13)** is chasing his acting dreams in Hollywood. He has graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles and since has featured in a play, commercials, an extra on several TV series, a short film *Hello, I'm Famous*, and is producing a movie with several other people - he's busy! We look forward to seeing his future successes.



44 - Photo from Nick's Instagram

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*"I discovered my love for acting at Nelson College.."*

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## KIWI CHRISTMAS MOVIE

New Zealand's very first home grown Christmas movie named Kiwi Christmas has recently been released nationwide at the cinema. Director **Tony Simpson (1969-75)** says "I wanted to make a film that reminds us of the simple joys of family and Christmas."



45 - Kiwi Christmas trailer

## DEBUT ALBUM FOR JASPER

Singer-songwriter **Jasper Hawkins (2002-06)** is set to return to his home town with a five-piece band and his sister Jane on vocals on 5 December @ The Theatre Royal. Click [here](#) to hear his first single 'Young Wild & Free' from his debut album 'Young Wild & Free' on Spotify. Jasper also wrote a beautiful song in

memory of his school friend **Ben Rose (2000-06)** who was tragically killed in a car accident 29 October 2015. In late September Jasper was interviewed on Radio NZ [here](#).

### THIRD ALBUM RELEASE

Earlier this year **Bryce Wastney (1989-93)** released his third album *True North*. He wrote most of the songs on his new album while mountain biking in the Nelson hills.

### AUTHOR-ADVENTURER RELEASES NEW BOOK

**Jon Tucker (1966-70)** an author-adventurer whose latest book 'Those Shipwreck Kids' is set in the Marlborough Sounds. This book was the third in his "Those Kids" series. Read about the book [here](#) and Jon's interesting bio [here](#) where he and his wife Barbara have raised their family of five sons on a home-built traditional ketch.

### WOW FINALIST

**Mike Ward (1956-59)**, a WOW finalist 18 times, paired up with his son Jonty and was selected as a finalist in this year's WOW Awards. Their joint effort *Bridget* appeared in the Illumination Illusion section.



46 - **Mike** with some of his previous WOW creations Photo: Martin de Ruyter



## Featured Old Boys



47 - Owen Mapp

### ALTERNATIVE LIFE DIRECTION

I attended Nelson College 1960 to 1963, boarder at Rutherford House. My main interest was in art, with tutor Barbara Wilks being a strong influence in my life and directions later. I was something of a misfit at college. Very shy, I found it hard to mix or speak in public. Spent numerous hours in the library, probably read every book! Was on the college museum committee which gave me a 'hiding place' and a collection to contemplate. Made friends at the Nelson Provincial Museum. Spent my holidays working at Dalgety's wool and grain store, the salt works near Seddon and the Canterbury Museum. Nelson College forced me to mingle with boys from a different social strata which later I appreciated. I left college without qualifications.

Grew up on a Marlborough farm with lots of wild hills nearby, to hunt and explore. I knew nature intimately which taught me acute observational skills. As the eldest son of a farmer it was assumed I would be a sheep farmer! I escaped Marlborough at 18 years old and ended up in Sweden, dish washing, factory work and conservation work on the warship 'Wasa' 1628 AD., through the Swedish Nat. Museum, Stockholm.

Initially I became involved in museum and archaeology work in the Canterbury Museum, Dominion Museum (Te Papa now) and then overseas museums. Later I worked in set and graphic design for NZBC., then NZ Nat. Film Unit. Took up bone and jade carving in 1968 which led into tutoring carving in various institutions, in and out of NZ. Taught part time for 28 years at Whitireia Polytechnic, Porirua. Lecturing on the subject of New Zealand. Carving overseas at conferences, etc. Invited to present research papers (with exhibition) at conferences of the "Worked Bone Research Group" sub group of International

Council of Archae-zoology, in Salzburg, then Zhengzhou, China, last year a presentation to the New Zealand Jade Artists Society in Hokitika, while a judge for their show.

Now a retrospective exhibition "50 years Carving" at Pataka Gallery, Porirua, next year 2018.

My work is held in various museum collections including Te Papa National Museum.



