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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

BROTHERS!

Welcome to the latest edition of THE PATSMAN, I hope it finds you in good health, safe and in good spirit. Firstly I would like to introduce myself; I am George Collins, a Silverstream Old Boy from 1980–84, and have been a member of the SPCOBA Executive Committee since 2007. I was elected President back in March at our AGM. I would like to thank Evan Bayly for his leadership and guidance over the last few years and his continued support as immediate past President.

This year, 2015, is proving to be a very busy year for the St Pat's Old Boys' community, it has been wonderful to have made a number of appearances at both Colleges to hand out scholarships, award trophies and just make social visits as we continue to engage as a stakeholder of the Colleges.

Highlights of the past six months have included the awarding of the Old Boys' Scholarship to Dallas Arthurs, a third generation St Pat's Town boy who received the award at the start of the year. There are some wonderful pictures on our Facebook page, and in this newsletter, of Dallas and his family with the award in front of St Patrick. It captured a lovely moment of family and what it means to be a Patrician, and a metaphor for Marist values. Congratulations Dallas!

The Silverstream fair was a great event and gave us an opportunity to engage with Old Boys, parents and current pupils who seemed very interested in who we were and what we did, considering the large numbers that visited our tent and asked us questions.

The Town 1950's reunion held at the College, and the Stream 1965–69 reunion held at the Bristol in Wellington, were fantastic events. Congratulations must go out to organisers Loretta Love of the Town Foundation and Steve Jenkins (S65-69). The Town/Stream over 40's Rugby game at Silverstream, a day before the Winter Exchange was brilliant! The atmosphere and intensity before the game matched the game itself with Stream revenging its loss from last year by winning 10–7 in a close fought battle. Please refer to the match report later in the newsletter.

The St Pat's community was shocked to hear the news one of its most famous sons – Jerry Collins, tragically killed in a car accident in France, and condolences must go out to Jerry's family from all St Pat's Old Boys. We have included an obituary from Peter Wadsworth, Jerry's First XV Manager, in this edition.

We warmly welcome Corrine Barnard as the new Development Manager at St Pats Town, replacing Loretta Love. I would like to thank Loretta for all the great work she did for the Town Foundation and the Old Boys' community – she was a great friend of the Old Boys' Association – and we look forward to working closely with Corrine. We have included an article introducing Corrine in this edition.

But ... the year isn't over yet! We want to see all of you at our Annual Dinner at St Pat's Town on Thursday 15th October. We have a great speaker for you in Peter Biggs (S70-74) and we will be announcing our 2015 Old Boys of the Year. Our Facebook page includes all of these events including photos, please join the group!

Just on my last point, before you begin enjoying the articles in this edition of THE PATSMAN, a quick reminder to pay your fee; the association has been able to financially support a large number of projects involving college history, reunions, Old Boy networking, restoration and supporting the current group of pupils and their events, by funding from your donations. Please can you help ensure this continues and ensure your membership is up to date. Enjoy THE PATSMAN.

Sectare Fidem, **George Collins – President**



FORMER ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE STUDENT & NEW ZEALAND ALL BLACKS PLAYER JERRY COLLINS AND HIS WIFE ALANA PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 5, AFTER A CAR ACCIDENT IN FRANCE. PETER WADSWORTH – ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE COUNSELLOR, RUGBY MANAGER AND MENTOR TO JERRY COLLINS – GAVE A TRIBUTE AT THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE, IN WHICH HE SPOKE ABOUT 'JC'S' PERSONAL QUALITIES RATHER THAN HIS WELL-KNOWN SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS.



JERRY COLLINS, ST PAT'S OLD BOY, RIP 2015

“As a community of faith, it is right for us to celebrate life, and grieve the death of those who have demonstrated their passion on the world stage. A skinny kid with a cheeky smile from Cannons Creek once walked through the front gate of this great college contemplating his future.

“This young Patrician was more the sum of an All Black that you might have seen on TV. Jerry loved this college. He had an enduring relationship with college staff and was committed to the brotherhood of this community.

“He was a humble, big-hearted man who understood the spiritual significance of the college. He avoided fame. He would often turn up to 1st XV rugby games to support his old team, with his trademark hoody pulled up over his head so not to be in the limelight. Jerry was not influenced by peer pressure and was comfortable to be seen chatting with college staff.

“He was a generous man, who gave back to his family three-fold of what they were able to provide for him. His mum had suffered

from serious illness and Jerry was focussed on her care as a 15-year-old.

“Jerry experienced disappointment and failure. He experienced criticism and misunderstandings. How did he respond to this? He converted any perceived disadvantage into an advantage and refused to give up. When he failed to get selected for age-grade teams, he would quickly learn from it and come back much stronger.

“JC was a college prefect and captain of the 1998 1st XV team. He would lead his team mates onto the field, into a huddle, and recite the Serenity Prayer to his players before kick-off. JC was an intelligent student, top of maths in Year 11. He was able to make good use of these skills on the field.

