

# Otago Boys' High School Foundation

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## Save up to 28 cents per litre on fuel!



## ...and support the Otago Boys' High School Foundation

After the initial success in 2007, the Otago Boys' High School Foundation and RD Petroleum are pleased to announce the re-release of the RD Petroleum Fuel Card.

This partnership has seen RD Petroleum, an official distributor of BP gift back to the Foundation in excess of \$10,000.00 whilst over 800 Old Boys', Staff, Parents and immediate family members have benefitted from heavily discounted fuel.

The discount applies to the pump price for petrol and diesel set for the main centres with Foundation card holders receiving a 5 cents per litre discount.

### **AND NOW WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER THIS EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY TO NEW MEMBERS!**

Discounted petrol and diesel can be purchased at all BP and most Gasoline Alley retail sites along with Truck Stops.

**Example:** Today the national price for a litre of 91 octane is \$1.729 cents. The cost to you would be \$1.679 cents. If you bought your fuel today in Wanaka, it would still cost you \$1.68275 while folk not having the Foundation cards would be paying \$1.809 cents per litre. That's a 13 cpl saving!

On the West Coast, 91 is currently priced at \$1.909 cents per litre and on the

Coromandel Peninsula it's sitting at \$1.959 cents per litre – those with Foundation fuel cards will still pay \$1.68275 cents per litre. That's a 28 cpl saving!

There is an annual fee of \$20.00 + GST per card of which \$10.00 comes directly back to the Foundation in the form of a donation from RD Petroleum. On top of this RD Petroleum gifts 0.05 cents for every litre poured. There are no additional transaction fees.

Cards are linked to a bank account with all payments being made by direct debit. Fuel bought one month will be billed for the 20<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Card holders will receive an invoice giving ample notification of the amount to be debited against their account.

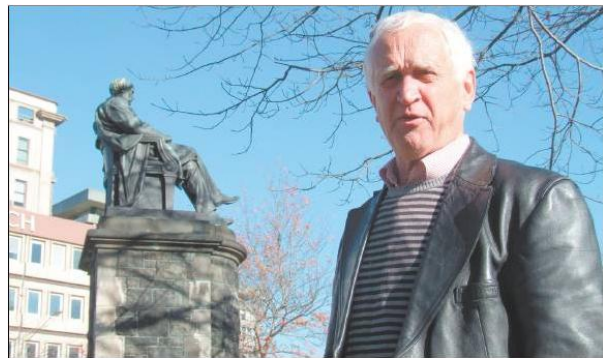
**Important:**

- Only Otago Boys' High School Old Boys, Staff Members, Parents of a Student and all their immediate family are eligible to apply.
- Applications will be vetted to ensure the applicant has an affiliation with Otago Boys High School

If interested in joining please contact the **Foundation Office on +64 3 477 2546** to arrange delivery of application forms.

**ABSURD... MOVE IT!**

**Rodney Hamel (1951)** believes the statue of Dr Donald Stuart should not be languishing in a corner of Queen's Gardens; it should be given an honoured position at the University of Otago



**Rodney Hamel (1951)** says the important role played by Dr Donald Stuart in nineteenth century Dunedin would be better remembered if his statue was moved to the University of Otago

An Artist and historian, Mr Hamel believes the statue of the first minister of Knox Church, who was instrumental in setting up the University of Otago, **Otago Boys High School** and Otago Girls High School, is in an "absurd position" at Queen's Gardens.

He would like to see the larger than life sized bronze statue moved to the wide pedestrian bridge that spans the water of Leith in the middle of the University.

Dunedin Mayor **Peter Chin (1954-58)** said the move might be investigated if there was enough public support for the idea.

University Vice chancellor Prof Sir David Skegg said he was interested but doubted the city would want the statue moved.

After arriving in Dunedin from Northumberland, in the United Kingdom, in 1860, Dr Stuart became a popular figure, Mr Hamel said.

"Gregarious, generous, unselfish, transcending any religious association, with an outgoing personality, [he was] easily spotted by his loud accent and the plaid shawl . . . he carried over his shoulder," he said.

