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NEWSLETTER OF THE ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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Annual Dinner gets a major make-over

Before the new Government thought about think tanks and reviews, your cunning Executive Committee had its own review of the Annual Old Boys' Association Dinner. We formed a special sub-committee.

Two put their hands up because they heard something about 'dinner' and thought, free food. Two members absent that night were 'volunteered'. Another co-opted, not sure what to expect. They met over lunch and asked "How can we improve the annual dinner?"

The evidence was of falling attendances, ageing attendees, long speeches. Yet reunions continue to be popular. A few beers, a few lies. Shared memories; "Did you see me when I ...?" Yes, the older we get the better we were ...

The result - a fresh approach. Move it from Thursday night

to a Friday. Early evening near central Wellington for easy commuting. Forget the formal dinner, but offer continuous food. A drink on arrival, then afterwards a cash bar available with EFTPOS. Keep the price low and offer good food and fellowship. Entry by ticket to speed up welcoming and cover costs. No fundraising. Fewer speeches and more chance to talk.

The main aim of the evening is to reconnect, renew and reacquaint with old boys and staff.

Proceedings will include Old Boy of the Year announcement - Felix Kane Cup; announcement of Scholarship recipients; toast to absent members and roll of honour; Guest speakers: Jamie & Will Williams of the Wellington Hospitality Group will tell their story.

There will be a memorabilia table with ties, t shirts, and a display of old artefacts - preserved thanks to ongoing investment in Archives by the OBA. Video highlights of the annual Winter Exchange rugby on 25 July 2018 produced by Holden Media.

Spread the word! Invite your classmates and any old boys to check out our Facebook '**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**'.

Buy tickets online 02 0500 0021983 000 - enter first name and surname as reference.

See you at The Boatshed, Taranaki Street Wharf on Friday 2 November, 5:30 for 6:00 pm.

www.theboatshedvenue.co.nz

ST. PAT'S COLLEGE  OLD BOYS'

Mix & mingle, no tables, no fundraising.

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**Special guests: Jamie & Will Williams of
"Fortune Favours" Brewery**

Continuous food | Old Boy of the Year 2018

Friday 2 Nov 2018, 6:00PM | The Boatshed | Cash Bar
\$60, **Entry by ticket only**, book online (see link)

Welcome from the President



BROTHERS, WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE PATSMAN.

It was great to start the year with two prominent Old Boys being mentioned in the new year's honours list.

William "Bill" Speedy (S1969) was recognised with an Officer of the Order (ONZ) for services to Philanthropy and Water sports. Bill is the founder and managing director of the North Shore based Ocean Bridge Shipping. The company donates to charities annually and logistics support to Team New Zealand.

Phillip Sherry (T47-48) received the same honour for his broadcasting career and services to local government. Sectare fidem to both Bill and Phil. Please check our facebook group for a

more detailed report about their awards.

The Association has been active as ever. So, it was pleasing to see record numbers at the Annual General Meeting, held in March. I would like to thank and welcome our new / returning committee members, fare welling those who have moved on. Thank you all, for your contributions you make to our Marist family, whether it be your skills, time, camaraderie and/or by way of your subscriptions/donations.

Your committee is voluntary based; meeting regularly to administer financial contributions for the betterment primarily of our old boy's community and serving our colleges. You'll see us being active in; social media/web, newsletter, old boys' functions/traditional exchanges, scholarships for new students and the highly contested Old Boy of the Year Award. Of course, we love to hear news from Old Boys from around the globe and in New Zealand. If you want to hold reunions, please feel free to get in touch with us about ways we can assist. We are constantly looking for new ways to communicate and create interest in Old Boys joining the association.

Please check out our latest video's we have made over the last 12 months. They can be found on our Facebook pages and our website. They are a great celebration of our Patrician community which includes a few of our celebrity Rockstar's.

Highlights this year include; St Patricks Day, the Big Boys Breakfast and the Old Boys Match which was played at Town as part of the traditional winter exchange. Each year the numbers build in strength with a few 'celebrities' coming along. I hear that a strategy is currently being worked on by Stream Old Boys, to bring the BP Mc Mahon Cup back.

Old Boys continue to be in the 'news' with a re-occurring theme of serving others and social justice. We are represented in politics, law, the arts, business, trade unions and grass roots community/advocacy work. I take my hat off to you all and reflect that there are many who serve others that may not necessarily have their name in bright lights. Keep being leaders in your communities and using your talents for the betterment of others.

As a reminder our annual dinner has had a major make-over, it's now a mix 'n' mingle at the Boatshed in Wellington city on Friday November 2nd where our Old Boy of the Year will be announced. Our speakers are Jamie Williams & Will Williams of the Wellington Hospitality Group (refer advert and article on page 11). Please help us to serve you with your annual subscription and/or donations. More details in this edition and on our Facebook/web page.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the Patsman.

"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS; WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?" *Martin Luther King Jr*

Sectare Fidem,
George Collins, SPCOBA President.

Keeping connected

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In addition to **THE PATSMAN**, we have our website – **www.spcob.org.nz** and **Facebook** page.

