



# The Pharos

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RONGOTAI COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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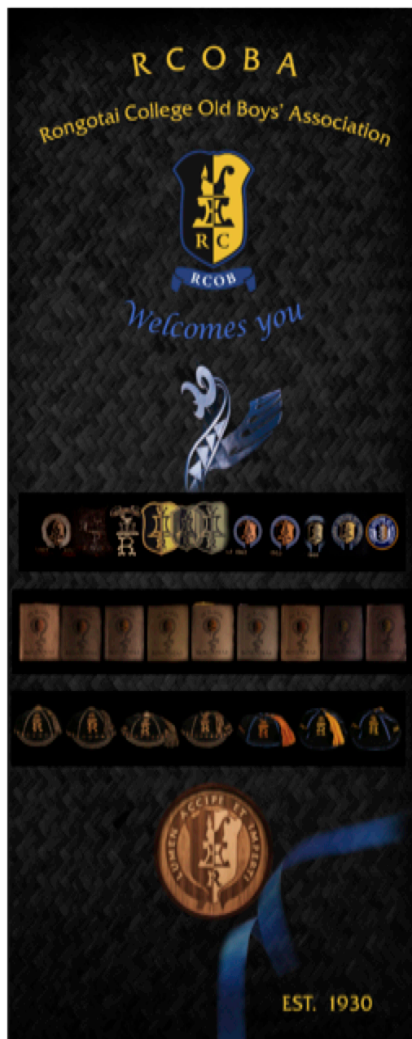
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## **Annual General Meeting**

**Registered Members of the RCOBA are invited to attend the**

**RCOBA 2018 AGM, to be held at the:**

**Oriental Rongotai Clubrooms, 22 Park Road, Miramar,**

**commencing at 6.00pm, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

The Annual Report, Minutes of the 2017 AGM and Annual Accounts Summary will be available at the meeting. A light supper (incl tea/coffee) will be served. Beverages will be available for purchase.

***The AGM will be followed by:***



All Rongotai Old Boys are invited to come along, catch up with old mates and hear what's going on with the RCOB Association in 2019 and our plans for the future! Find out how you could be involved in supporting the college and in maintaining connections with your fellow Old Boys.

Beverages and bar snacks will be available for purchase.

**Oriental Rongotai Clubrooms, 22 Park Road, Miramar,**

**commencing at 7.15pm, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

## ***President's Message***

Greetings Old Boys

The Association committee members were delighted to have celebrated the school's 90<sup>th</sup> year with Reunion events held over Queen's Birthday Weekend. Across the weekend, on the official guest lists were five members from the 1930s, 10 from the 1940s, 35 from the 1950s, 8 from the 1960s, 20 from the 1970s, and 3 from the 1990s/2000s. With partners, there were over 100 guests at the major "RC at the Roxy" event on the Friday night, which was a grand end to a busy day at school, where Sid Turnbull (pupil 1953-59, staff 1965-81) entertained the assembly with a variety of tales, before adjourning to the luncheon in the Mackay Library, the catering for which was done once again by the school's Hospitality students. On Saturday, members gathered on the mezzanine floor and outdoor deck of the gymnasium to view the First XV playing Scots College, followed by casual drinks at the new Parrot Dog Bar on Kingsford Smith Street.

Planning for this reunion was not easy, as we had only recently completed modernisation of our administrative capability to function in the digital environment and had only minimal time to attend to organising events. Moreover, there are significant hurdles to overcome in hosting large events on-site at the college, especially in terms of food and liquor licensing requirements, which are considerably more stringent than in the past, which meant we had to carefully consider how to suitably plan and provide for an uncertain number of guests for events at school and off-site. Thankfully, we got there in the end and are pleased with a range of positive feedback from members and hosting venues.



While the Reunion was a satisfactory test run of our new administration systems, we did make some clerical errors along the way and unfortunately a few members did not receive registration information, for which we unreservedly apologise. However, being good RC boys who always learn from our mistakes, we are better informed by the experience of hosting a major event. The hospitality landscape of a vibrant city like Wellington provides many attractive venues and options for consideration for hosting gatherings of 50-100 people. Our experience of coordinating our major Friday evening event at the Roxy in Miramar was rewarding on many fronts and affirmed the probable benefit of staging events of this scale and this type of location in the future.