“Everything he did, he did with all his might – there was never any half-heartedness with Jerry.

“What are the lessons we can learn from his life? JC would likely say to you, ‘Be fully committed to every task set before you’.

“He would ask, ‘are you ready to make sacrifices to achieve your goals?’ He would tell you mental toughness is developed through pain and pain is required for us to grow and mature. He might say to you, ‘Your last breath is in God’s hands so life is a precious gift that cannot be taken for granted’.

“He would say to young men, ‘You might be a sportsman for 15 years but you should prepare yourself for citizenship and a positive contribution for many years beyond’.

“Rest in Peace, JC.”

Rock (Peter Wadsworth)

Teacher Peter Wadsworth (pictured above with Jerry Collins) is the longest-serving staff member (35 years) at St Patrick's College Wellington. He was the Year 10 Dean that enrolled Jerry in Term 3 1995 and was his 1st XV manager 1996, 1997 and 1998. He also negotiated Jerry's first rugby contract with the WRFU and remained in contact with Jerry as a mentor since that time. Peter is fondly known as 'Rock' by old boys who he has mentored over the years through his involvement with college rugby.

REV FATHER BERNARD RYAN SM – RECTOR, SPC WELLINGTON

BY WADE HALL (S)

The death of any great teacher is a blow on the school community and this certainly would have been the case when Fr Bernard Ryan passed away as a sitting Rector in 1929.

Born locally in Wellington on 18 November 1890 as the son of a well-known Wellington journalist, Fr Ryan was an old boy of the college between 1905 and 1908 and excelled in every area of school life including academia, school sports and in particular music. At school, Fr Ryan was particularly well known for his singing voice, something we would later encourage

boys to become involved in at the college.

In 1907 Fr Ryan was destined to become a lawyer having passed the The Solicitors General Knowledge Exam. He was however called to religious life and his devotion to Our Holy Mother. This led to his ordination as a priest of the Society of Mary in 1915.

It's interesting to note that Fr Ryan spent his entire Priestly life at St Patrick's College, Wellington. Having served as a Master between 1916 and 1927 Fr Ryan became Rector following Fr Thomas Gilbert's departure in 1928. Both Gilbert and Ryan were very instrumental in the

planning and implementation of a Hutt Valley school, which history as we know would become St Patrick's College, Silverstream.

But sadly Fr Gilbert's dream of the school would never eventuate during his life time. An onset of health problems caused Fr Ryan to be confined to his room. After a farewell to the staff and to the boys he loved so much, he passed away peacefully on 12 June 1929 aged 39 years.





MAWAIHAKONA STREAM PROJECT

The Mawaihakona Stream traverses paddocks through St Patrick's College, Silverstream. The paddocks were previously used to graze cattle and the cattle had access to the stream and polluted it for many years. The stream was dominated by willow. There were also patches of gorse, blackberry and other weeds along both sides of the entire length of it. The St Patrick's College portion of the stream is 1.2 km long.

The Friends of Mawaihakona, most of whom are old boys of the college, became involved in 2010. Permission was granted by the college for the friends to remove weeds and plant 20m of native forest on each side of the stream. All large weed species have been removed.

The stream is being returned to its former healthy self; with 4500 native trees been planted. 1700 more will be planted this season. A native fish obstruction under the Hutt River trail has been fixed so native fish can again access the stream.

This project is being used as a source of learning and study by the college. School science experiments using the water of the stream are no longer contaminated with cattle faeces. Students have been involved in the initial planting and mulching of trees and in the design and making bench seats.

Two pedestrian bridges across the stream have been restored and are safe for use. The school uses the restored bridges to access former paddocks, parts of which are now used for rugby practice.



Local iwi and Wayne Guppy (S) Mayor of Upper Hutt, have been involved in ceremonies including the commencement of the project and the installation of a pou. The pou and a second pou are to be installed at the southern end of the stream and have been carved from totara logs recovered from the bed of the stream.

By the end of this season, the entire area will have been planted, however weeding, replacing dead plants and other developments will need to continue for many years to successfully complete this project.

FRISBEE FOR THE OLYMPICS?

BY NICHOLAS BOYAK (SOURCE: HUTT NEWS, JUNE 23 2015 ISSUE)

Ultimate Frisbee is the ultimate sport, according to Matt Richardson who is heading to the world championship in London.

Ultimate Frisbee is a sport that few Kiwis are aware of though New Zealand could be playing it at the 2020 Olympics.

Matt Richardson heads off to the world championship in London next week, hoping it will be a stepping stone to the Tokyo Olympics.

Ultimate Frisbee is not an easy sport to explain, the former St Patrick's College Silverstream student, says.

He describes it as a combination of netball and American football. It is played on a 67 meter field with an 18 meter end zone. Each team has seven players and to score a point you have to catch a disc in the end zone.