On his death in 1894, shops were closed and an estimated 6000 people walked in procession behind his hearse, while a further 20,000 watched.

A statue of Dr Stuart, the first bronze statue in New Zealand, was commissioned and installed in Queen's Gardens near what was then the heart of the city. Since then, though, the statue was moved and reoriented to make way for a tram line, and the nature of the area had changed.

"The result was that Dr Stuart was left marooned in the absurd position of having his back facing busy Crawford St. It has finished up facing a nonexistent building . . . and sits on a plinth so high that the original intention of a monument to a man who moved among people has been hopelessly obscured."

Dr Stuart was university chancellor for 15 years and his importance to the city and education was beyond doubt, Mr Hamel said.

Following the death of Dr Stuart, the Council of the University of Otago noted in a memorial that: 'It is not too much to say that the existence of this university is attributable to his untiring zeal, and he contributed very largely to the success that subsequently attended it'."

Prof Skegg said Dr Stuart's important role at the university was marked in several ways "including most recently by the naming of the Stuart Chairs in Science Communication and in Scottish Studies".

He had contributed to many other aspects of Dunedin life, Prof Skegg said. "I was interested by Mr Hamel's suggestion but doubt whether the city would want to move Dr Stuart's statue from its splendid location at Queen's Gardens."

## **FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

\* **Since the May** newsletter, the following Old Boys and connections with the school have made pledges or donations and have been registered as Members of the Foundation –

- John Manning (1928-32) – This is John's 7<sup>th</sup> Pledge

We are genuinely appreciative of their continued support and belief in the Foundations Objectives. If you wish to find out more about how you can make a pledge or donation please [click here](#) or contact [info@obhsfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@obhsfoundation.co.nz)



Planning is well underway for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the intake of 1960.

This event has been scheduled for **8 & 9 October 2010** and is a wonderful opportunity to rekindle friendships and your connection with the school.

Full registration packs will be available soon but we urge those wishing to attend to contact **Ray Hay (1960-62)** on +64 3 474 5853 or [ray@ciigroup.co.nz](mailto:ray@ciigroup.co.nz) or **Fred Dodds (1960-63)** on +64 4 293 1810 or [freddodds@xtra.co.nz](mailto:freddodds@xtra.co.nz)

We anticipate a great turnout with **214 Old Boys** from the 1960 Class Year.

We do still require contact details and email addresses for **115 Old Boys** so click here to see who they are and if you are able to assist please forward their information to [info@obhsfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@obhsfoundation.co.nz)

The proposed programme is:

<b>Friday Evening</b>	Catch Up Drinks
<b>Saturday Morning</b>	Registration & Official welcome School Museum Display
<b>Saturday Afternoon</b>	Lunch Photographs Golf & Tourist Activities
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	Drinks and Official Dinner
<b>Sunday</b>	Farewell Brunch Depart at leisure

### **REGISTRATIONS FOR 2013 SESQUICENTENNIAL**



**WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE RESPONSE LAST MONTH TO  
OUR CALL FOR OLD BOYS'  
TO REGISTER EARLY FOR THE  
2013 - 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS**

**REGISTERED SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER 80  
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS TO DATE 387**

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE PART OF THIS  
HISTORICAL EVENT BY REGISTERING NOW!**

Contact the Foundation [info@obhsfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@obhsfoundation.co.nz) with 'Register 150<sup>th</sup>' in the subject line or a call +64 3 477 2546, and leave a message.

Include your **full name and years of attendance**.

A hard-working committee is already deep into planning for the event with a tentative programme comprising the registration and an associated cocktail party on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August along with the playing of the Commonwealth's oldest rugby interschool against Christ's College; Friday also featuring registration, the chance for tourist activities and an evening concert showcasing some of the school's best musical talent – past and present; Saturday's activities will centre on school tours, photographs and the official sesquicentennial dinner; and on the Sunday there will be a church service or services and a final farewell.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### TOO STRONG FOR TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

The interschool between Timaru Boys' High School and Otago Boys' High School was contested on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June in Timaru. An outstanding result was reached with OBHS winning 9 of the 10 disciplines.