The necessity of staging the 90<sup>th</sup> has meant we have not been able to invest time and energy in getting our intended calendar of reunion activities off the ground, at least not on the scale envisioned, so we are looking forward to developing this programme of events in 2019. In addition to targeted year-group reunions, we hope to provide support for sports teams and arts groups to get together and to align these with fundraising events for specific codes and cultural pursuits. We hope to also begin developing our mentoring and business networks in earnest.

Our capacity to provide financial support of the college, and indeed to administer the business of the Association, is entirely dependent on donations from members. In this respect, while our funds are limited we are pleased to have been able to continue to fund school sports and cultural activities. The new James Hunter Leadership fund, to support leadership development through the Outward Bound programmes, is an exciting development.

2018 has confirmed just how challenging it can be for a volunteer committee to organise a reunion gathering of this type and scale of the 90th. While there's real potential to drive the Association forward in a variety of ways that will be of benefit to the college and to our members, implementing new processes requires valuable time and personal energy from our volunteers, so I do appeal to members to be patient as we begin to turn the multiple wheels of the Association chariot and move our operation into a higher gear.



On behalf of the Association committee members, I wish all our alumni the very best for the summer and look forward to being of service to Association members and to the college in 2019.

Matt Eagle (1976-80)  
President

## ***Obituaries***

While it is always sad to hear of the passing of Old Boys, there is a great deal of pride in reading of the many significant contributions members have made to local and national communities and also across the world in a variety of fields.

***Ian D. Austin (1946-52)*** died Lower Hutt 18 August 2018. Ian was a prefect in 1952 and the head of Mansfield House, which won the H.T.M. Fathers Shield. 1952 was an outstanding year for Ian on the cricket field. He was captain of the First XI and with his medium-pace in-swing bowling took 42 wickets at an average of 8.25. In a convincing win against Wellington College (52 for 9 and 53) Ian took 3 for 18 and 8 for 15 including the 'hat-trick'. In the annual fixture against Wairarapa College, won by Rongotai by nine wickets, Ian took 5 for 26 and 7 for 20). He was selected for the Wellington Secondary Schools team. Ian was also an outstanding distance runner in a period when Rongotai was very strong in cross-country. In 1952 he won the 880 and was second in the mile at the school sports, and won the intercollegiate senior cross country; Rongotai took second and third places too. Ian was also an accomplished boxer, in 1951 winning the title for Under 110lbs and the Smith Cup for the best Intermediate boxer. After leaving school Ian played cricket for Midland and in the Hutt Valley and was a committed member of the Scottish Harriers. He contributed generously to administration in both sports.

**Ian Stuart Barr (1938-43)** died Wellington on 2 August 2018.

**David William Irvine (Bill) Beck (1945-48)**, retired police officer, died 29/10/18.

**Mervyn John Castle (1952-55)**, died 03/09/18 at Te Hopai.

**David Charlesworth (1951-55)** died Auckland 14 May 2018. David was a prefect in 1954 and head prefect in 1955. He was captain of the First XV in 1955. After graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and and Electronic) from Canterbury, David had a prominent business career in computer services and electronics. The company, Comworth, of which David was the founder and managing director has offices in Auckland, Lower Hutt and Christchurch

‘David’s career spanned decades, from his early training as an electrical engineer to the collection of local and global companies that he carefully nurtured and built, divested and incorporated throughout his lifetime. Today, Comworth Group [is a privately-owned, family-run company that maintains David’s ‘people-first’ approach, while putting its stamp on the industry with names like Pyrios, Agile Networks, and Virsae under the



Comworth Group umbrella. David was a community man, heavily involved with the Murrays Bay sailing club, even becoming its patron thanks to his work supporting the club, and particularly the youth who came up through it. ... , he also managed to find the time to be a member of the East Coast Bays rotary club, work with Sir Peter Blake and the America’s Cup, and was at one time a Commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. David’s success was in no small part due to his love of being on the leading edge of technology and working to ensure New Zealand was never left behind. Photo: (NZZ *ChannelLife*, Noel Harris).

**Alison Couper**, Rongotai ancillary staff member (1972-85) passed away in October . Alison was the mother of late Old Boy and former school Bursar, John Couper ( 1967-71).