48 - **Raami** - September 2017 outside his craft stall in Petra by Stefan Roesch

**Raami Manajah (1998-2000)** was recently discovered by FilmQuest author Stefan Roesch at Petra.....

"To our left was the theatre, basking in the morning sun, whereas on our right, some of the local men had sought refuge under a shady tree. Gabaah pointed towards a nearby craft stall: "See that man over there? The one reading a book?" I nodded and Gabaah continued: "Can you see any of the other Bedouins reading a book? No, that's because he's half-Kiwi!" This certainly sparked my curiosity.

We walked over to the friendly-looking man who was reading a crime novel by the British author Elizabeth George. Gabaah introduced him as Raami and quickly added that his New Zealand-born mother Marguerite van Geldermalsen had married a Bedouin from Petra over three decades ago and decided to stay. In 2006, she published her story in the book "Married to a Bedouin" which to date has been translated into more than fifteen languages.

Raami and Marguerite sell locally designed jewellery at their stall and Raami runs sightseeing tours through his company Raami Tours. ..."



*49 - Haddon as a young man*



*50 - Haddon when he turned 100 earlier this year!*

### **OLDEST LIVING FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT - 100 YEARS OLD!**

**Haddon Donald DSO MC ED, (1930-32, Barnicoat)** is a former New Zealand soldier, businessman and politician of the National Party. He is the oldest living former New Zealand Member of Parliament, and the highest-ranking New Zealand army officer of World War II still alive! He also turned 100 earlier this year and hopes to outdo his sister who lived to 103! Read Old soldier turns 100 [here](#)



### ICONIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Gary Baigent** attended Nelson College 1954-59 and the University of Canterbury School of Fine Arts from 1960-62.

Whilst attending Teachers Training College in Auckland, Gary changed his mind about teaching and worked on his book "The Unseen City; One Hundred and Twenty-three Photographs of Auckland", which was published in 1967 and is now considered "iconic".

Gary has worked in various jobs — on Auckland Waterfront as a "seaguller", Rail Freighters, and various wool stores. He shifted north to commercially fish and dive at Cavalli Islands, Russell, Rawhiti, the Bay Of Islands, Waimamaku, and on the West Coast. He spent a few months as cinecameraman at TVNZ Wellington. Gary has also worked at DSIR (Department of Scientific, Industrial Research), as a farm worker, a landscape gardener, yachting journalist and assistant editor at Sea Spray magazine, and freelanced for various New Zealand and overseas nautical magazines.

Gary still lives in Auckland and sells his work through Peter McLeavey Gallery.

To read a full and interesting article on Gary written earlier this year click [here](#)

### HEAPHY RUN

**Alastair Cotterill (1976-81)** has recently switched his fitness to running and completed a number of half marathons and long distance runs:- St Arnaud to summit Mt Robert and back, Takaka Hill and Mt Campbell. In a recent challenge he ran the Heaphy Track in a time of 18 hours 50 minutes - impressive! A highlight for Alastair was when between Heaphy Hut and Karamea - in the dark - he spotted a South Island brown kiwi on the track.



*51 - competitive tennis in the 80's*



<https://sway.office.com/tcDiERs27Iz7LXNG#content=QQekZ3NASFawLm>

*52 - Heaphy here I go.....*

### Old Boy Visitors

Thank you to the various Old Boys who "popped in" to say hello and have a look around the College - we enjoyed your visit!