Activity	TBHS	OBHS
Badminton	0	6
Football	3	5
Hockey	3	7
Basketball	34	84
1stXV	19	38
Squash	0	5
Trapshooting	386	415
Chess	1	48
Debating	316	261
Golf		Win To
<b>Overall Result Win/Loss</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

### OBHS WINS INTERSCHOOL AGAINST CHRIST COLLEGE

The interschool between Christ College and Otago Boys' High School was contested on the 17 June at OBHS. Yet again OBHS showed their strength in a multitude of disciplines winning the interschool challenge 7 – 2.

Activity	Christs	OBHS
Badminton	0	6
Football	1	4
Hockey	1	3
basketball	50	118
2nd XV	9	21
Squash	1	4
Debating	251	249
Smallbore	737.5	669.1
1st XV Rugby	18	19
<b>Overall Result - Win/Loss</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

### FOLLOWING IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



**Liam Edwards  
(2005-09)**

Otago Boys' High School fullback Liam Edwards (2005) is following in his father's footsteps by dominating the scoring in the Highlanders First XV competition.

Bruce Edwards was a Pirates kicking machine in Dunedin premier rugby 20 years ago and scored more than 100 points in five seasons from 1986 to 1990. His best tally was 177 in 1990.

Liam has been tutored in kicking from a young age by his father and demonstrated this at Carisbrook recently when Otago Boys' thrashed St Kevin's College 104-3.

He scored 44 points with four tries and 12 conversions to take his tally for the season to 92 from three games.

Liam (18), in his second year in the First XV, was a strong runner from the back and a skilled counter-attacker.

## **OBHS WELL REPRESENTED AT OTAGO ROWING ASSOCIATION AWARDS**



The Otago Rowing Assn annual awards were held at the Grand Mercure Oakridge Hotel in Wanaka recently with Otago Boys Rowing being well represented on the evening by parents, rowers and Fred and Kate Strachan.

OBHS has its share of nominations with Aaron Woodhead nominated for Coxswain of the Year. The OBHS U17 Four/Quad crew of Lachlan Landels, Brodie Hume, Cooper Gilmour, Ken McLellan and Aaron Woodhead were also nominated for Crew of the Year.

Robert Mears was nominated for Schoolboy Rower of the Year. Robert Mears was also nominated alongside his North End Rowing Club partner Michael Nisbet for Crew of the Year.

Robert was named Otago Schoolboy Rower of the Year for the third consecutive year. Robert and Michael were then named Otago Crew of the Year.

## **OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS**

**If you find a story on an OB's Old Boy share it with us all!**

Send it to [info@obhsfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@obhsfoundation.co.nz) and we will do our best to include it in the next newsletter.

### **KEEPING IT ALL IN THE FAMILY**

The fourth generation of Aspinalls has taken possession of Mt Aspiring Station homestead in a move the family says is "huge" but satisfying.

**Randall Aspinall (1994-98)** is the son of **John Aspinall (1965-69)**, who has run the remote high country farm since 1977.

Randall has worked in Invercargill for many years as a farm consultant for PGG Wrightson. His wife, Allison, a director of Prohealth Physio in Invercargill, has secured part-time work at Central Lakes Physio in Wanaka. They admitted yesterday to some apprehension about their lifestyle changes but are thrilled the business is staying in the family.



Mt Aspiring Station farmers **John (1965-69)** and Sue Aspinall (at left) and their son **Randall (1994-98)** and his wife Allison, in the homestead garden yesterday.

"From my point of view, it [returning] was going to happen. It was inevitable," Randall said. Randall was educated at home, through the Correspondence School and by his mother, before going to board at Otago Boys' High School in 1994. He studied agricultural science at Lincoln University before becoming a farm consultant.

Mt Aspiring Station is 50km from Wanaka, next to the Mt Aspiring National Park where many Old Boys have attended school camp throughout the years.