**Robert Fagan (1969-72)** went missing on 1 May 2018 while swimming off Jason Bay Beach on the coast of Malaysia. Robert was yachting with friends. Robert was a successful carpenter including work in South East Asia and the Middle East.1 While at Rongotai he was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Medal in 1972.

**Prudence (Prue) Free**, who died in Wellington on 28 May 2018, was a teacher at Rongotai from 1978 to 1980.

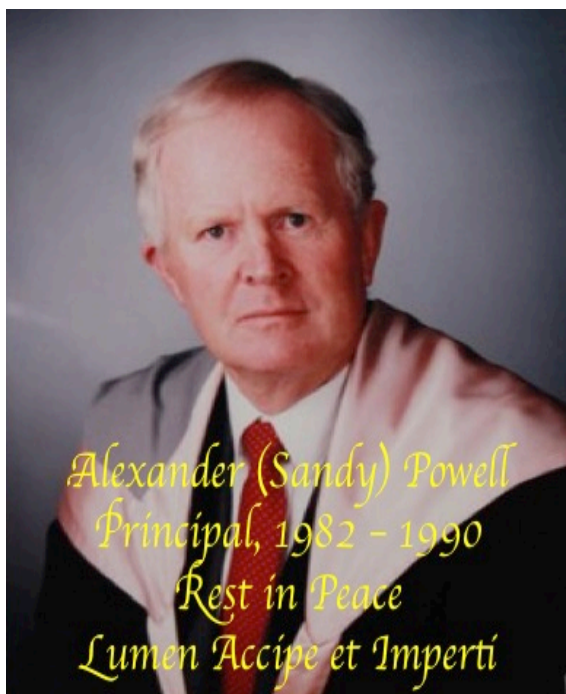
**Dr Bernard John Forde MBE (1947-52)**, died Palmerston North 11/10/18. Dr Forde was a DSIR scientist 1957-92, Palmerston North city councillor 1971-98 and Palmerston North Deputy Mayor 1985-98.



**Harry M. Miller (1947)** spent one year at Rongotai. He ran away to sea going on 15. He later worked in public relations and established an Auckland-based recording business signing the Howard Morrison Quartet (*My Old Man's an All Black*), and then moved to Australia in 1963. He was among the best-known of Australia's music and entertainment promoters. Shows he brought to Australia and New Zealand included *Hair*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and the *Rocky Horror Show*. His autobiography, *Harry M Miller: Confessions of a Not-So-Secret-Agent* was published in 2011.

In an interview in 1996 (*Evening Post*) Harry spoke of 'one of the more serious setbacks of his life' – being caught running an illegal catering operation at Rongotai College ... he and a fellow college laboratory monitor Fred Scarlett (1945-47) made quick money when they discovered ... there was constant demand from fellow students for cocoa and raisin toast. The pair established a minor illicit catering enterprise using Bunsen burners as cooking equipment. 'It lasted about four months until we were caught. We were caned in front of the whole school. <https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/world/361143/harry-m-miller-celebrity-agent-and-theatrical-producer-dies-aged-84>

**Bernard J. Forde MBE, Ph.D, JP (1947-52)** died Palmerston North 11 October 2018. After leaving Rongotai, where was a prefect in 1952, Bernard completed an M Sc (First Class Honours) in Botany at Victoria and then a Ph D at the University of California (Davis Campus). On returning to New Zealand in the early 60s Bernard was on the staff of the Grasslands Division of DSIR in Palmerston North where he authored a number of much-cited articles. In 1975 Bernard was President of the Manawatu Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand and was instrumental in the establishment of what became the Fonterra Manawatu Science and Technology Fair. Bernard had a prominent and lengthy career in local government and community affairs in Palmerston North. He was a city councillor from 1957-98 and deputy mayor, 1995-98. While on the council, Bernard chaired the Caccia Birch charitable trust; he also served for ten years (including a period as chair) on the Ozanam House Trust providing accommodation for cancer patients. Bernard was awarded the MBE in 1995 'for services to local body and community affairs'. The Bernard J Forde Prize is awarded annually to a student in year four of the Massey University Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning degree.