**Ronnie Peters (1978-82)** - New York, USA

**Dr Barry Knight (1951-56, Rutherford)** - Whangamata

**David Hughes (1972-76)** - California, USA



**Wyatt Crockett (1994-2000)** - Canterbury

**Hamish Catto (1970-76)** - Brisbane

**Simon Read (1971-75)** - Waikanae

**John McCaul (1954-60)** - Christchurch

**Richard Poff (1971-75)** - Christchurch

**Tim Pitt (1967)** - United Kingdom

**Birch Blair (1997-2001)** - San Francisco, USA

**Josh Wilkinson (2013-14)**

**Waari Ward-Holmes (1956-60)**, Auckland

**Gordon Spence (1982-83)** - NSW

**Barry Rowse (1948-51)** - Wellington

**David Fletcher (1953-57, Fell)** - Canada

**Ayudh Nakaprasit (1992)** - Christchurch



*53 - Ronnie Peters with Kevin Burgess*



54 - **Wyatt Crockett** with Tim Tucker



55 - **Birch Blair** with his lovely new wife



56 - **Graham Hall-Watson** with Gary O'Shea



57 - *Dr Barry Knight* in Rutherford House

## Good Sports



58 - Check out **Finn Delany's** awesome dunk for NZ against Korea



*59 - Mike Karena March 2017 highlights Spanish league*

## **BASKETBALL**

### **New Zealand Team**

Congratulations to **Finn Delany (2009-13)**, **Michael Karena (2008-11)** and **Mika Vukona (2000)**

### **New Zealand Breakers Team**

Assistant Coach **Michael Fitchett (1996-2000)**

Team:- **Finn Delany (2009-13)**, **Mika Vukona (2000)**,

### **Canterbury Rams and Actel Forca Fleida - Spanish LEB Gold Division**

**Mike Karena (2008-11)** plays for the Canterbury Rams and in the European season has just been signed to the Spanish LEB Gold Division - Actel Forca Fleida team (a step up as he played in the Spanish Silver division last season).

**Mika Vukona (2000)** is a New Zealand basketball legend, recently ticking over 400 NBL games and five championships, but he remains as motivated as ever to continue winning and keeps finding new ways to ensure he improves.

Read full articles about Mika's comeback [here](#) and [here](#)





60 - **Mika** Photo: Paul Kane, Getty Images

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*"I'm not satisfied, man. I want more than just five, I want more than six. Any player that doesn't want more than they have shouldn't be playing because that should be your motivation," Mika*

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## FOOTBALL

All White **Kip Colvey (2007-09)** Click [here](#) to read 5 things to know about Kip Colvey

## RACE WALKER

**Jamie Shaw (2011-15)** came away with a Gold Medal at the New Zealand Road Championships (5km) in a time of 24min 49sec, beating his nearest rival by more than eight minutes!

## ROWING

New Zealand Men's Eight - **Brook Robertson (2005-11)**

## RUGBY LEAGUE

**Simon Mannering (2000-04)** Warriors and NZ Rugby League Team. in 2017 Simon became the Warriors most capped player ever.

**Marvin Curry (2012-15)** selected for the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles squad for the 2017 Holden Cup National Youth Competition.

## RUGBY REFEREE

**Mike Lash (2001-05, Barnicoat)** - Referee Manager, Tasman Rugby Union: National Panel Referee, New Zealand Rugby. Since January 2013 Mike has been a member of the NZ Rugby High Performance Referee Squad. He has officiated in the Heartland Championship, Mitre 10 Cup, Ranfurly Shield and Super Rugby in NZ and the National Rugby Champion (NRC) in Australia. Previous to becoming a fulltime rugby referee Mike was a helicopter pilot.

## TENNIS

**Alex Hunt (2007-11)** is fulfilling his Pro Tennis Dream after earning his first ATP world ranking point earlier this year. Read his story [here](#)

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*"You go out thinking you're going to destroy them but they just fight and fight for every single point, it's amazing." Alex*

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61 - Watch Alex in action [here](#) 21.5.2017

## Rugby

### ALL BLACK HONOURS

Nelson College now has two All Blacks in the current squad, with a third knocking at the door.....