The park was created in 1964, following an earlier decision by Randall's grandparents, **Jerry (1935-36)** and Phyllis Aspinall, to surrender 20,235ha to the Crown.

The hospitality extended by first-generation farmers Jack and Amy Aspinall to climbers and trampers has been continued by following generations, making the family name synonymous with high country access issues. Thousands of tourists pass the gates every year and the Government's Walking Access Commission is one of many organisations to which John devotes his time.

John (58) has not retired and, when not doing committee work, commutes daily to the farm from his new home in Wanaka. He will share a joint management decision-making role with his son. "I'm too young to stop work. And, with three of us, I can go and do some repair jobs and little projects I've been thinking of for years," John said.

Sue (57) was raised on a farm and trained to be a teacher in Christchurch. She had mixed

Randall's farming goals are to continue farming in an economic and environmentally sustainable manner and to take time to understand the farm. He agreed with his father's principle of "doing the basics well, at the right time".

"Certainly, that's something you notice down south, to. If you try and get too flash or complicated, you will confuse everyone," Randall said.

### **PUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT**

Most people have heard of New Zealand coaching great Duncan Laing, but few knew the man behind the public facade.

**Stefan Laing (1967-73)** wants to put the record straight and has taken a year's absence from his teaching career to write a book about his father.

He began researching the book after attending a "This is Your Life" appreciation of Duncan Laing organised by Paul Allison of Sport Otago in the Dunedin Town Hall three years ago.

"It was such a wonderful tribute that I wanted to write it down for posterity because I knew that Dad was struggling with illness and I wanted to ask him about the different tributes," Laing said.

"Some people wrote down their memories of Dad that night and explained how he affected them. I have used these as a base for the book."

Stefan was filled with emotion when he read what people felt about his father.

"Dad was more than just a swimming coach," he said. "He was a father figure and mentor who inspired his swimmers to develop all aspects of their lives. I want to convey Dad's character through the eyes of people whom he coached in swimming and rugby. I want to weave all this into a story and show the attributes that Dad had and tried to imbue in his swimmers -



**Stefan Laing (1967-73)** holds some memorabilia of his famous father, Swimming Coach – Duncan Laing

commitment, tenacity and self belief. I don't want to talk about the history. I want to touch the human side and how he affected a lot of people."

Duncan Laing had a booming voice and always came across as a super-confident character. But that was just the facade.

"Dad had a lot of doubts and did not know if he could do the job," Stefan said, "It was hit or miss with him. But he had the character that always seemed to get the best out of people."

Stefan talked to people like All Blacks Peter Burke, Paul Sapsford, Chris Laidlaw and Earle Kirton who knew his father.

"I know what he sacrificed by staying in New Zealand," Stefan said, "If he had lived in the United States, he would have been wealthy, but he stayed here and died a poor man. But he was rich in other ways."

Duncan Laing first achieved success in the 1970s when his swimmers were dominant on the local scene and he produced a stream of internationals. After that, he lacked motivation for a few years until he got a new lease of life in the 1990s that led him to the top of the mountain when Danyon Loader won two gold medals at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.

Stefan has one more chapter to complete and has put the draft copy in the hands of Longacre Press.

#### MAD-DEN THE SEXTET



**Ben Madden  
(2005-2009)**  
4th Generation Sextet  
Performer

One of the University of Otago's oldest traditions is also a Madden family custom, with four members displaying their vocal talent in the Sextet since the 1970s.

**Ben Madden (2005-2009)** will join five others in the all male a cappella group for this year's annual Capping Show, titled Alice in Cappingland. He said he was pleased to follow in the footsteps of his father, uncle and cousin.

Ben, a voice performance student, is an experienced singer as he and the three family members, father **Gerald Madden (1967-71)**, uncle **Richard Madden (1966-71)** and cousin **Nicholas Madden (1995-99)**, all of Dunedin, have sung in choirs at St Paul's Cathedral in Dunedin and of course the Sextet.