You can find us on Facebook from a link in our website, or within Facebook itself. It is a closed group so you must request to join the group, on the premise that you have attended either college or are a 'friend' of the college/s. Once your request is accepted you can also add your own Facebook friends who have attended either college. Editorial license is the right of the administrator.

At present we have 2186 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.

Want to give us feedback, let us know changes to your details or want to keep us informed about Old Boys? Please email the Secretary at **secretary@spcob.org.nz** or write to **SPCOB Association, PO Box 1007, Wgtn.**



Rest in Peace

AMPUTCH, Robert Mark	S47-48	McKONE, Michael Joseph	T48-49
ANDERSON, Fr Dr Michael <i>Priest of the Wellington Archdiocese</i>	T46-48	McNAMARA, Barry	T72-75
ANDREWS, Ian Leslie	S52-56	METCALF, Robert	T33-36
BAHR, Julian	S08-12	MEYERS Barry Michael	T59-63
BATTY, Martin	T72-74	MINIHAN, William Patrick (Bill)	T40-41
BEALE, Humphrey David	S41-44	MORLEY, Chris	T69-73
BLISS, Federick Michael Reverend Father SM	S51-54	MORLEY, Stephen Christopher	T65-69
BROADBENT John Monsignor	S40-42	MURRAY, Ian Reginald	T55-57
BROSNAHAN Mathew James	S	NEAZOR, Hon Daniel Paul	T47-51
CHILD, John Noel	T48-49	OAKLEY, David William George	S49-51
CHRISTENHUSZ, Robert Gerard	T70-73	O'BYRNE William (Bill)	S75-79
CLARKE, Raymond	T46-49	O'CONNOR, Maurice	T
CLEGG, Pat	T45-49	O'DEA John Damien	S72-75
COSTA, Robert Anthony (Bob)	T64-67	O'DONOGHUE, Kevin Reverend Father SM	S41-43
DILLON, Raymond George	S 1966	O'FAGAN, Denis (Denny) Lawrence	T49-50
DOWNEY, Garth John	T43-45, S46-48	O'REILLY, Kevin	S37-44
DRUMMOND, Vivyan Peter	T40-42	O'SULLIVAN Pat	S 1949
DUMMER, Jordan	T08-12	O'SULLIVAN Roy	S41-45
EADES Clive	T56-60	PALMER, Retired Judge Bruce Alan	T49-53
EGGLETON, Paul Anthony	S84-88	QUINN, Kevin John	T63-67
FAMA, Ronald Cyril (Ron)	T41-44	RAMSBOTTOM, Peter Kieran	T83-87
FITZPATRICK, Terence John Reverend Father SM	S48-49	SCOTT, John David	T44-48
FREEMAN, Ross Leslie	T60-62	SHIGETA Norihito	T 2014
GLASGOW Paul Douglas	S69-72	SHIVNAN, John Neville	T53-56
GOODMAN, Patrick Ledger Sir	S46-48	SIMON, Derek Maxwell	T48-53
HINDMARSH, David Thomas	T61-63	SINCLAIR, Roy Edward	S41-45
HOLLIER, Peter John Gerard	T45-46	SPELLER, Robert John (Rob)	T78-81
HOWARD, Brian Everill	T40-41	STACHURSKI, Raymund James Reverend Father	S48-52
HUGHES Thomas George	T96-00	STALLARD, Peter James	T60-62
HURLEY Kerry Patrick	S52-53	STEVENSON-WRIGHT Christopher Earl	T61-64
IWIKAU, Tama Boyd Vincent (Boyd)	S42-46	STUART Ian Keith	T91-94
KEPPEL, John William	T57-59	VINTINER, Maurice Raymond (Ray)	T 1941
KING Brian	T43-46	WALSH, Bernie <i>ex Sec of SPCOBA</i>	S41-43
KUZMICICH, Steve	T44-48	WALSH, Patrick Frances	T41-45
LE LIEVRE Eugene De l'Isle (Frog)	S42-45	WANDEN Peter Albert	T45-49
LOCKWOOD, Leon Graeme	T44-47	WAREHAM Michael Patrick	T58-60
MACCORMAC, John Michael Patrick	T59-63	WATSON, Michael Hayes (Mike) JP	S48-51
MACDONALD George	S44-45	WELLS, Lawrence Arthur (Laurie)	S49-51
MANNING, James Mervyn (Jim)	T62-64, 1966	WHELAN, Thomas (Tom) Aquinas	T67-69
		WORTHINGTON, John	S74-78



BRUCE PALMER

Judge Bruce Palmer, 1935-2017

Retired Employment Court and former Family Court Judge, Bruce Alan Palmer died on 3 April 2017, aged 81 years old. At St Patrick's College Wellington he was captain of the first XV and athletics champion.

For 27 years behind the bench he was a thorough man, a stickler for details and remembered as unfailingly courteous and pleasant. In court he had his own unique style, as Judge Tony Couch remembers, "When he would give an oral decision, he would dictate it as if he was dictating a letter and he would dictate the punctuation too. So he became known affectionately as 'Paragraph Palmer'."

He was a litigation lawyer and partner of the law firm Bell Gully in Wellington, specialising in criminal and matrimonial work, before moving to Christchurch. He has been appointed as a prosecutor in Fiji when he was just 25-years old, and later acting Solicitor-General there at just 30.