"You have to imagine a rugby field that is smaller and you have to catch the disc in the goal box, which is called an end zone."

London will be his second world championship appearance for the New Zealand Under 23 team. In 2013, the team finished tenth but this time the Maungaraki resident is hoping for a top four finish.

This team is well prepared and should do well, he says.

Those that think frisbee is just a sport you do at the beach might be surprised to learn how much time Richardson devotes to training. He has done a lot of long distance running to build stamina. For the last three months he has been concentrating on speed and agility, with an emphasis on swimming and cycling.

The championship runs for four days, with each team playing two games a day. The finals are on the fifth day and he is hoping that New Zealand will feature.

The United States and Canada are the traditional powerhouses. The sport is also reasonably strong in South America and all the teams have an eye on the 2020 Olympics.

Japan is an emerging nation in Ultimate Frisbee and it has accepted a bid to include the sport at Tokyo. That would be good for a sport which struggles with the perception that it is something you only do at the beach.



New Zealanders, he concedes, know virtually nothing about the sport. "It is one of those sports that everyone laughs at but when they see it played they are generally surprised ... they change their opinion."

For the sport to grow, it needs to get into the colleges but he says that is not easy when no one has heard of it.

ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD'S JUBILEE DRAWS CROWD OF THOUSANDS

SOURCE: DOMINION POST – 150 YEARS OF NEWS



Ten thousand people crammed the streets around Wellington's St Patrick's College for Archbishop Redwood's golden jubilee in 1924.

A rare opportunity to witness the pomp of Catholicism in full flight was afforded to Wellingtonians in 1924 when New Zealand's first homegrown bishop celebrated 50 years in the job.

Archbishop Francis Redwood's golden jubilee drew tens of thousands of people to St Patrick's College on February 24. Then 84, he was the world's longest-serving Catholic bishop.

Redwood led a richly coloured parade of clergy from Thorndon's Sacred Heart Cathedral through the city to the old St Pat's near the Basin Reserve.

"Never before has Wellington witnessed such a religious procession," The Evening Post said.

"It provided a unique opportunity of witnessing a Catholic religious pageant in all its majesty and solemn glory. Along the whole route every vantage point was occupied, and the many colours reflecting the bright rays of the brilliant sunshine made up a radiant sight, which was wonderful to behold."

Six thousand people crammed on to the college law to receive Redwood's blessing, but thousands more thronged nearby Cambridge and Kent terraces and Buckle St hoping to glimpse the ceremony.

Redwood led proceedings from an ornate gothic-style altar erected on the lawn, first ushering to the stage under a golden canopy the blessed sacrament - the holy wine or bread that Catholics believe embodies Christ. Accompanying the sacrament were clergy led by a cross bearer and acolytes in medieval dress, the Post reported.

"Twelve priests in dalmatics [tunics] swung censers smoking with incense, and behind them came the Blessed Sacrament, at the sight of which heads were bared and men and women knelt."

Under Redwood's leadership, Catholic churches had doubled in New Zealand to 131, and priests increased from 31 to 116. He considered St Patrick's College his crowning achievement, and proudly recalled laying its foundation stone in 1884.

Redwood was born near Stafford, in the English Midlands, and moved to

New Zealand aged 3 in 1841. His family were hard-working pioneer farmers, and Redwood inherited their "typical Staffordshire qualities - zeal, enthusiasm, and determination, and loyalty", the Post said.

Aged 15 and a budding academic, Redwood had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to continue his schooling overseas. A ship berthed in Nelson with a retiring French priest aboard, and Redwood was presented with the chance to become "the first fruit of the priesthood from this fair adopted land", as he told the Post.

"I went up to the little chapel, I prayed as I never before prayed, and I made up to face the great sacrifice of home and parents and friends, and to go into an unknown land, guided, I felt, by the call and hand of God."

Redwood studied in France and Ireland, becoming a priest and professor of theology in 1864. On St Patrick's Day in 1874 he became one of the world's youngest bishops, aged 34, and returned to New Zealand to oversee the Wellington diocese, which ran from New Plymouth to Oamaru.

"Archbishop Redwood has been well described as a pillar of the church in the Dominion - an eloquent preacher, and an indefatigable worker," the Post said. "His one recreation is to play the composition of some great artist on his highly beloved 'Strad'."

Redwood was a familiar figure in Wellington, never missing his morning walk down Lambton Quay, but got out to see his more remote parishioners too, Archbishop Patrick Clune of Perth said at the jubilee.

"How he appealed to the simple hearts of his people in the back-blocks! What light and comfort he brought to them."

Redwood, who has a suburb in Tawa named for him, was touched by the fuss Wellington made over his milestone.

"You have made this jubilee celebration an historic event to be remembered unto all time," he said.