**Alexander (Sandy) D.M. Powell, I Staff (1958-61) and Principal (1982-1990)** passed away on September 25.

Sandy first taught at the college from 1958-61. Sandy followed on from Noel Mackay as the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal of the college and placed great value on community, striving for excellence and life-long learning. Through his unfailingly kind manner and positive belief in developing good citizens, Sandy equipped many Rongotai students to live richly. He wrote in his 1988 annual report that "education is still one of the most important requirements for life. It will not guarantee anyone a living or make people rich, but it is the only way we can ensure

that our children will have the ability to live richly.”

## Football Publication



The 90<sup>th</sup> commemoration was an occasion for the launch of *Rongotai to All Whites: Pupils Who Have Played Football for Their Country* by **Michael Chadwick (1955-60)**, a well-researched and illustrated story of the twelve Rongotai students who have represented New Zealand: Charles Mackie (1929-33), Ronnie Kearns (1952-56), Rodney Reid (1952-56), Peter Whiting (1953-55), Grahame Bilby (1953-58), Paul Cameron (1965-69), Shane Rufer (1973-75), Billy Harris (1975-79), Wynton Rufer (1976-81), Michael Utting (1986-87), Rafaele de Gregorio (1991-95), Chris Killen (1995-98). The publication is available from the Old Boys Association ([nfo@rcob.org.nz](mailto:nfo@rcob.org.nz)) at a cost of \$20 plus \$3 postage. Orders can also be placed [via our website](#). (\$10 will go to the First XI National Tournament Travel Fund).

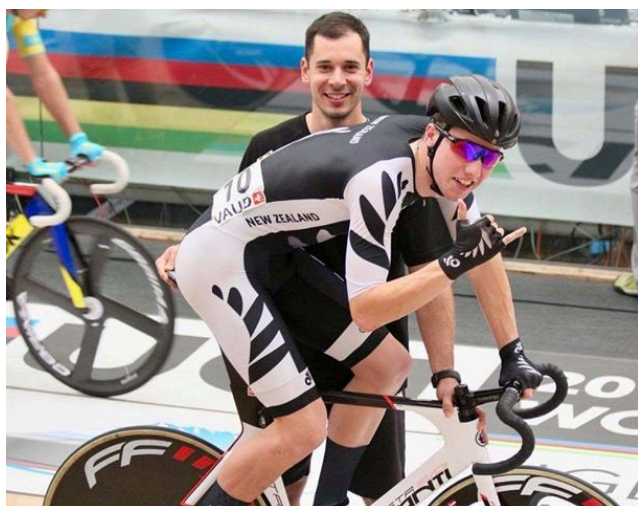
## Old Boys News



The **2A class of 1958**, along with Colin Carr and Peter Kennedy, enjoyed lunch together at Whaka Café in June. This is a simple way to get together and Old Boys are welcome to contact the Association to help make contact with class groups or sports teams. We can also liaise with the school should you wish to visit attend assembly (11.30am on Fridays).

Some Old Boys may remember that 62 years ago, in March 1956, preparations were commenced for the design and construction of *Scott Base Antarctica*, a project led by Ed Hillary. The then disused grounds at **the Exhibition** were used to erect the buildings that later became Scott Base. (*The Design and Construction of Scott Base Antarctica: 357 Days*, Ministry of Works — film held by Nga Taonga Sound and Vision; Andrew Collins).

**Steve Gianoutsos (1983-85)** and his wife, Julie, founded the Mojo coffee chain 15 years ago. He opened his first cafe, Espresso Republic, in Wellington in the early 2000s. Today Mojo has 31 cafes, most in Auckland and Wellington, four under license in Japan, two with a partner in China and one run by the Gianoutsos's in Chicago. The chain is now under conditional offer from Cooks Global Foods — who hold the franchise for the Esquire chain outside New Zealand — for \$19 million in cash, Cooks shares, and debt. Steve will remain with the chain leading their expansion in the United States (*Dom. Post* 17 August 2018).



Members will be pleased to know that we have been continued to provide funds to the college, notably to a variety of teams, groups and individual students attending national or international events. We also supported a young Old Boy – **George Jackson (2012-17)** to compete at the World Cycling Championships in Switzerland. George won a Gold medal in the four-man road race, then was unfortunately knocked from his bike in the points race, losing the chance of another medal. We are very proud of his world-class achievement!