Judge Palmer was appointed as one of the founding judges of the Labour Court in 1988. In 1991 it was renamed the Employment Court.

He owned a 1958 black Zephyr Zodiac and it was his pride and joy.

He was family man, devoted to his wife Gillian who survives him, their eight children and many grandchildren.

THANKS TO THE NZ LAW SOCIETY FOR PERMISSION TO REPRINT PARTS OF NICK BUTCHER'S OBITUARY

REV. FATHER FREDERICK BLISS SM

BY WADE HALL

On 15 February 2017 a giant kauri of Catholic Education throughout New Zealand and overseas passed away surrounded by those who loved him most at St Joseph's Home of Compassion, Silverstream aged 80 years.

Frederick Michael Bliss the priest, teacher, rector, builder, provincial, author and professor had an outstanding career.

Born in Napier in 1936, Fred was educated at Hastings Convent, Marist Brothers in Hastings and St John's College, Silverstream in 1952. I can remember Fred telling me about his first day at Silverstream. "I must have cried the entire journey from Napier to Wellington", "I can remember those imposing gates as I first walked through the school grounds as a young boarder". Young Fred completed his studies at Silverstream at the end of 1954 and went on to St Mary's Seminary, Greenmeadows where he was ordained in 1961.

Following ordination, Fred had several appointments including at St Patrick's College, Wellington and at St Bede's College, Christchurch completing on the side studies at Victoria University and at the Catholic University of America. Briefly in 1974, Fred was appointed Rector of St Augustine's College in Wanganui before taking up the Rectorship of Silverstream in the same year.

Silverstream in 1974 had the misfortune of losing 4 Rectors very quickly between each other within 8 years. Jack Parker SM died whilst in office of cancer in 1966, Kevin O'Connor SM died suddenly in office in 1967, both Gerald Gill SM and Pat Minto SM retired from office early due to poor health both in 1970 and 1973. Fred brought stability to the school, experience and youth (after all he was only 37 years old). On his appointment, Fred received one ultimate request from the Society of Mary's Superior General. "Build the chapel". Fred proudly lead this task, with the support of parents, friends and old boys. The chapel became a reality in 1975 and is forever a lasting tribute to this man in that beautiful campus. Much more can be said another time about Fred's Rectorship during these years and his achievements which were remarkable.

In 1981 once Noel Delaney SM completed his term as Provincial of the New Zealand Society of Mary, Fred was elected to this position at age 44 years where he remained until 1985. Fred was a good administrator and did what he believed was the best thing for the order and church. It was unfortunate that in 1985, Fred was not re-appointed to this role. Although I think he never fully recovered from this period of his life, I am sure it was ultimately a learning curve for him, as he continued on to make other achievements. Over the next few years, Fred undertook further studies, including his first stint in Rome. In 1988, Fred was now appointed Rector of St Patrick's College, Wellington at the new site in Kilbirnie. Fred remained as a popular, hardworking priest-teacher here until 1991, when the Society of Mary decided to withdraw from schools.

Fred continued his own education, by completing his own thesis and eventually obtaining a Doctorate allowing him to take his last appointment as a Lecturer on Ecumenism at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum) in Rome. Fred loved Rome, the culture, the city and the busyness of it all, quite different from his origins in the Hawkes Bay. This appointment also gave Fred the opportunity to travel, throughout Europe, the Middle East/Holy land and United States. Rome also gave the opportunity to publish academic texts, most notably "Catholic and Ecumenical History



and Hope" (1999), "Understanding Reception": A background to its ecumenical use (1993) and "Anglican's in Rome" (2006).

After nearly 24 years in Rome, Fred retired back home to Napier. I think Fred never got used to being back in New Zealand, and often dreamt of returning to Rome. But Fred was now in the care of the people who loved him; Eileen Knights, the Coopers, Mullany's and Pearcey's to name just a few. As Fred's health deteriorated a decision was made for Fred to be transferred to the Home of Compassion in Silverstream.

A week or so before he died I drove Fred through the grounds of Silverstream. It was interesting to note that despite his memory coming and going, his recollections of the college remained strong. As I paused outside the college chapel, he said to me, "this could be the last time I ever see this chapel, Wade". Sadly, Fred was correct, and the next time he returned was for his rosary service.

Fred's Requiem Mass was held at St Patrick's Church in Napier, followed by interment next to his Marist conferees in Taradale. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Fidelium animae, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace. Amen.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD BOY OF THE YEAR 2017

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Every year St Patrick's College Old Boys Association (SPCOBA) gathers annually to formally recognise and celebrate one of their many outstanding past students as a recipient of the Felix Kane Cup.

St Patrick's Colleges of Wellington and Silverstream are founded on the values and leadership of the Society of Mary. The Marist priests, brothers and sisters taught at the Colleges for many years and remain the owners. College character is about developing a sense of community, treating everybody as an individual, and trying to live like Mary - unseen and quietly doing God's work. Recipients of the Felix Kane Cup have all demonstrated in some way their carrying on these values into their professional lives, families and wider communities. Chris McCarthy, a past president of SPCOBA and Chair of the Board of Trustees at St Pat's Town, nominated the 2017 recipient. Association president George Collins delivered these words at the award presentation held in October.