OLD BOY OF THE YEAR AWARD – THE FELIX KANE CUP

1. The award may be granted annually, and is honorary life membership granted under rule 7 of the Association.
2. The recipient will be an Old Boy who has promoted the betterment of the people of New Zealand, fostered the Catholic way of life and carried the principles taught at the St Patrick's Colleges into the community.
3. The panel which will recommend the award, acting on its own initiative, or on the recommendation of the Executive will be the Rectors of the Colleges and the President of the Association.



Above: Bill English and Brian McGuinness, 2014 winners of the Old Boy of the Year Award - The Felix Kane Cup.

As the Annual Dinner for 2015 is fast approaching, it's only proper to recognise last year's Old Boy of the Year.

For the first time in the Associations history, two old boys' were received The Felix Kane Cup.

Deputy Prime Minister Bill English (S) and Wellington Businessman Brian McGuinness (T) were joint recipients of The Felix Kane Cup.

The Old Boy of the Year for 2015 will be announced at this year's annual dinner on October 15 2015.

For tickets please contact the Secretary.

NEW DEVELOPMENT MANAGER FOR SPC WELLINGTON



"I would like to introduce myself as the new Development Manager; my name is Corinne Barnard, originally from England. I moved to New Zealand twenty years ago as a Physical Education teacher, and have been working in the Sports and Recreation industry for the last fifteen years, and more recently, as a CEO of a sports organisation. I bring a wealth of experience in organising events, working with volunteers and managing an organisation. I am really looking forward to working at St Patrick's College and meeting everyone."

Last month we said farewell to Loretta Love who had been the St Patrick's College Foundation's first Development Manager and had been in the role over six years.

She had worked tirelessly to set up the Foundation and raised over \$2million for various projects over the last six years. Most notable achievements were the Annual Benefit Dinner, New Astroturf, 125th Jubilee, Old Boy Reunions and Rectors Dinners. We wish Loretta well in her next role.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

Past Present Future

IN MEMORY OF CRAIG LARKIN SM – A PERSONAL TRIBUTE

BY WADE HALL (S)



Fr Craig Larkin's history is well known – an Old Boy of Town, educator, author, NZ Provincial, Vicar General but most importantly, a Priest of Christ.

His life was completely devoted to the church he loved, and in particular the Society of Mary.

Father Craig Larkin, a well-known Marist priest and writer, died on Saturday 27 June 2015 in Wellington after a long illness.

A few years ago I was fortunate enough to spend a few days with Fr Craig while he was working and living in the Marist General House in Rome.

As well as the usual sights and sounds of Rome, Fr Craig showed me the Basilica of San Clemente – a favourite place for him to visit and pray. The Basilica of San Clemente is situated some three hundred yards above the Colosseum, on a road that rises gradually to St John Lateran from the valley between the Coelian Hill on the south and the Oppian Hill on the north.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend Fr Craig's funeral as I'm currently based in London. I do intend to visit the Basilica when I'm next in Rome, where I can say my own farewell to Fr. Craig from one Old Boy to another.

Rest in Peace Fr Craig Larkin SM.

VINCENT RINGROSE BY WADE HALL (S)



Titahi Bay born and bred, Silverstream Old Boy and former Deputy Head Boy Vincent Ringrose is an up and coming referee star.

The graduate in Commerce from Victoria University has been involved in

refereeing since he was 16 and already has an impressive C.V under his belt.

As the referee for the traditional game between Stream and Town this year, Ringrose has also refereed two Dubai International Seven tournaments, two Hardham Cup Finals in the Wellington Premier Rugby and the first class debut in the Pink Batts Heartland Championship last year in Ruatoria.

As an active member of the Wellington Rugby Referees Association, Ringrose comes from true Catholic Education Pedigree with Dad, Brent, who is also a referee, brother Zac playing cricket for Cambridge, England, and sister Alex the current head girl at St Mary's College, Wellington.

The Old Boys community of both Silverstream and Town wish Vincent the very best on his future sporting endeavours.

OLD BOYS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO THIRD GENERATION PATRICIAN

In my first official duty as the SPCOBA President, I had the pleasure of awarding this year's Old Boys Scholarship to Dallas Arthurs, a third generation student of St Pats Town who previously attended Holy Cross School, in Miramar.

He came with a wonderful recommendation from his Principal at Holy Cross School who mentioned the following in his letter;



Three generations of St Pat's Town Boys L to R: Barry (T78-81), Dallas (T2015) & Dennis Arthurs (T47-48) with President Collins.

"He is well respected by all members of the school community, a leader and an Organiser of school events and was a positive influence during his time at Holy Cross School".

Sectare Fidem Dallas and congratulations, a worthy recipient of the award!

The Old Boys' Scholarships are awarded annually at Town and at Stream to a Year 9 boy.

The Scholarship for the St Patrick's College, Town recipient is awarded to the son of an old boy on the basis of a nomination from Year 8 Principal of a feeder school and as determined by the Town Rector.