**Grant Nisbett (1964-68)** was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to sports broadcasting by the award of the MNZM. A week later he called his 300<sup>th</sup> Test when the All Blacks played France at the Westpac Stadium. He has no plans to hang up the microphone.

**Colin Owens (1985-89)** has made a singular contribution to cricket since leaving Rongotai. This was recognised by the award to him in 2013 of the Wellington Cricket Association Mike Curtis Cup as Volunteer of the Year. At school Colin was a member of the First XI, 1987-89, captaining the side in his last year including a two-week trip to Melbourne. He played 23 seasons of Senior cricket (1990-2013), three for Kilbirnie (now Easts) and 20 for University. Last year Colin was selected for the NZ Indoor Cricket Over 45 Masters side, which played Australia in a five test series and has been named in the squad for the team to compete in the World Cup in South Africa next year. Colin has been the chairman and treasurer of the University Club for a remarkable 16 years during which the club celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and completed practice facilities at Kelburn Park. The Senior team enters the new season as the holders of the Cook Shield. The University Club has a working relationship with Rongotai, providing coaching for the year 9-10 team last year; and assisting the intermediate team in the coming season.

**Jeetan Patel (1994-98)** captained Warwickshire to win the County Championship division two this year -- returning to the first division next year -- and captured another 50 wickets to add to the 353 he had taken at the beginning of last season. He had also scored 2863 runs including three centuries. Thirty-nine year old Jeetan has contracted with Warwickshire for a further season in 2019. In the meantime he has returned to New Zealand and will turn out for Wellington in the Plunket Shield opener at the Basin on 10 October. (*Dominion Post* 29 September 2018).

During the recent visit by the Polish President, Andrzej Duda, distinguished historian and Old Boy, Emeritus Professor **Roberto Rabel (1969-73)** was presented with the Golden Cross of Merit distinction for his role in the development of Polish-New Zealand cooperation. Roberto is the author or editor of over 40 books and articles, including the official history, *New Zealand and the Vietnam War: Politics and Diplomacy* (2005). He recently retired from a position he held for 10 years as Pro Vice-Chancellor (International Engagement) at VUW. He is currently Establishment Director for a new Centre for Asia-Pacific Excellence for Southeast Asia. In 2016 Roberto addressed the College scholarship students.



A team of New Zealand cyclists including **John Randal (1987-91)** completed the entire route of Le Tour de France on the Champs Elysee, Paris, one day ahead of the race (in which there were four New Zealand professional cyclists). The tour took three and a half weeks and covered 3000 km, raising money for the Mental Health Foundation. John is Associate Dean (students) of the Victoria University of Wellington Business School.

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoon/audio/2018651439/cycling-the-tour-de-france-for-mental-health-awareness>

**Michael Reddell (1978-79)** spoke on Radio New Zealand in May, on the theme that NZ should back its own people. Michael has worked for the Reserve Bank, been a special advisor to the New Zealand Treasury and spent two years on the board of the International Monetary Fund. His interview can be found here:

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/audio/2018644687/michael-reddell-nz-should-back-its-own-people>

**Dave Stephenson (1962-66)** was recently (11 June) the subject of an interview on *Nine to Noon* (RNZ). Dave grew up in Miramar and after completing his science degrees at Victoria went on in 1971 to Cornell University, achieving his PhD with a dissertation on the 'Internal Structure of Jupiter'. He is now Professor of Planetary Science at Caltech (near Pasadena, California) and has a notable reputation in the field. (He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the United States National Academy of Sciences.) The interview focuses on Dave's prominent role in the NASA space probe by the spacecraft *Juno* (launched 2011), which is orbiting the planet Jupiter. Dave leads an international group of scholars analysing data collected by the spacecraft (Ithi<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoon/audio/2018653122/fascinated-by-jupiter> and Bruce Cockburn).