**Mitchell Drummond (2010-12)** played for the Barbarians and became an extended All Black squad member during the Vista Northern Tour - donning the Black Jersey for the "Midweek" All Blacks vs French XV game on 13 November as a Reserve halfback. Mitchell is being strongly tipped to be the 3rd halfback for the All Blacks.....watch this space and read article [here](#)



62 - David Havili (2012)



*63 - Wyatt Crockett (1994-2000)*

#### **MAORI ALL BLACKS**

**Ben May (1996-99), James Lowe (2006-10)**

**2017 Rugby Almanack** features two Nelson College Old Boys prominently within:

Top 5 Most Promising Players

**Quinten Strange (2010-14)**

Top 5 Rugby Players

**Wyatt Crockett (1994-2000)**

## **NZ U20 All Blacks**

**Tima Faingaanuku (2011-15)** part of the winning NZU20side at the 2017 World Rugby Under 20 Championship held in Georgia. Read his story [here](#)

## **New Zealand Povincial Barbarians**

**Quinten Strange (2010-14)** selected but unable to play due to injury.

## **Samoa**

**Sakaria Taulafo (2002)**

## **Tonga**

**Sione Tau (2007-08)**

**Tevita Loloamatangi (2006)** - unavailable due to injury

## **Ireland and Brtish and Irish Lions**

**Jared Payne (1999)**

## **Super Rugby Selections**

### *Crusaders*

**Mitchell Hunt (2009-13), Mitchell Drummond (2010-12), David Havili (2012), Ethan Blackadder (2008-12)** (read about Ethan's selection [here](#)), **Wyatt Crockett (1994-2000), Quinten Strange (2010-14)**

### *Highlanders*

**Fletcher Smith (2008-10)**

### *Hurricanes*

**Ben May (1996-99)**

### *Blues*

**Isaac Salmon (2011-14)**





64 - James Lowe: The Farewell



## OVERSEAS RUGBY PLAYERS

### *Leinster - UK*

#### **James Lowe (2006-10)**

James is a popular player who has had an outstanding season with the Chiefs and Makos in 2017. His ongoing battle with rheumatoid arthritis, and the sight of careers ended by head knocks, played a part in his decision to seek his rugby fortune overseas.

Read about his decision to sign with Leinster [here](#) and his imminent arrival in Leinster [here](#)

### *London Irish - UK*

#### **James Marshall (2002-06)**

James was a key feature of Irish's Championship winning season of 2016/17, contributing eight tries.

*Gloucester - UK*

**Tom Marshall (2004-08)**

*Toyota Industries Shuttles - Japan*

**Sione Vatuvei (1999-2001)**

*Stade Francais - France*

**Sakaria Taulafo (2002)**

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### ***UNICYCLING***

***Mike Padial (2005-07)*** continues to impress with his Unicycling feats. Check out his You Tube Clip *mucking around in Nelson.*

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65 - **Mike** - Trials Unicycling

## Professional Inline Hockey League - USA



66 - Josh playing for Colorado at State Wars, July 2017

**Josh Stove (2009-13)** has played for NZ since U14s and you will find his name on the Nelson College Honours Board FOUR times. Now he is living his dream, playing in the Professional Inline Hockey League in the USA.

Josh moved to Colorado Springs in February this year, hoping to improve his game and play for the NZ Senior Mens team at the next World Cup. Since arriving here he has played in numerous tournaments and was selected in the Colorado U21 and Mens B team for State Wars. He then found himself in the U24 team as well. He had a great tournament, after which the teams offers started to arrive.

He was offered a 1-year scholarship at a top University, but has chosen to stay loyal to Colorado. This paid off with him being selected in the Vikings team in the PIHA league.

Josh has also been coaching junior grades and become a competent referee.

Now he is hoping to stay in the USA (Visa pending!) and work within hockey over there and see where this dream takes him.