#### MOVE NORTH PAYS OFF...

**Blair Tarrant (2004-08)** left Dunedin 15 months ago and moved to Wellington to further his hockey career. Yesterday he was rewarded being one of two new caps named in the side to contest the Four Nations tournament in Nottingham, England, from July 12-17 and was also selected in an experienced team which will compete in the Champions Trophy in Germany beginning on July 31.

"I was aiming to go on the Nottingham trip but I'm so stoked to be going to the Champions Trophy as well," he said.

Blair was part of a successful Otago Boys' High School side which won the India Shield in 2007 and finished second in the Rankin Cup - the elite boys' secondary school tournament.

He was happy to stay in Dunedin, play for the Southern Men and study surveying at the University of Otago, but decided a shift would be beneficial. "I was happy in Dunedin but everyone was leaving so I decided to go somewhere else to try and further my hockey."

Blair is studying for a commerce degree, majoring in accounting, at Victoria University and suggested he might have to put his studies on hold next semester.

## TO THE FORE - ACHIEVEMENTS

### **WIN GOLD**

**Hamish Bond (1999-03)** and Eric Murray won gold at the Rowing World Cup in Munich on 21 June 2010.

An anticipated close race against leading British pair Peter Reed and Andrew Triggs Hodge saw a quick start out of the blocks for the final.

The British pair stayed close and then upped their stroke rate in the final quarter but Bond and Murray easily covered the charge to win in 6min 30.05sec to the Britons' 6:30.84sec.

### **HUMBLED...**

Former Highlanders lock forward **Filipo Levi (1997-98)** says help from others and "a lot of hard slog" have contributed to the University of Otago master of indigenous studies degree he completed recently.

"I feel very humbled, and, that I've gained this degree with the help of many."



Filipo played 63 games for the Highlanders (2002-2007) and 70 games for Otago from 2000 to 2006. He has also captained the Samoan rugby team, although an eye-socket injury in a lead-up game meant he could not play for Samoa in the 2007 World Cup. He now plays for the Newcastle Falcons, in England, where he is halfway through a two-year contract. Earlier played in Japan for two years and has also played for Welsh club Ospreys for half a season.

Completing his master's studies while overseas much of the time had not been easy, and had involved "a lot of hard slog". While studying, between rugby games, in Japan, Wales and England, he communicated with the Otago University School of Maori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies by email.

In his thesis he explored Pacific people's experience and perception of racism in rugby.

### **YO HO HO AND...**



**Jamie Duff (1992-94)** and business partner Roger Holmes has been honored with a Double Gold medal for its Gold variant and a bronze medal for its White rum at the prestigious 2010 San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Judged on March 15, the competition attracts over 1,000 products from 57 countries and is judged by a panel of experts from some of the world's top restaurants and bars, as well as influential media and alcohol critics.

"We were pretty blown away to hear that both our Stolen Rum's were awarded the medals in a line up of the world's most premium spirits," says Jamie. "Stolen Rum

had only been in the market for three weeks when we entered the competition. We couldn't have hoped for a better start."

The San Francisco World Spirits Competition is widely regarded as the most influential and respected spirits competition in the world. As winners of a San Francisco World Spirits Competition Double Gold award, Jamie and Roger will participate in a tour around the United States with The Tasting Panel magazine, a nationally respected trade magazine for the wine and spirits industry.

## **OLD BOYS' FEEDBACK**

**A new section where we invite you to write in with any interesting feedback on the stories captured in this month's newsletter or simply to share an interesting story of your own whether from yesteryear, today or in the future!**

**Alan Smith (1944-46)** recalls the great snow storm of 1945. He writes... Living as we did, on the hill in Opoho we travelled to school by tram always arriving in good time for morning assembly.

The heavy snow storm of 1945 kept the trams from making it up the hill from the Gardens Corner to the terminus at Blacks Road. This prompted the late J P Wilson to suggest that we take our time getting to school and just stroll our way through the snow hopefully arriving too late for the assembly and our first periods. So off we went down the hill, bravely fighting our way through the fairly deep snow certain in our minds that we were going to be able present a fairly logical excuse as to why we were so late. We duly arrived at OBHS presenting ourselves at the Rector's office about three quarters of an hour late.