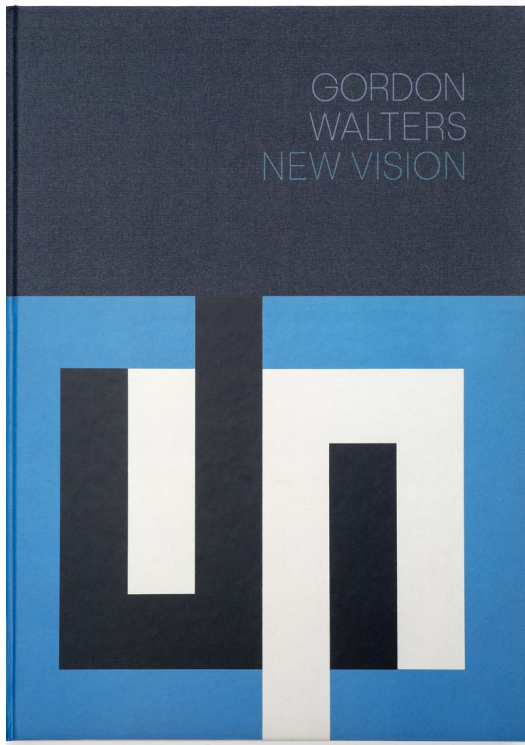


**Julian Savea (2004-08)** is leaving New Zealand rugby for the French club, Toulon. In 2008, Julian made the New Zealand secondary schools team and the Hurricanes academy squad in 2009. He made his debut for the New Zealand sevens team at the 2009 Adelaide Sevens. In 2010, Savea was selected for the New Zealand U-20 team to play at the 2010 IRB Junior World Championship in Argentina. He scored eight tries in the tournament, which New

Zealand won and was named IRB Junior Player of the Year. Julian was rewarded for his good form by being picked in the 2010 Wellington Lions squad to play in the 2010 ITM Cup.

'The Bus' has played 115 games for the Hurricanes and 54 games for the All Blacks, (from 2012 to 2017) scoring 46 tries (second only to Doug Howlett with 49 (and sharing second place with Christian Cullen and Joe Rokocoko). 'Jules can be incredibly proud of everything he has achieved in the black jersey,' All Blacks coach Steve Hansen said. 'He is a devastating ball runner who inspired others with his physicality and try-scoring prowess. On behalf of all the All Blacks, we want to wish Julian and his family all the very best and thank him for everything he has done for the All Blacks.' (Stuff, Wikipedia).





**Gordon Walters (1931-35)** is regarded as one of New Zealand's most important modernist painters. An exhibition, *Gordon Walters: New Vision* is on display at the Auckland Art Gallery from July to November. 'Across six decades he explored the potential of a few simple geometric elements with a singular focus, creating works of exactitude and refinement. [The exhibition] is the first comprehensive survey of the artist's complete body of work and draws on paintings from major public and private collections across New Zealand. The exhibition provides an in-depth look into the history of Walters' development, and reveals the different art forms which fuelled his vision and inspired the creation of his own unique visual language. The original black and white koru paintings of the 1960s are brought back together for the first time and are shown alongside never-before-seen paintings, studies and notebooks' Accompanying the exhibition is an extensive book, *Gordon Walters: New Vision*,

**Paul Griffin (1957-63)**, Distinguished Professor of Management at the University of California, Davis (having previously been at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business), was in Wellington recently as Don Trow Visiting Fellow at Victoria University and delivered a public lecture *Climate risk and balance sheets: How more disclosure might solve the climate change crisis*. After his accounting degree at Victoria, Paul completed a PhD in accounting and an MA in operations research and economic theory at Ohio State University. Paul is a leading international authority in accounting, financial information and disclosure. He has published over 70 articles in leading journals, five research monographs for the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and two case-books on US financial reporting. He is 'one of a small group whose articles are now classics in their field' ([Victoria.ac.nz](http://Victoria.ac.nz)). Paul's brothers were also Rongotai students: the late **Michael** (1946-52) also an accountant and head prefect in 1952; and **Anthony**, (1954-60), orthopaedic surgeon at Wellington Hospital.

As the *Chariot* goes to press, two Old Boys were named as **Welly Award** category winners: **Judge Andrew Becroft**, (1971-75) former youth principal chief justice and the Children's Commissioner, won the public service category and **Chris Sutton (1959-65)** Science and Technology.