## Lest We Forget

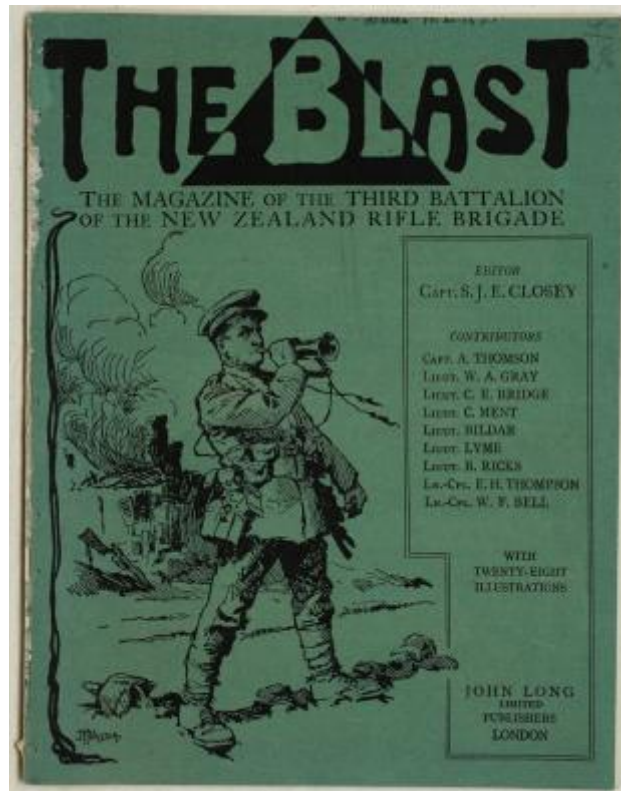


67 - Iain Graham



CORP. D. O. HILL,  
of Nelson,  
Killed in action.





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*Donovan Oldham Hill DOB 10 July 1896, attended Nelson College 1910. Killed in action Saturday 24 November 1917 aged 21 years.*

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#### **NELSON COLLEGE – FAMILY FOR DONOVAN**

**Iain Graham (1969-73)**, his son **James (2009-13)** and daughter Emma shared the “experience of a lifetime” when they attended the Passchendaele 100 year commemorations for fallen New Zealand soldiers on 12 October in Passchendaele, Belgium.

Iain, James and Emma attended four services that day – each service having its own take and respect for the fallen who fought for Belgium that day 100 years ago. A day on 12 October 1917 where it was the first day of battle:- a failed attack on Bellevue Spur costing the lives of 846 New Zealand soldiers and more than 2000 wounded – all in the space of just four and a half hours.

A special moment came at the VIP service for New Zealanders at the Wood of Peace project when the names were read out of the five families present represented by direct family – Nelson College was named as the family of Donovan Hill – a very special moment.

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*“For one day it felt the world was at peace”. Iain Graham*

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68 - ANZAC Service



69 - **Roger Carter (1955-58, Rutherford)** placing a poppy on his Uncle Williams headstone - Nine Elms cemetery, Belgium.

## Obituaries

*There are so many interesting stories to tell with each and every one of these Old Boys who have passed. Please click on the links given to read further full obituaries where given.*

2016

**BAYNE, Stanley (Stan) 1938-39** 12 December aged 92 years

**BETHWAITE, Roger (1942-44)** 19 July

**BLAIR, Haddin Frank (1931-36)** 4 October. Member of the 1st XV in 1935 and 1936.

**CURLETT, Bruce Miles (1945-49, Rutherford)** 9 August aged 86 years. Dip Arch, ARIBA, ANZAA. *"He was very proud to have been a boarder there many years ago at Rutherford House and enjoyed his time there and made lots of friends...." Suzanne Byrne (sister).*

**DE LORENZO Renato Alberto – known as Del (1956-60, Domett)** 2 April. Joined the RNZAF on leaving College and retired from it in 1995 as Group Captain. Last appointment was as Assistant Chief of Air Staff.

**GUNN, Owen Robert (Bob) (1943-47, Domett)** 24 March aged 86 years

**HIGHET, Robert John (1934-36)** 17 October aged 96 years

**HOUSTON, Henry Edward (1938-39)** 24 September aged 92 years

**LEAHY, John Charles Flett (1947-51)** 27 October in Australia

**ORR, Kenneth John (1956-57)** 25 April

**TRESEDER, Kenneth (Ken) Udy (1948-50, Barnicoat)** 16 April aged 82 years

2017

**BEST, Lindsay Wilfred (1956-60)** *also known as PSM.* 25 February in Adelaide, Australia. Ecologist aged 74 years.

**BOWERS Alistair Richard John (1976-79)** 6 March, suddenly, aged 52. For more details read [here](#)

**BUNT, Laurence Harcourt "Bunty" (1936-37),** 7 August aged 96 years.

**DU FEU, Michael David "Duffy/Mike" (1980-83)** 22 March aged 50 years.

**FREW, Victor (1955)** 29 March

**GAFFIKIN, Michael John Renny (1958-62)** of Wollongong, Australia. 21 February, Dublin, Ireland, after a short illness while visiting his son and family over Christmas from his home in Australia. For more details read [here](#)