The award is made on the basis of the recipient displaying leadership potential, diligence (hard work) and all-round ability and contribution to their school.

GEORGE COLLINS, PRESIDENT SPCOBA

REST IN PEACE

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| <i>Kenneth Stanley BROWN</i> | T 1973-74 |
| <i>Jerry COLLINS</i> Died in France - car accident | T 1996-98 |
| <i>Louis GARDINER ONZM</i> | T 1964-68 |
| <i>Charles G. GOLDFINCH</i> | S 1942-43 |
| <i>Craig LARKIN SM</i> Vicar General Society of Mary/NZ Provincial | T 1956-60 |
| <i>Michael Chester LOIBL</i> | T 1954-56 |
| <i>George R. REES</i> | T 1946-47 |
| <i>Brian RESTIEAUX</i> | T 1953-55 |
| <i>Justin RHYS</i> | S 1990-93 |
| <i>Willie RITCHIE</i> | S 1983-86 |
| <i>Sir John TODD</i> | S 1947-50 |
| <i>Kevin WATSON</i> | S 1945-47 |
| <i>James Alred Gerard WEBBER</i> | T 1956-60 |
| <i>Norman ZADEY</i> Died in South Australia | T 1942-46 |


Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.




St Patrick's College Old Boys Association

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**All Marist's, Town and Silverstream Old Boys' are invited to
St Patrick's College Old Boys' Association
2015 Annual Dinner**




St Patrick's College, Wellington
581 Evans Bay Parade
Kilbirnie



**15th October 2015, 6pm for 7pm
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Sectare Fidem



BACK ROW L-R: Andreas Focas (S), Daniel Murfitt (S), Luke Meredith (T), Darryl Higgs (T), Patrick Forde, Mike Joyce (T), Dave Wanden (T), Leituva'a Fili (T), Zak Feaunati (T), Blake Finnigan (S), Manu Hekata (T), David Silk (S), Conon Kilner (T), Brendan Reidy (T), Martin Buchanan (T), Stephen Hewson (S), Chris Fouhy (S), Tony Meachen (T), Brendan Jacobsen (S), Simon Shepherd (S), Guy Moroney (S). **FRONT ROW L-R:** Jamie Williams (S), Frank Cole (S), Fred Wyatt (T), Andrew Williams (S), Mike Tolovaa (T), Pat Dunn (Captain)(T), Gordon Noble Campbell (Captain)(S), Toderick Taylor (T), Steve McHardy (S), Simon Murfitt (S).

STREAM GETS EVEN FOR LAST YEAR'S LOSS & GOES ONE UP IN THE WINTER EXCHANGE!

BROTHERS! What a fantastic game of rugby played on Tuesday afternoon 21 July on Silverstream No.3. The game had passion and intensity and was played in very good spirit.

The less experienced Stream team beat the bigger and stronger St Pats Town to even the ledger from last year's game. Town put out a team of rock stars with Internationals such as Brendan Reidy and Issac Fea'unati and Wellington reps, Pat Dunn and Tony Meachen and New Zealand softball representative, Fred Wyatt in the mix as well and showed up to Silverstream confidently knowing that last year's game resulted in Town giving Stream an "old-fashioned hiding".

The scene was set with referee, David Walsh, playing his part for the event, refereeing in a suit and tie. Stream opened the scoring with a wonderful try down the left wing side by Andrew Williams (S89-93) but Town quickly responded with a very good converted team try by David Wanden (T82-86). The teams went to the break at 7-5 to Town.

The second half saw the game grow in intensity and turned into a passionate good old fashion Stream/Town game where no one gives any quarter. The winning of the game came when Frank Cole (S78-82) broke the dead lock and scored a lovely mid field try. At 10-7 it was still any body's game and with time running out, both captains asked their

players, who wants this game more? That question was answered by Stream's Steve McHardy (S81-85) who began tactically controlling the game from 1st five eights using his educated boot to put the ball behind the big and powerful Town pack. Steve's play eventually earned him the player of the day award. The final play of the game saw Stream lose possession to Town and Darryl Higgs (T87-91) breaking free with a clear run to line but was denied a try by some brave defence by Gordon Noble Campbell (S80-84) and Blake Finnigan (S80-84) who bundled Darryl into touch just short of the tryline.

Both teams played their heart out and made their respective colleges proud in a sometimes brutal but very entertaining match. Final score 10-7 to Silverstream.

Man of the match for Stream as mentioned was Steve McHardy and for Town, Mick Joyce (T85-89).

Stream avenged the inaugural Old boys match from last year and went 1-0 in the Winter Exchange. The Stream 1st XV beat Town in the 2015 traditional by 30-15, the following day.

A huge thanks must go to the organisers of the teams, Gordon Noble Campbell for Silverstream and Henry Fidow for Town. It was a wonderful event and we look forward to the next game at Kilbirnie next year.