**Public Service:** Andrew Becroft, the Children's Commissioner, is a former district court judge who has spent his career shaping the way young offenders are treated in the courts. ROSS GIBLIN/STUF





**Science & Technology:** Chris Sutton, a distinguished physicist and world-renowned expert in metrology, the science of measurement. He established the New Zealand Measurement Standards Laboratory (MSL) and created an Asia-Pacific Metrology Programme as well. (*Dom.Post* 6 December 2018). Christopher was Dux and in the First XV in 1965. Sadly, **Christopher Sutton** died on 13 December 2018. SUPPLIED.

## School news



Congratulations to **Jamal Fiso** who has been named as the Rongotai electorate representative for the Youth Parliament for 2019. The six-month Youth Parliament programme provides an opportunity for young New Zealanders to discuss what is important to them as Youth MPs, and to actively work on topics and issues they are passionate about. Jamal will work closely with Rongotai MP Paul Eagle, who announced Jamal's selection at the school assembly on 19 October.

**Rongotai College Art students** have been involved in the new sea-themed murals on the entrances to the subway below the airport runway which were blessed and celebrated recently. Mayor Justin Lester says the new sea-themed public artworks have significantly enhanced this part of the neighbourhood, and a key walking and biking connection. **Art teacher Esmee McAuley** says the project has provided an enormous opportunity for the students to



learn more about digital and community art, work with practising artists, and to see and be part of a design process. "The overall impact it will have on the community is now becoming apparent to the students involved as people have begun using and noticing it." The senior art students from Rongotai College took part in a series of workshops to help plan the mural, and proximity to the sea was the key theme that came through. Others were Whāitaitai and Ngake – the Māori legend of the creation of the harbour, the film industry, the airport, and likening the action of moving through the tunnel from one suburb to another to going on a plane journey, travelling from one time zone and place to another. Weta Workshop Art Director Paul Tobin says it is always a tremendous pleasure for Weta Workshop to have the opportunity to support and collaborate with a new generation of artists. "This was no exception," he says. "We were hugely excited to see the students of Rongotai College reach into their imaginations and come



up with some fantastic artwork that so wonderfully reflects the cultural, historical, and environmental context of the area.”

## Winter Sports roundup

It was a busy winter sports’ season, with many of our premier winter sports teams successful in their Wellington competitions and going away to tournaments around the North Island.

The **1<sup>st</sup> XI Football** finished a successful season in 4th place in the Premier division. Having won promotion through grading after being Division 1 champions last year, this is a reflection of the increasing depth and quality of football at the college. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI also had a successful tournament, making the semifinals and ending the Rex Dawkins Tournament in Napier in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to Iori Carryer who was Rongotai’s tournament MVP.

The **U15 Rugby** side finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the Hurricanes regional tournament, while the U14s beat both St Pats, town and Wellington College before losing to Fielding College in their top of the table clash in their U14 Hurricanes Regional Cup.

**The Senior A and Senior B Basketball** teams both won their Wellington divisions. The Senior A



boys won the CSW Premier Division for the first time in two decades, beating St Pats Town 84-69 in the final, while the Senior B team beat Paraparaumu to win the Division Two title. The Senior A went on to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in their regional qualifying tournament and had a frustrating journey through toughest pool at the National Tournament in late September and earned 10th place. The Junior

A basketball side were semi-finalists in the Wellington league, then travelled to Napier and finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the Zone 3 North Island Champs with 4 wins and 2 losses.

At the **National Swimming Champs**, Sam Brown (right) won 8 gold medals and one silver, Jacob Timmins won one gold and a bronze (plus 2 top-ten finishes) and Che Pulepule had 5 placings in the top ten, capping a fantastic year for swimming at Rongotai

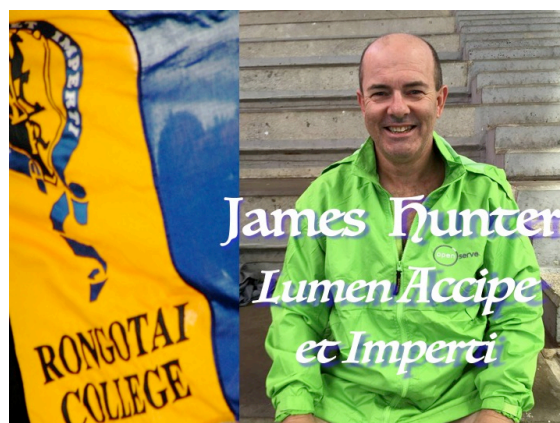


The **1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey** were Premier Division finalists, losing in an overtime penalty shoot out thriller against Paraparaumu. After a decade long absence at the prestigious Rankin Cup Tournament, the side played well to finish in 21<sup>st</sup> place, securing their qualification to next years’ premier tournament.