The Felix Kane Cup for Old Boy of the year recognises Old Boys who have 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.

The cup is named after Old Boy 'legend' Felix Kane, who had a life-long involvement with the association starting in the late 1940s until his death in December 2009.

This year's recipient is an Old Boy of Silverstream who attended that college between 1976-79 as a boarder. Earlier he was educated by the Marist Brothers in Masterton.

As a lay person, he is the only person who has been Rector of both Silverstream and Town. During his time between his Rectorships, he worked as a facilitator for the JC Colin Team [Marist founder], and the Young Marist initiatives. He has also been principal of the Challenge 2000 School, dealing with marginalised students.

At times he may have courted controversy in the stances he has taken in supporting Gospel values and his care for students in difficulty. His work at the Colleges and for the wider Marist community deserves appropriate recognition. He epitomises the qualities of a Patrician through his commitment to both Colleges and to the wider New Zealand community.

He has lived 'the Marist Principles' learnt in his years as a student at SPC and has walked the talk in all of his actions both professionally and within his communities. He continues to espouse those values and commitment to the Gospels.

Last year's winner, Sir Patrick Mahony, was invited to present the Felix Kane Cup to this year's winner - Gerard Tully.

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NEW FOUNDATION MANAGER LOUISE MCKENZIE

Eagle-eyed Evan Bayly was so impressed by Louise McKenzie's efforts organising this year's annual benefit dinner that he persuaded her to become a permanent Development Manager of the St Pat's Town Foundation.

"I started in May in a whirlwind," says Louise. "Seven weeks before the event I had to ask my husband who our guest speaker was - Sir Michael Jones - (don't judge me too harshly)." She was thrilled with Sir Michael's humble, generous and enlightened nature, and how the St Pat's community came together for a good time and a good cause.

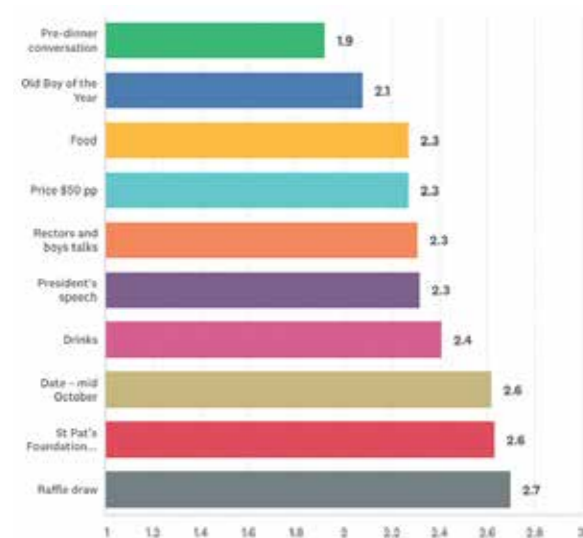
Louise has a background in marketing and project management and spent 13 years in Denver and London. Her husband and she settled in Wellington with their four year old son. "Please contact me at the Foundation office and introduce yourself," she says.

Below: Who's the Knight standing next to Louise McKenzie?"

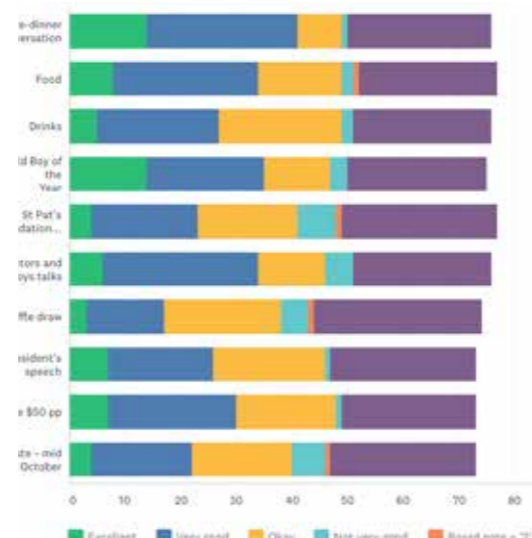


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KEEP OR DROP THE ANNUAL SPCOBA DINNER?



Items ranked in reverse order - the lowest weighted average score is most popular.



Aspects of the annual Old Boys dinner rated using the scale: Excellent / Very good / Okay / Not very good / Board note = '2'.

Your humble executive committee has been scratching their collective heads about the trend in recent years for fewer guys coming to the annual dinner. It takes a lot of effort to organise, so why put in the effort if it's no longer wanted?

They decided to ask why.

Results of an online survey, conducted immediately following this year's dinner, revealed it's still a popular gig after all these years. Over two-thirds said they "Certainly would" or "Probably would" encourage others to come to next year's

dinner. A further 17 percent "Probably would not" and 15 percent were not sure if they would encourage others.

Of 104 Old Boys who responded to the survey, 44 percent had never attended a dinner, almost a quarter (24%) had been to 2 – 5 dinners, and 20 percent had attended more than five times.