If you would like to see footage of the game and more photos, please visit our

facebook page http://www.spcob.org.nz/Site/About/Face_Book.aspx

The teams on the day were as follows:

St Pats Silverstream (over 40's) Old Boys:

Gordon Noble Campbell (Captain) (S80-84), Frank Cole (S78-82), Blake Finnigan (S80-84), Andreas Focas (S78-81), Patrick Forde (S89-93), Chris Fouhy (S89-93), Stephen Hewson (S80-84), Brendan Jacobsen (S81-84), Steve McHardy (S81-85), Guy Moroney (S80-84), Daniel Murfitt (S82-86), Simon Murfitt (S79-83), David Silk (S79-83), Simon Shepherd (S80-84), Andrew Williams (S89-93) and Jamie Williams (S89-93)

St Pats Town (over 40's) Old Boys:

Pat Dunn (Captain) (T75-80), Luke Meredith (T75-80), Tony Meachen (T66-71), Brendan Reidy (T82-86), Zak Feaunati (T87-91), Phil Robinson (T87-91), Leituva'a Fili (T86-89), Mike Tolovaa (T), Darryl Higgs (T87-91), Conon Kilner (T85-89), Ioelu Fili (T87-92), Toderick Taylor (T80-84), Martin Stowers (T88-92), Galu Letiu (T88-93), Fred Wyatt (T82-85), Manu Hekata (T87-90), Dave Wanden (T82-86), Martin Buchanan (T76-79), Mike Joyce (T85-89), Andy Bell (T99-2003) & Henry Fidow (T86-89).

Sectare Fidem

GEORGE COLLINS, PRESIDENT SPCOBA.

The photo is courtesy of Masanori Udagawa, with thanks - www.photowellington.com

LOWER HUTT STREAM OLD BOYS MATT ROBERTS (S82-86) AND MIKE BLACKMORE (S89-92) JOINED FORCES 8 YEARS AGO AND AFTER A RECENT MANAGEMENT BUY-OUT NOW MANAGE AIBGROUP INSURANCE. THEY ARE LOOKING TO GROW THE BUSINESS BY ESTABLISHING A NEW IMAGE AND DIRECTION FOR THE COMPANY WHILE STAYING LOYAL TO ITS HUTT CITY ROOTS.

MATT ROBERTS ADVISED ME THAT, ITS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE BRAND COLOURS OF THEIR NEW BUSINESS ARE "LIGHT BLUE" (STREAM COLOURS), BOTH GUYS ARE STILL VERY PROUD "STREAMERS".

New Image But Some Things Don't Change



MICHAEL BLACKMORE AND MATT ROBERTS

Significant in a review of small to medium sized successful Hutt City based businesses are their origins and an ability to make the most of potential opportunities.

Not surprisingly the Hutt City business community provides a thesis of information whereby from small origins, companies have developed and are now making a significant contribution to the on-going development of the region.

When considering the evolution of aibGROUP Insurance, many other companies come to mind revealing a similar history and pattern of development.

AibGROUP had its origins some 30 years ago with well-known Hutt identities Gary Solomon and Kerry August providing a range of insurance solutions to both individuals and businesses.

CFS Risk Services and August Insurance Brokers evolved into Allfinanz – that evolution has now gone one step further with the establishment of aibGROUP.

Many Hutt-based companies have foundations that were created by family members and friends, with generation two moving into the driving seat. Solomon and August feature on a long list other well respected names such as Anderson, Foot, Nightingale, Southward, Gibbons, Groen,

Dickens, Hewson, Williams, Gillespie, Horton, Tyrer and Weeds - most feature their origins in a previous generation which is now being carried on by sons and siblings.

Align the company names such as Brendon Foot Motors, Executive Laundry, New World Hutt City, Groenz Group, L.G Anderson and Sons, Gillespie Young Watson, Barlow's Freight and Logistics, Stevens Motors, Apex Print, OPD, McDonalds Lower Hutt and Queensgate – just to name a few.

All these companies and the people behind them have remained loyal to the Hutt providing employment and investment which now spans not just the local region, but out across international markets.

The aibGROUP story is about such an evolution with Michael Blackmore and Matt Roberts having established a new image and direction for a company with solid Hutt City roots. The aibGROUP name represents the past while creating a new future – with Allfinanz and August along with capturing their role as Insurance Brokers.

As was the case with Gary and Mark Solomon, such family ties continue with the Blackmore father and son combination of John and Michael.

With Roberts and Blackmore junior in the driving seat the new vision and direction has been presented with the aibGROUP brand, and like many other Hutt businesses before them, the need to expand their horizons. Already an aibGROUP division has been established in the Auckland market with further opportunities under consideration in other parts of the country.

While looking outside both Blackmore and Roberts are mindful of those who have trail blazed before them and the many successful other Hutt businesses that have never lost touch with their roots.

Providing employment and business, which generates a return in excess of \$2 million a year back into the Hutt, is important for both men.