**GOODMAN, John Harrison Tutbury (1951-55)** 28 February, Nelson aged 79 years. Teacher, sports administrator. Read a number of tributes about an amazing man [here](#) and [here](#). David Havili's (2012) tribute [here](#)



**GRIEVE, Dr Ron (1950-55, Fell)** Head Boy 1955 – Fell, Dux. 4 March in Auckland.

**HARGREAVES, Brian Ernest (1950-52)** 5 October.

**HURSTHOUSE, William Weldon Oliver** - DOB 10 July 1914 to 19 April 2017, aged 102 and nine months! Previously he was our oldest Old Boy. Bill started sailing at York Bay Wellington and finished with an appearance at the Worlds sailed from Royal Akarana Yacht Club in 2005, about 87 years later. Read his interesting life story [here](#)

**KEARNS, Peter “Pete” (1955-59, Monro)** 10 September in Nelson. A public memorial service was held for him at the Nelson College Assembly Hall.

**LANKSHEAR, Dennis Everard (1954)** 18 June aged 78 years.

**MCPHERSON, Ira Donald (1935-36)** May aged 95 years.

**MONSON, Alan Robert (1931-37, Rutherford)** 24 March aged 96 years.

**NEALE, David Colin (1962-67)** Due to a tragic accident at his beloved Bay on 14 October.

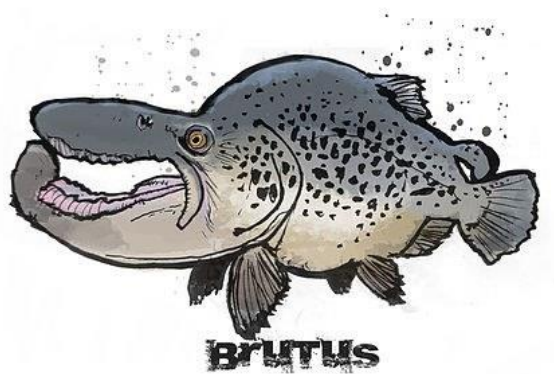
**REYNOLDS Terence Mowat (1964-68, Rutherford)** as the result of a work accident on 19 October aged 67 years. Read article [here](#) and [here](#)

**RICE, Phillip Terrence (Terry) (1942-48, Rutherford)** 3 June. Retired Judge.

**ROBERTSON, Dr Iain Alasdair (1954-58)** 11 May aged 76 years in Arrowtown.



*70 - Martin Simpson with a 16 pound wild NZ brown trout*



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*"RIP Martin, you and your fish-filled artwork were inspiring and beautiful.." Zane Mirfin*

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**SAVAGE, Ernest ROY (1948-52, Rutherford)** At the time of sending out The Bulletin we learnt of Roy's passing on Sunday 26 November. We will feature Roy in the 2018 edition but he was very much a regular visitor and contributor to Nelson College and we will miss him.

**SIMPSON, Martin Alan (1981-85)** Read his tribute [here](#)

**TATTON, Rex (1934-36)**: RNZAF WWII. 9 July, peacefully at Wairarapa Village, Masterton, aged 95.

**TAYLOR, Annette** - long-serving Nelson College staff member passed away on Friday 22 September after a long and courageous battle with cancer, aged 53 years.

**WILLIAMS, Donald Frank "Don" (1944-46)** 5 September aged 87 years in Auckland. "He was a wonderful man and highly respected by all." LAST POST - E 31491 CAPT DONALD FRANK WILLIAMS MBE NZ REGT/ RNZIRA Coy 1 NZ REGT 61/63 & 1 RNZIR 69/71. Watch Farewell Captain Dad YouTube clip [here](#) by his son Tony F Williams.