At the 2018 College Sport Wellington Sportsman of the Year Awards (the SPOTYs), **Ezrah Vaigafa (Basketball)** and **Tim McKibbin (Floorball)** were honoured as Male Players of the Year in their respective codes. Ezrah won this award in 2017 and is the sixth Rongotai basketballer to achieve this recognition. Tim is the first Rongotai athlete to earn the award for Floorball, a sport rapidly growing in popularity.

## Outward Bound and the James Hunter Leadership Award



We are honoured to have been able to award **Mac Johnson** (below), a Year 13 student in 2019, as the inaugural recipient of the **James Hunter Leadership Award**, which provides funds to assist a student to attend an Outward Bound course. James was the Head Prefect in 1980 (and staff member in 1989) and passed away suddenly in South Africa in June, 2017. The leadership award was established with the support of Jamie's family, following the memorial service held in February 2018. Just as this Chariot is about to be published, contributions from Old Boys have seen a further three students supported to experience the Outward Bound "Mind Body and Soul" 21-day journey of self-discovery, building their confidence, independence and leadership abilities. We hope many Old Boys will actively support the James Hunter Leadership Award with donations so more students can be supported in this way.



### CONTRIBUTIONS

*John Martin, will be pleased to receive any news of Old Boys or other items for publication. His phone number is (04) 389 9001 and his email [john.r.martin@icloud.com](mailto:john.r.martin@icloud.com). Contributions may also be emailed to [info@rcob.org.nz](mailto:info@rcob.org.nz) or posted to: **Chariot Editor, RCOBA, PO Box 14063 Wellington, 6241.***

*The editor thanks Bruce Cockburn and Andrew Collins (Brisbane) for their much appreciated contribution to the production and distribution of the Chariot.*








# RONGOTAI COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

## Registered Member Subscriptions Appeal for Donations Annual General Meeting (2018)

30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Old Boys,

This message is addressed to any former students or staff of Rongotai College who wish to:

-  **subscribe** as Registered Members of the Association
-  **renew** their Registered Member annual subscription
-  **donate** financially to the Association

All former students or staff of Rongotai College are automatically regarded to be "members of the Old Boys' Association" and are warmly invited to share their contact details with the Association via the [web-site contact form](#), or to complete the form over the page for subscriptions and donations.

**Registered Members who subscribe annually and Life Members** are accorded voting rights at Annual General Meetings, access to discounts on RCOB merchandise and preferential booking access to special Association events.

**Donations and subscription payments** provide critical support for a sustainable and valuable partnership between Old Boys and our school. We are most grateful for any level of donation our members are able to contribute to help the Association fulfill its aims. All donations over \$5, and \$15 of an annual subscription of \$25, are tax deductible and you will receive an appropriate receipt, once your payment has been processed by the Treasurer.

**PAYMENTS** (for Subscriptions, Donations): **Please complete the form and select your payment method on the next page.**

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At the conclusion of the formal business of the AGM, a meet'n'greet and information session, **Project Re-Connect**, will be held, commencing at **7.15pm**. **This meeting is open to all Old Boys.**



# R.C.O.B.A.

Payment advice for:

## Registered Member Subscription and Donations

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**Subs/Donation:** Please tick and complete the relevant categories below.

**Annual Subscription:** **\$25**

**and / or**

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**TOTAL:\$\_\_\_\_\_**

### Payment method:

**By cheque to R.C.O.B.A.**, and post with the completed form to:  
RCOBA, PO Box 14-063, Kilbirnie, Wellington, 6241.

**By online banking** transaction to **020-576-0156577-00** – Please include your surname and initials in the payee detail box to enable us to identify your payment on our account statement. **Please email your details and advice of payment to [info@rcob.org.nz](mailto:info@rcob.org.nz)**

**By online secure Stripe payment via the [Members Annual Fees](#) page on the RCOB website.**

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