Being able to ensure that individuals and businesses within the Hutt have the correct insurance cover, is important to Blackmore and Roberts – they are both

aware disasters and accidents happen and if the region did encounter such an event, they want to ensure livelihoods, businesses and property are protected.

And there is the ability to support Hutt community projects and groups across a range of sports and organizations.

Blackmore captures the situation: “Our company has been providing protection to people across New Zealand for nearly 30 years – our foundation was in the Hutt, we could have easily moved away, but remaining connected to where we began is extremely important.”

Roberts adds his thoughts: “I know our national clients understand the reasons why we remain based in Hutt City – they realize and appreciate the value, importance and huge impact that small to medium sized businesses have on local communities.”

AibGROUP has been based at 22 Kings Crescent, Lower Hutt, and will remain in this location – the only change will be the new name and brand which will appear on the building exterior.

Company Business

‘Certainty Through Adversity’ underpins the core belief of aibGROUP Insurance – providing general insurance that delivers security and protection for the unexpected. aibGROUP offers broking services across all Business and Personal Insurances.

Clients are at the heart of the aibGROUP promise ensuring help, advice and communication at the time of adversity. To achieve this, aibGROUP offers clients tailored insurance solutions covering business or personal interests.

aibGROUP’s business portfolio caters for business asset protection, business interruption, general and public liability, directors and officers liability, association and trustee liability, machinery and vehicle cover, contract works protection, business travel cover, transit cover and key person insurance cover.

On the home and personal front aibGROUP provides options for home and contents protection, cars and family toys cover, body corporate protection, farm and rural cover, transit protection, health insurance and life and disability cover.

Only experienced, well-trained and qualified people work on the aibGROUP team with the promise that they will only ever work for the best interests of the client. Their track record ensures they have

the respect of the major insurers; this respect is carried through into a client’s home or business.

For aibGROUP and its staff their client relationships are based on partnerships, which more often than not extend well beyond business.

THE aibGROUP TEAM:

Twenty-three staff are employed at the aibGROUP Insurance premises in Hutt City, with a further four working from the companies’ recently opened Auckland office. The team of 27 are:

- Michael Blackmore & Matt Roberts – Managing Directors
- Chris Biggs – General Manager
- John Blackmore – Corporate Broker

Domestic Brokers

- Christine Beatus
- Tamara Gray (Auckland)
- Keryn Hancock
- Shona Page
- Nadine Portland
- Sue van Niekerk (Auckland)
- Brian Gianotti (Auckland)
- Karin Donald

Commercial Brokers

- Daniel Lee
- Philip McCloy
- Neil Haxton
- Noline McAlister
- Sharleen James (Auckland)
- Belinda Millin
- Angela Robertson
- Shally Singh

Claims Advisors

- Darren Williamson (Manager)
- Deanna Burke
- Kathryn Lee

Support

- Michelle Powell (Administration Manager/Domestic Team Leader)
- Tania Goss (Broker Support to Managing Directors)
- Melissa Angus (Premium Funding)
- Rebecca Stevens (Broker Support to John Blackmore)

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OLD BOYS COLLABORATE

Town old boy Michael Fitzsimons, author of *Sectare Fidem*, the 125-year history of St Patrick’s College, is undertaking a publishing project of a very different kind, in collaboration with St Bede’s old boy, the late Philip Birch.

Now You Know, a collection of Michael’s poems and Philip’s photographs, will be launched at St Joseph’s Church, Mt Victoria on September 24 at 6pm. Any interested Old Boys are warmly invited.

“After Philip was diagnosed with terminal cancer, we were sitting in the garden one day and decided we should collaborate on a publication,” says Michael. “I’ve been a writer most of my working life and he had a store of great weather photographs. We knew we were unlikely to get it published in time. Philip died last October so my goal was to complete the project within a year.”

“Philip was an inspirational character – a landscape gardener, counsellor, former priest and weather fanatic. His life of simplicity and service was an inspiration to many people.”

Copies of *Now You Know* are available from Unity Books, Willis Street or by emailing mike@fitzbeck.co.nz

Photo: Mike Fitzsimons

WELLINGTON'S STATELY ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE DEMOLISHED

SOURCE: THE DOMINION POST –150 YEARS OF NEWS



St Patrick's College students marched out of their castle to a much more modern schoolyard in 1979.

Hundreds of boys walked four kilometres on August 8 from the original St Patrick's College next to the Basin Reserve to the current location on Evans Bay Parade.

The following March, The Evening Post captured the demolition of the old school, which was an earthquake hazard. Four tradesmen were pictured at old school desks taking a break from pulling the structure down. It was a slow job, as many of the materials were being salvaged, the workmen said.

"This solitary old tower's last moments are likely to be spectacular. It is to be pulled over in one piece," the paper noted.

The "stately edifice" of St Patrick's College was opened in 1885 by bishop Francis Redwood as New Zealand's first secondary school for Catholic boys. The site stretched along the current Buckle St, from Cambridge Tce to Tory St.