"Where have you boys been" Mr Kidson asked, frowning sternly, as he looked at the assembled Opoho boys.

"The snow kept us from getting here at the right time, sir".

"Is that so Boy? I find it strange that I was able to be here as usual in time for school, snow or no snow. And you lot were unable to do the same. A very poor excuse. You all know I also live in Opoho, and the snow did not hinder me! Now get out of here and you can all take a detention!"

H P K was not a man to fool with.

## **SHORTS**

### **TAKING IT TO THE WORLD**

**Keith Dickson (1961-64)** has his sights set on selling the model cars he has been designing and building for the past 10 years,

A simple love of making things led him to build his first model cars - a Bugatti Type 35 and Peugeot 19-3. More recently, he started making Volkswagens, because they had a better sales market.

The cars, which took about 12 hours to complete, were made from fibreglass, with leather upholstery and electric motors, and were suitable for children aged between about 4 and 8.



If they took off, he envisaged getting a business partner, shifting production from his home to a small factory and employing staff to help build them. Mr Dickson was not aware of any patent issues with them and believed imitation could only be a good thing for car companies.

### **BIG CONTRACT FOR HILLSIDE ENGINEERING**

KiwiRail's Hillside Engineering in Dunedin has won a \$40 million contract to deliver 20 carriages for operator Tranz Scenic. The carriages are for the KiwiRail-owned Tranz Scenic TranzAlpine train, which travels from Christchurch to Greymouth. The work includes converting existing carriages into three open-air viewing cars.

Otago Chamber of Commerce chief executive **John Christie (1982-87)**, said he was aware of a pending announcement, but had no idea it was a \$40 million contract.

"Nice. This is a real compliment to the staff of Hillside and their abilities," Mr Christie said. "There are real opportunities here to work and bid for work for the sake of Dunedin".

### **COMMUNITY WATER SCHEME**

Millers Flat residents and property Millers Flat Water Company chairman **Bruce Abbott (1960-63)** and more than 70 Millers Flat residents and property owners recently toasted the commissioning of the \$790,000 Millers Flat water scheme with plastic cups of water, fresh from the bore.

Bruce likened the process the organising committee, and later the board of directors, went through to deal with the required paperwork and accessing funding to the journey water made from the mountains to the sea, and the hurdles it encountered along the way.

Waitaki MP Jacqui Dean and Bruce unveiled the plaque set in a Millers Flat rock to mark the opening.



From Left - **Bruce Abbott (1960-63)**, Waitaki MP Jacqui Dean & Stephen Jeffery

### **LOW MILEAGE, ONE OWNER – FIRE READY!**

**Nelson Cottle (1983-87)** has the perfect family vehicle for pyrophobics — their very own Japanese import fire engine. In fact, he has two Nissan Safari fire appliances and knows where he can get more.

So whether you value a vehicle for safety devices that include a builtin water pump and large hoses, or you like the idea of cruising on a Friday night in a (literally) fire engine red street machine with operational sirens and lights, or just want a 4WD truck with guaranteed low mileage, Mr Cottle has a deal for you.

These are not the first fire engines the manager of Auto Court has had on the lot. In deciding to import the first two, he thought the main attraction would be the vehicles' low mileage.



Old Boy **Nelson Cottle (1983-87)** has imported more Japanese fire engines after the first two sold well.

"Large factories in Japan have to have their own fire appliance," Mr Cottle said. "So they don't get used much unless there is a fire." But one of the trucks sold "as is" to a collector and the other was sold to be converted for use as an agricultural sprayer. "I'm told the pump units themselves would have cost about \$30,000 new."

At \$12,995 each, then, it is as cheap as a fire sale.

### **THE 'PLOTS' THICKEN**

**Alan Matchett (1971-75)** Dunedin City Council botanic garden and cemeteries team leader says "on 12ha of rolling hills off Blackhead Rd, Dunedin's newest cemetery has room for more than 10,000 burial plots, and is expected to serve the city's needs for the next 70 years".