Guest speakers (in 2016 Gerrard Fasavalu, and this year new MPs Greg O'Connor & Paul Eagle) were said to be "very" or "extremely" engaging (58% of replies), with 33 percent saying they were "okay". Three people replied they were "not engaging".

Top rated aspects of the last dinner attended were; Pre-dinner conversation, Old Boy of the Year, the food and the price (\$50). Next most popular were; Rectors' and boys' talks, the President's speech and drinks. Still well rated but relatively less popular were; the date (mid-October), St Pat's Foundation speakers and the raffle draw.

The committee is reviewing all aspects of the annual dinner and welcomes your opinion. Please email secretary@spcob.org.nz or phone George Collins with your feedback.

PAUL MARTIN SM, EX-RECTOR SPCOBA TOWN, BECOMES NEW BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH

Father Paul Martin SM was ordained the tenth Bishop of the Christchurch Diocese by Cardinal John Dew on Saturday 3 March 2018. Born in Hastings, Bishop Paul served as rector at St Patrick's College Wellington and was a former St Bede's College deputy rector.

He studied theology and arts at Victoria University and was recently the general bursar for the Society of Mary in Rome, an international chapter of the order he first joined in 1985.

Christchurch Boys' High School Auditorium was filled with about 1400 people including over 100 clergy, 50 civic leaders, other church leaders and the Vatican's diplomatic representative, Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Martin Krebs.

Bishop Paul said it was a privilege to serve "in the footsteps of those before me".

Catholic Bishops Conference president Bishop Patrick Dunn was "delighted" Martin accepted the role. "It is wonderful for Christchurch that they will receive a Bishop who has worked with a range of communities, has extensive pastoral experience and comes to the role with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. "We know that he will bring a new voice and valuable perspective to our discussions." Sectare Fidem Bishop Paul.



REV. FATHER ALFRED CULLEN SM

THE SEVENTH RECTOR OF WELLINGTON BY WADE HALL (5)
SPCOBA VICE PRESIDENT



Following the shift to Silverstream during the Dowling years came the challenging time of change for St Patrick's College, Wellington. Alfred James Cullen was born in Christchurch on 2 September 1890 and was fortunate enough to have received the Kennedy Scholarship to attend St Patrick's College, Wellington where he remained as a pupil until 1908. He commenced his studies for the priesthood at

Meaneer in 1909 and was ordained on 12 December 1915 by Archbishop O'Shea. Immediately after ordination, Father Cullen was on the staff of his alma mater until 1919 and served on the foundation staff at St Bede's College until 1926 in his home town of Christchurch. It was also during this time that Fr Cullen

obtained a Bachelor of Science. After this time, Father Cullen was based at St Mary's Parish, Manchester Street in Christchurch where he served as a Curate and Assistant Parish Priest.

In 1931 following Father John Dowling's departure to become the foundation Rector of St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Father Cullen was appointed as the Seventh Rector of St Patrick's College, Wellington. This was a difficult time for the college as the old saying goes "A lot of key staff members, traditions and practices it is said, even the yard broom had been taken to the Valley". Father Cullen was a popular Rector amongst the boys and staff, was well known to be a good speaker and an approachable leader. Between 1935 and 1938 Father Cullen held many positions including a stint back at St Bede's College and as Parish Priest in Meaneer, Napier.

In 1939 Father Cullen relocated to Australia where he served on the staff of St John's College, Lismore and at Missioner-Glenlyon. Father Cullen was to receive his last appointment as Parish Priest in the Parish of Gladstone, Queensland in 1943 where he died of poor health in 1946.

2017 SPCOBA ANNUAL DINNER WINNERS!



Last year's annual Old Boys' dinner will forever be linked to a piece of New Zealand Political History.

Our speakers for the night were our two newest MPs, Greg O'Connor and Paul Eagle, who like the rest of us did not know if they would be part of the government or the opposition.

The Old Boy's planning committee obviously got it right on the night when both MPs found out they were in government while speaking to our audience. Joseph Romanos (interviewer of the panel), summed it up when he congratulated the Old Boys' Committee for their political foresight to invite the new governments newest MPs as speakers. Romanos humourlessly mentioned, imagine if our speakers were Bill English and Chris Finlayson (referring to the Labour Party's winning the Treasury benches and National's defeat). The format was a little bit different from previous years, however the panel of MPs and our interviewer did a great job entertaining the audience.

It was a wonderful night celebrating the successes of the St Pat's community. Firstly, Year 9 St Pat's Town student

Ethan Jefferson gave a wonderful speech thanking the Old Boy's for his scholarship. The retiring Rector of Silverstream Gerard Tully farewelled everyone in his acceptance speech as Old Boy of the Year for 2017. Ensuring the election theme wasn't lost on the crowd, Tully campaigned for the Karariki to named bird of the year which drew a laugh from the crowd.

Many thanks to Nic Fitisemanu for being the MC and making the night go smoothly. It was a wonderful night and what made it better was the political drama that surrounded it, and the highly vocal St Pat's Town 1990's group who incorporated the annual dinner as the first event of their 30 year reunion.

The only concern was the numbers had dropped from previous years. Please refer to the annual dinner survey article and if you have any feedback on the annual dinners please email secretary@spcob.org.nz so we can provide an even better event in 2018. We look forward to seeing you on October 25th 2018 at St Pat's Town for this year's dinner, where we will be announcing the 2018 Old Boy of the Year.