**WOODS Graeme Keith (1976-82)** suddenly 11 June aged 52 years. A well known local Nelson runner/ triathlete/teacher. Read obituary [here](#)



## Nelson College Trust Foundation



The Nelson College Trust Foundation (NCTF) was established in 1978 to grow and manage an Endowment Fund. The Trust aims to ensure the long term sustainability of the College and distribute income to the College that is used to provide students facilities and opportunities that they would not get by relying on state funding.

Current trustees are:

*Chairman (Independent)*

**Judge Tony Zohrab**

*Headmaster*

**Gary O'Shea**

*College Board of Trustees*

**Dennis Christian and John Rollston**

*Old Boys' Association*

**John McCaul and Rob McKegney**

*Parent Teacher Association*

**Melissa Everett and Janine Pomeroy**

*College Staff*

**Tim Tucker**

The Trust is thankful to Old Boys and the Community for any and all contributions.

The Trust continues to seek donations and bequests to grow the fund and support the College in its endeavours by providing improved facilities and further opportunities to benefit the boys. Refer to the College website [here](#) for further details on how you can support the Trust.

## The Way We Were



71 - 1962 long jump record



72 - 1962 pole vault



*73 - 1962 over the pole vault!*

**Graeme Hall-Watson (1956-62)** and his wife Lorraine visited the College on 31 October. We were very lucky in that his visit coincided with Co-Curricular Prizegiving and Graeme was given the task of handing the trophies to all the winners.

The year 1962 was a busy year for Graeme - being a Prefect, in the Cadet Band, Basketball team and 1st XV as well as winning the Senior Athletics cup.

**He also still holds the Nelson College long jump record of 21'4" - a record that stands over 50 years later!**



Postmaster Alan Lippincott held an exhibition of variety of goods

### MATAKI LODGE FAIR

The Nelson College Mataki Lodge project, completed by more than 1000 as the result of a fair - the big money-raising project - held at the college earlier this month. This was probably have been much bigger had the weather been kinder.



Girls' college printing, Miss M. C. Palmer, was a student and the right to try at the school's head.



The large wheel (far right) run by Alf George and Stuart but Fanny helped to raise in the show.



Look



Ally Miller is shown how to work a transmitter by David Mathews at the electronic display



David Mathews was down some machinery under with this machine machine gas





SIR BERNARD FERGUSSON, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, OPENING  
MATAKI LODGE.



MATAKI INCIDENT.

75 - 29 May 1967

## MATAKI - 50 YEARS AGO

Mataki Lodge was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Fergusson on 29 May 1967. For those attending from Nelson there was a 98-mile trip by road, for the Vice Regal party, the journey was much shorter and more comfortable, the trip being made by helicopter from Trafalgar Park - where two helicopters were used.

*The Mataki Incident* refers to issues related to the Truck

"The truck has been a tremendous asset, enabling Masters to ferry boys down the road to and from their points of departure on tramps....We have had a certain amount of tyre trouble and fuel trouble but these are in the process of being remedied. We have found that the driving wheels will not grip in any sort of greasy or soft going, mainly because, when the truck is empty, the front is disproportionately heavy. We propose to carry a ton or two of stones in the truck to correct this, and one of the Masters is in the process of making a set of chains....."