However Old Boys' - places cannot be booked at the cemetery until a death has occurred, because the council does not pre-sell plots in case all the space becomes locked up. "We just try to keep it fair for everyone," Mr Matchett said.

Cremations were more popular than burials in Dunedin, which had about three cremations to every burial. That ratio was reversed in the North Island, because of the different cultural makeup of the northern population, he said.

## **GOODBYE TO TWO DUNEDIN ICONS - NEWS FROM DUNEDIN**

### **GARDIES TAVERN**

Gardies Tavern (Gardies) opened in 1970, and was the city's first purpose-built tavern, providing drinks but no accommodation. It was designed to take advantage of extended opening hours - its landscaped gardens and restaurant-style meals reflecting the move just a few years earlier from the "6 o'clock swill" to 10pm closing.

The Gardens, Mornington and Fairfield [taverns] were all quite large customer spaces that many Old Boys' will have fond memories of. Later, the Gardies Tavern became a much-loved student haunt but it was not originally planned that way.

The tavern had its beginnings in the 1960s with John Farry - acting on behalf of his family - buying the land on the corner of Castle and Brooks streets, and the licence of the former Excelsior Hotel on the corner of Princes and Dowling streets. He then applied to the commission to have the licence transferred to the new tavern.

Built for \$250,000, the tavern featured a garden, where drinks could be taken, and an orange and brown interior colour scheme. In the upstairs bar, the emphasis was on "sit-down drinking". Customers would be offered "a choice of several steaks, lamb chops, cold meats, seafood cocktails and more exotic dishes", which they could enjoy "amid a decor which expresses tasteful luxury". A place no doubt where many Old Boys' took first dates...

Peter Innes-Jones, who has been at the pub 18 years, does not take umbrage at the "Gardies" being described as a booze barn and says staff dealt with "nice people who didn't give a [hoot] that it was brown bricks and maroon carpet". "In fact, 'tacky' was something we sold for a long time.

He had hoped to sell the pub as a going concern but says for all the talk of students taking the place over, the university was the only serious buyer.

The university's plan to close the pub is indicative of "its desire to curb and control student behaviour", Innes Jones says, describing such attempts as mean-spirited. In trying to "tidy up all the rough edges", the university is missing one of the reasons people choose to study at Otago - the freedom to be themselves and a lack of a big-brother mentality.

However, university chief operating officer John Patrick says the university bought the premises because it has a use for the property and it was offered for sale by the owners who indicated it was no longer economically viable as a tavern.

"The university has a shortage of student study space and it was felt that this property could be developed as a study centre to help alleviate pressure in the central library. It is suitable because it is close to the main campus, and large properties such as this are not often available."

Marc Ellis, who was at university in Dunedin until 1995, says that location right in the middle of "Scarfie land" was part of the secret to the Gardies' success. "It had a nice layout, a good environment and served Speight's on tap. What more could a man want?"

### **CARRISBROOK**

28,000 people said their final farewell to Carisbrook in style at the All Blacks vs Wales test match on 19 June 2010.

Many did not want to leave and lingered long after the final whistle as the curtain fell on Dunedin's most iconic venue. They watched respectfully as dual international Jeff Wilson cut into the turf with a spade and removed a block to be carried by helicopter to the roofed Forsyth Barr stadium.

Gradually people began shuffling towards the exits, glancing behind them as they went, as though they were leaving behind a close friend.

But what they were leaving was just bricks and mortar. When the bulldozers eventually rumble across the ground, destroying everything in their path, the glue which held the 'Brook together will remain: the elderly lady clutching a blanket around her waist listening to the match broadcast on a transistor radio; the wide-eyed first-year student full of enthusiasm and cheap beer; the mini-van of 60-year-olds getting away from their wives for a "boys' weekend"; the ball boys; the bemused foreigners; the bagpipers; the streakers.

So will the funny hats; the queues for the toilet; the sausage sizzles; the overpriced warm beer. It is just that the show will shift from South Dunedin.