Sectare Fidem!



TOWN RETAIN THE McMAHON TROPHY!

Brothers, what another great day it was for the fifth Town vs Stream Old Boys Rugby Game, played on Kilbirnie Park No.1 in front of a large crowd. Town won the Bernard McMahon trophy for the second year in a row by defeating the Stream Old Boys by 10-8.

It was a typical Marist battle with no side giving anything away and all putting in 100%. It was a very tight game with one try a piece. Town was first to score with Sam Rasch try and conversion close to goal post then Stream scored an unconverted try to Paul Nixon. Aaron Persico kicked a penalty and Stream went to the break leading 8-7.

The only scoring in the second half was a Sam Rasch penalty which was enough for Town to win the game 10-8. The Town player of the day was Sam Rasch and the Stream player of the day was Paul Nixon.

Town goes one up in the Winter Exchange and takes the lead 3-2 in the current Old Boys Rugby.

Before the game Matt Christie (T82-86) presented the Town jersey to the team and Scott Waldrom (S94-98) and Aaron Persico (S92-96) presented the Stream jerseys.

A big thanks to the Wellington free ambulance for providing such great service at the old boy's game!

Special thanks must go to Nic Fitiseanu (T92-96) and Manuel Dalton (S90-93) for organising their respective teams. It was a great turn out this year thanks to the efforts of Nic and Manuel.

GEORGE COLLINS – PRESIDENT

DOYLE'S DAY

Peter Doyle took the honours at the annual Old Boys' golf tournament held at Otaki in 2017.

About two dozen good keen men competed in the tournaments held in near perfect conditions.

Peter Doyle won the Joe Cullen Rosebowl for the best stableford in both divisions and also the Hibernian Cup for winning the second division.

Myles Wareham won the Monseigneur Tom Duffy Trophy for the best stableford in division one.

Thanks to organiser Peter Burke for his sterling efforts. For news on next year's event go to the SPCOB web site.

Above: Golf day winners Myles Wareham (left) and Peter Doyle



CHAPEL WINS AWARD

Describing it as “both dramatic and welcoming,” the 2017 Wellington Architecture Awards acknowledged the chapel at St Patrick's College, Silverstream. The 1975 chapel, designed by architect William Pearson, earned an ‘Enduring Architecture’ award. The citation describes the “solidity of the chapel volume, imprinted with symbols, grounds the building while the extending arms of the external cloister and aisle embrace it. The figure of Christ floats on the windows behind the lectern and superimposes itself on the cross in the courtyard beyond. This a symphony of tightly thought out and dignified architecture that reflects the designer's deep understanding of movement, liturgy and international works of similar calibre.” It is eligible or shortlisting at the New Zealand Institute of Architecture awards.



THIRD FORMERS OF 1964-1969 MEET FIFTY YEARS LATER

50 years after being third formers at St Pat's Town from 1964-1969 they like to say, “the older we get the better we were.”

About two dozen met at the College on 13 October 2016 for a reunion very well organised by Rosemary McLennan and Corinne Barnard. For some it was the first time they had visited the College on its current site, and they were looking forward to seeing the school in action. However, on arrival Rector Neil Swindells explained he had had to close the school that week because of a potential risk from asbestos in some of the roofs. They later proved well within health and safety standards. Nevertheless, a full programme provided the visitors with plenty of opportunities to tour the College, celebrate Mass in the chapel, and enjoy superb music performances by senior boys. Even though many years had passed since attending St Pat's so many of the values and traditions they had experienced were still clearly evident amongst the students and staff, and of course group members themselves.



Cori Gonzalez and Wayne Guppy with the Silverstream men.

WE'VE MADE SOME VIDEOS!

Yes, the rumours are true, we have made some bloody videos!

It was decided that the best way to promote the Old Boys' association in the 21st century and adhere to our vision of encouraging old boys to come together, was through traditional means while incorporating social media. So, over the last year, besides hosting the Old Boys' annual rugby games and the corresponding luncheons at the Winter Exchange. The Old Boys' committee has shown up with Michael Holden (T2000-2004) of Holden Brothers media with his video camera and produced a promotional video about our old boys and our link as stakeholders to the St Pats community. The second, capturing the essence of the Patrician spirit as we reported back from this year's Old Boys Rugby match.

The first a five-minute video fronted by Cori Gonzalez-Macruer (T95-99) of Seven days fame with cameo appearances from loelu Fili (T87-92); the Spark Guy, All Blacks Scott Waldrom (S94-98) & Earle Kirton (S53-57) ex- Prime Minister Bill English (S75-79) and Upper Hutt Mayor Wayne Guppy (S68-72) with his mayoral robes. The second, an exciting and up-front look at the players who turned out for the 2018 Old Boys' game, with cameos from Thomas Waldrom (S200-04) "JP" Tocker (T96-2000) and Faatonu Fili (T95-99).

The videos can be viewed on our website www.spcob.org.nz or our facebook pages. Please "like" them on facebook and share it with your friends, family and colleagues.