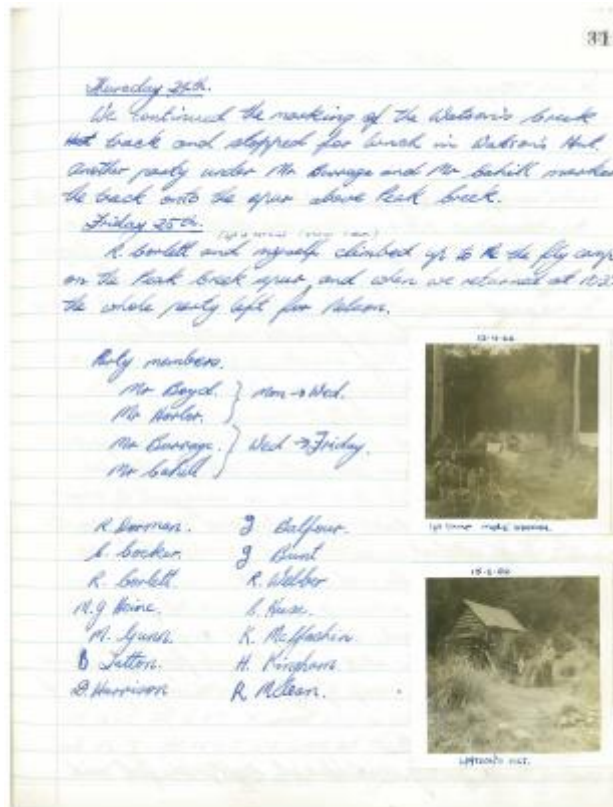
76 - 15 May 1967



77 - 16 May 1967 - **Rob Strachen, Smiley Boyd, Kit Carson, Mark Belton** (bending), **Richard Lamb, Ross Richards** (glasses, bending down)



78 - 9 June 1967



## MATAKI DIARY RECOLLECTIONS

We are fortunate that Old Boy **Martin Heine (1963-67)** kept his diary notes and photo slides from the 1966-67 period. A few of his photo slides are shown above, along with an excerpt from his diary.

He recounts:

### *Mataki Valley Trip 21-25 November 1966*

This was the first school party to visit the Matakiki area, and as the lodge had only the foundations laid, we camped below a terrace in the Mole Stream.

Numerous entries for each day are noted with detail.

### *Matakiki Lodge 15-17 May 1967*

This was a holiday familiarisation course for future leaders.

Monday 15th

Party arrived at Lodge. Little activity as snow fell all day.

Tuesday 16th

The whole party went up to Mole Creek, and lunched at Mole Hut. After lunch Mr Boyd and Ross Richards looked around the Mole Saddle and the rest of us leaving the Mole Hut at 1.00pm, went onto the Mole Tops and into Watson's Creek to reach the hut at 3.50. There were many deer and chamois tracks on the snow, and one chamois was sighted. We left Watsons at 4.20 and arrived in the Matakiki

Valley at 5.50pm - just on dusk. After walking down the road and over the Watson's Creek shingle fan, we were picked up by Mr Boyd and returned to the Lodge.

*26 October 1967 6B1 Mataki Trip*

A group of us had a swotting break at Mataki and combined it with an overnight trip to the fly camp above Peak Creek.

### **A Reflection**

My skinny build precluded me from being part of the dominant rugby/cricket sporting codes apart from forays into fives and crosscountry running. My weekends were often spent tramping and shooting in the backcountry, engendered by my family culture of outdoor activity. There was also a college tramping club which had a number of outings in 1966 lead by teacher Don Burrage.

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*"When Mataki Lodge arrived I could put my experience to some use and really enjoyed visits there. It all helped foster my future life as a National Park Ranger and Conservation Manager."*

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*79 - 2017 Year 10 Mataki Trip - warning this will bring back memories! Thank you to Yr 10 Kacey Fortune for the clip.*

[Scriptorium/Museum](#)



*80 - Barry Rowse (1948-51)*



The Scriptorium/Museum of Nelson College is a special place - it holds the 150+ history of the College and so much more. All visitors to the College are taken to the Scriptorium and all walk away with a sense of the College's history, and a sense of pride.

Old Boy Barry Rowse visited from Wellington in November - he flew in just for a few hours to deliver his 1951 NC cup and saucer. He was able to have some reflective time in the Scriptorium and we thank him for the effort he undertook to get here.

David Robertson and Gina Fletcher have attended a number of courses throughout the year with the Nelson/Tasman Museum collective so they are better able to manage the archives/memorabilia held within the Scriptorium. However they would welcome volunteers to help scan photos, archive etc.

## Contact Us



We hope you've enjoyed reading our first electronic edition of The Bulletin. Any comments and/or suggestions are always welcome.

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Thank you for your ongoing support.

*NOTE: Nelson College Old Boys' Membership is FREE for three years to all 2017 school leavers.*



*81 - Ed Kelling and Paul Sturrock "flying the flag"*