For more than 100 years, Carisbrook and the working-class suburb have stood side by side. The venue will remain operational until August next year. But the surrounding streets are set to change forever. Burns St will never be the same.

For some it will be a blessing. Life will be quieter. For others, there will be a void which cannot be filled.

## OBITUARY

**Robert Cadzow (Roy) Calder (1921)**, who was New Zealand's most notable pre-war diver, died in Alexandra 3/7/1979, aged 72. Mr. Calder won the New Zealand diving title eight times between 1926 and 1933. He represented New Zealand at the first British Empire Games, held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1930. This was the first time New Zealand had been represented overseas by a diver. He completed under difficulties because of severe back injuries received before the games, but succeeded in gaining fourth place. His injuries forced in to retire from sport in 1933.

Mr. Calder was a pupil of Otago Boys High School, where he was the school gymnastics champion in 1921 and was a member of the first fifteen. He was a lifelong supporter of the Zingari Richmond Football Club and played in the club's senior team in the 1920's.

After leaving Otago Boys High School he attended Otago University, and went on to a career with a Provincial Life Insurance Company. He later worked for J.K. Mooney Ltd and the New Zealand Sheepskin Council.

## RECENT DEATHS

**We extend our condolences to the families of the following Old Boys**

**Macolm (Mac) Geoffrey Maslemore (1944-45)** died on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at Ross Home aged 81 years.

**George Colvulle Meneps Angus (1928-32)** died on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 aged 94 years.

**Kelvin Read (1950-53)** passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 peacefully at Lesli Groves Hospital in Dunedin aged 75 years.

**Clifford Hugh Irvine (1933-36)** passed away peacefully at Anthony Wilding Hospital in Christchurch on 11th June 2010 aged 90 years. Cliff served in the war from 1939-45 and was awarded the ONZM in 2000, for services to veterinary science. After retiring as a vet he spent time lecturing at Lincoln University as an Emeritus Professor.



**George McKnight (1923-27)** celebrates his 100th birthday with great-grandchildren, from left, Farrin Quin (6), Lily Denhardt (11), Ellen Quin (12), Sophie Quin (8), Rebecca Quin (14), Kenya Quin (16), Ethan Denhardt (5), Christopher Quin (12) and Asher Quin (9).

**George McKnight (1923-27)** turned 100 on 1<sup>st</sup> June and celebrated his birthday at Mossbrae Hospital in Mosgiel on Saturday with family and friends. Sadly George passed away peacefully shortly after on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

A World War 2 returned serviceman, Mr McKnight worked at the freezing works in Burnside for 32 years and was a keen sportsman - particularly in cricket, hockey and running.

He has three children, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Malcolm Alan McDougall (1940-43)** died on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at Leith House Rest Home in his 85<sup>th</sup> year.

**Bill Chalmers (1930-33)** who died on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 at Dunedin Hospital aged 94. Bill served in WW2 from 1939-45.

**Karl Alan van Betuw (2001-05)** died suddenly in Dunedin on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 aged 22 years.

**Alister John Robinson (1947)** died Wanganui 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 aged 80 years. Alister was a school teacher, headmaster and school inspector in his working life. A talented sportsman he represented North Otago in both Rugby and cricket He was a member of the first XV and first XI in 1947 and also excelled that year in athletics. After OBHS he played first division Rugby for Training College, as it was then called, in the Otago RFU competition.

**We also extend our sympathies to:**

**Ricky Knopp (2006-)** whose Granddad Dick passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**James Yeoman (2002-06)** whose Great Nana Norma passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

**Manu Reedy (2001-03)** whose Granddad John Marshall passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Christopher Latimer (1991-95)** whose father Tim passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Peter (1972-76) & David Saggs (1973-77)** whose mother Ruth passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010

**Stewart Mitchell (1968-69)** whose mother Shirley died on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Stewart is the son of the late **Jim Mitchell (1943-45)**

**David Phillips (1961-65)** whose wife Pam passed away at Clutha Health First on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Brian Cramond (1963-68)** whose mother Ngarie passed away at Dunedin Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010



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