Cori Gonzalez-Macruer (Town 1995-99) and Mayor Wayne Guppy (Stream 1968-72)

STEVE KUZMICICH RIP

Steve Kuzmicich, who has died aged 86, was the Government Statistician from 1984 to 1991 – a master of a craft that, in a New Zealand context at least, he played no small role in defining, according to Len Cook, one of his successors.

The post was the culmination of a civil service career in which he had been instrumental in bringing the Department of Statistics (as he would have known it) into its modern form, ensured that New Zealand had many of the empirical institutions that were beginning to develop around the world, and insured that New Zealand received the benefits of the developments in statistical methods and practice.

In the mid 1950s, Kuzmicich joined an organisation of about 300 largely clerical record keepers, and then subsequently played significant roles in several major developments.

In 1962, the Department of Statistics became just the second government agency to have a computer installed.

Kuzmicich's most enduring legacy was his role in the 1960s and 1970s leading and championing the introduction of the then radical new idea that well-structured random samples could be used to provide measures of economic and social aggregates of usable quality.

In terms of his contributions as a leader in the organisation, he played a large part in the expansion of the Department of Statistics into a modern organisation of 700 staff in the late 1970s, and the efforts to market the services of the agency in the 1980s.

Outside the walls of the Department of Statistics, he played a major role in developing or helping progress in a range of quantitative professional bodies. He was a president of the New Zealand Statistics Association, he worked with a range of demographic academics to establish the Population Association of NZ, was a founding member of the Market Research Association of New Zealand, and was influential in the NZ Association of Economists.

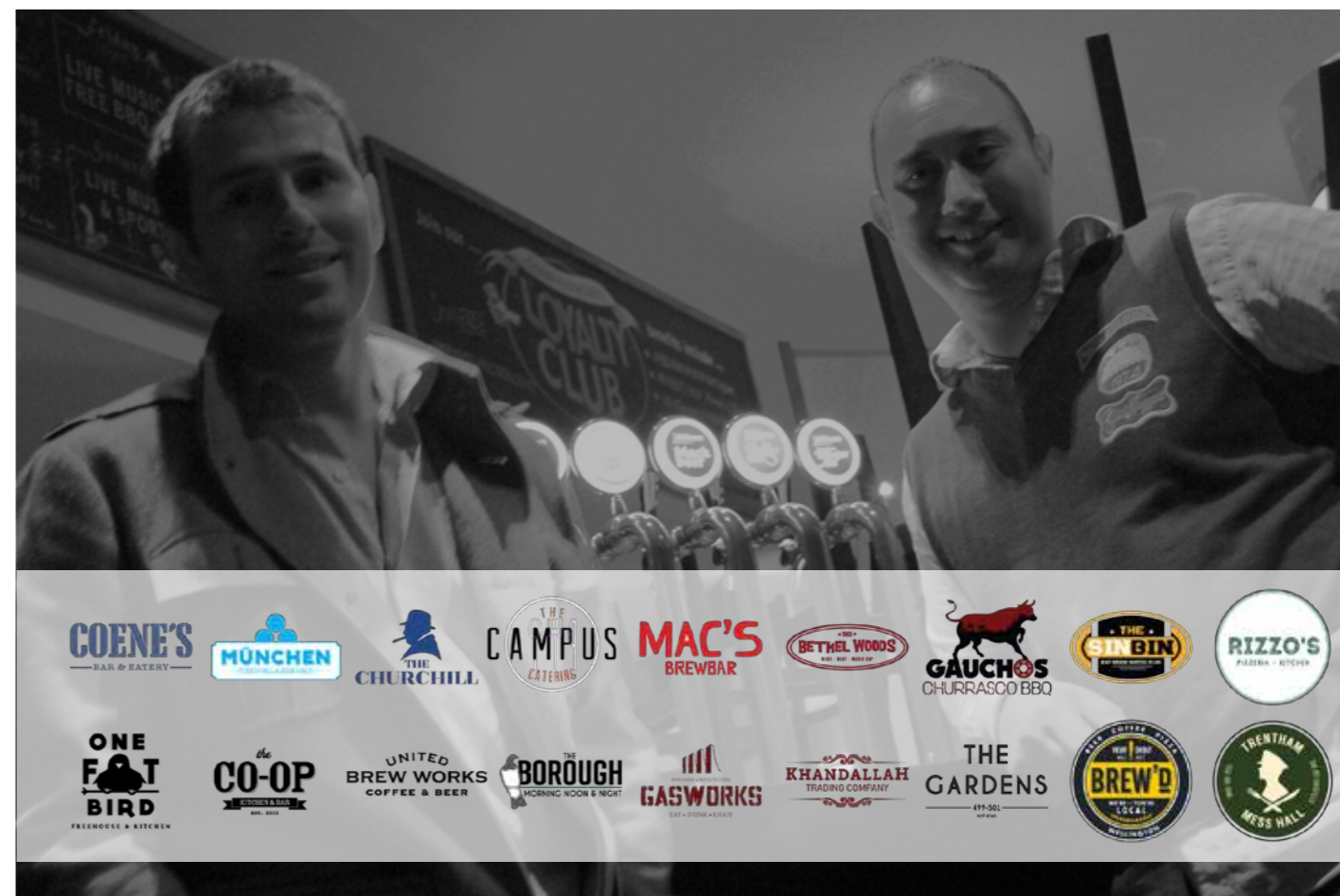
As the Statistics Commission of the United Nations took shape, Kuzmicich took on numerous international statistical leadership roles. His work in the international sphere continued after his retirement, and his last statistical legacy was to rewrite Irish Statistics Act in the 1990s.