The college also filled a gap by training boys who wanted to be priests, the Post said in 1884, when the foundation stone was laid on the Sunday closest to St Patrick's Day.

"Hitherto such boys had had to leave their homes and had had to cross the seas and go to Europe at very great expense and inconvenience."

Boys were taught a "liberal and varied" curriculum of "dead and modern languages, mathematics, science, drawing, painting, music", in addition to a first-class commercial education, the Post noted.

"The college is a credit to the city."

Just nine day students and a dozen boarders attended the school when it opened, but such was the demand for enrolment that, by 1931, boarders were sent to a new site in Silverstream.

At his final prizegiving service at the old school in 1930, rector Father Dowling expressed his regret at leaving the fine building.

"Those of us who have to leave this college will leave it with heavy hearts. No-one could work here, either as master or as pupil, without acquiring an intense love of the place."



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At present we have 1646 members in the group. Please note that joining the Facebook page does not add you as a member of the association. You still need to do this via the website.

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LEFT: St. Bede's Daniel McCormack and St. Patrick's College Wellington's Paul Bickle holding the restored Shield

BELOW: 1921 Winners St. Patrick's College Wellington and the Rev. Dean Holley, who donated the Shield.

THE HOLLEY SHIELD – 94 YEARS OF NEW ZEALAND RUGBY HISTORY

BY GORDON NOBLE-CAMPBELL (S)

The Holley Shield holds a treasured place in the rugby history of SPC Wellington, St. Bede's and SPC Silverstream. The Shield was named after the former Provincial of the Marist Order, Father Dean Holley SM and was first competed for in 1921 between the 1XVs of SPC Wellington and St Bede's College.

In 1931, the annual competition between the two Colleges became a Triangular Tournament, with the addition of SPC Silverstream. In 1943, "the contest for the Holley Shield was with regret abandoned under the stress of circumstances" and SPC Silverstream (the Holders as at that date, retained the Shield. The Triangular Tournament was never reinstated after this date.

The Shield then rather mysteriously disappeared. 50 years later in the early 1990's, Fr. came across the Shield at St. Bede's College in a dilapidated state, and suggested that it should be restored, however there was little interest at that time to do so.

In 2013, talk emerged of reinstating the annual rugby contest between the three schools and St Bede's Deputy Rector, Gerry Davidson initiated the project to restore the Shield to its former glory. Made of mahogany and embossed in sterling

silver, the wood of the Shield was badly damaged, with many of the silver shields missing, as well as one of the three silver clover-leaves.

Chris England, a member of the St. Bede's Rugby Committee took charge of the restoration work and spent many hours restoring the damaged mahogany to its former glory. St Bede's also engaged a silver-smith to replace the missing silver-work. As shown above the Shield has now been restored to its former glory for the benefit of future generations of Marist young men who represent their schools in rugby, at the 1XV level. Going forward, the Shield will be won and lost on a challenge basis, whenever the Holder plays either of the other two schools. The Holley Shield is a true taonga of Marist education and sport in New Zealand. The restoration work has also been financially supported by the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association.

Between 1921 and 1943, the Holley Shield was played for a total of 21 times. On two occasions, 1922 and 1940, matches were not played (meaning the prior year holder retained the Shield). From 1921 to



1930, it was only played for between SPC Wellington and St. Bede's. In that era, SPC Wellington won the Shield 7 times and St. Bede's 3 times. From 1931 to 1943, it was played for between SPC Wellington, St. Bede's and SPC Silverstream as a Triangular Tournament. In that era, SPC Silverstream won the Shield 10 times, and SPC Wellington 3 times. SPC Silverstream was the holder of the Shield in 1943, when the annual Triangular Tournament ended. Between 1949 and 1973, SPC Wellington and St. Bede's reinstated an annual fixture. Similarly, between 1991 and the present, an annual fixture was reinstated between St. Bede's and SPC Silverstream only. In 2014, the first match between St. Bede's and SPC Wellington for 41 years was played, resulting in a draw.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW ...



1: An early lineout in the Old Boys game.
 2: Andy Nicholls (S76-78) and Steve Witkowski (T75-79).
 3: HOBM & MSP Directors of Rugby, Dan Pavihi & Town Old Boys coach, Kas Lealamanua (T90-95) obviously are not looking to spot young talent for their clubs at the Old Boys over 40s Rugby game.



4: Paul Joseph (left) T51-54 and Anton Reid (Redzewski) T53-55 at the 1950's Town reunion.

5: The Group photo of the 1950's Town reunion.

6: Stream Gala – Current Streamers James Lavery and Bayley Theodore check out the Old Boys stand.

7: Lii Alaimoana (T95-99) at the AGM.



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8: Stream Gala- SPCOBA Committee members George Collins, Sean Mahony, Brad Hudson & Ollie McClure.



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