He also worked as a casual consultant for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, working mainly in the republics of the former Soviet Union.

Stephen Slavo Raphael Kuzmicich was born in Napier, arriving prematurely on the kitchen floor of the family home. His father came to New Zealand from Croatia in the early 1900s, escaping poverty and conscription into the Austrian army. His mother was of mixed Danish, Lebanese and Italian descent

The family moved to Wellington in 1939, eventually settling in the Hutt Valley. Kuzmicich attended St Patrick's College in Wellington, becoming dux. He wanted to be an electrical engineer, but his family could not afford to send him to Canterbury, then the only university offering that course, he studied maths and physics at Victoria.

He applied for, and got a job with the Department of Statistics by chance. He was walking past its offices and wondered if it might employ someone with a maths education. He wandered



CHEERS! RAISE YOUR GLASS TO JAMIE & WILL.

Over the last few year's a large number of old boys have constantly given me advice about who we should invite as a speaker at our annual dinner. Most of them have all said the same thing, get those guys from the Wellington Hospitality Group!, I want to know what's the story behind their success?

Well, this year, we have done, just that. Yes, we have invited Jamie Williams & "Will" Williams and asked them to tell their story of how they have become one of the fastest growing independently owned hospitality company in the country. WHG has 18 different venues in the Wellington area, serves 380,000 meals and 2.5 million drinks and pays \$7.5 million in wages a year.

Both Jamie (S89-93) & Will (S89-93) are Stream Old boys. The Old Boys association first meet both of them when they turned out for the Stream Old Boys back in 2015 and that's when we started to hear about their entrepreneurial talents.

It will be great to host them and to hear about how they achieved their success at our Mix and Mingle on Friday 2nd November at the Boatshed in Wellington City. Book your tickets and see you there!

Sectare Fidem

in, was interviewed on the spot, and given a job.

In 1970 Elsie Green, who had administrative role in the Department of Statistics, couldn't get her husband to accompany her to the staff Christmas party, so she dragged along her daughter Kathleen instead. While Kathleen was waiting at the exit for her mother, Kuzmicich asked her if she'd like to dance.

They were married on Waitangi Day in 1971, and moved soon after to a house on the hill above Seatoun, which

remains the family home. Twin sons Antony and Geoff were born in 1973. He loved rugby, French cars - at one point owning four old Peugeots - and horse racing.

The passion for racing started when he was a boy, when he got job delivering the race results from Trentham. He would pick them up from the official's booth and cycle at top speed to the Trentham telegram station - despite not being able to ride a bike when he got the job. Later in life, he owned several racehorses, sometimes in syndicates

with friends.

He is survived by Kathleen, sister Judith, his two sons, and three grandchildren, Sasha, Led and Jemiah.

BY VINCE GALVIN



Wellington Brain Injury Association chairman David Crombie (Stream 1973-77) said demand for the association's support and information services had increased in the last few years.

MOBILE HELP FOR WELLINGTON BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT SERVICE

MATTHEW TSO
HUTT NEWS, APRIL 3RD 2018

A support group hopes their new car will make life a little easier for people with brain injuries.

The Wellington Brain Injury Association's new set of wheels will provide a valuable service in helping their clients access doctors, specialists and social services as they recover from or seek support for head injuries.

Wellington association chairman David Crombie said the car would be an invaluable part of the association's service which also included providing education and information to clients and their families.

The car was funded by donations after the Wellington association decided to follow the lead of other brain injury associations around the country.

The group had previously relied on the personal car of their liaison officer to fulfil the service.

Demand for the association's services had increased considerably across Wellington, the Hutt Valley and Kāpiti in the last few years, Crombie said. They were also looking to increase their presence in the Wairarapa.

Crombie said clients were often in a constant battle to keep up with numerous appointments with different agencies following an injury.

The car would be "a bit like a taxi" for clients. It could be used to take them to medical appointments, give them access to social services such as ACC and attend support group meetings.

"It's not really for going out to do your shopping," he said.

A lack of mobility was a common frustration for people whose injuries left them unable to drive and who did not have family able to support them.

Crombie, who received a head-knock 18 years ago, said it was hard for many people to appreciate the effects of a brain injury which was often more than just "feeling dizzy".

"It's like having a hidden disability. You can look totally fine but all the signs could be present. It can have an effect on any part of the body."

All faculties had the potential to be affected as the brain controls most of the body's functions. Sufferers could experience anything from headaches and loss of balance to disrupted senses and motor skills.

These effects often led to people not being able to work or enjoy other activities.

* If you wish to access support from the Wellington Brain Injury Association, contact them on (04) 473 5004 or through liaison. wellington@brain-injury.org.nz

THE YEAR IN REVIEW ...



1, 2, 3: All found in the Silverstream Archives ... former Silverstream pockets, a hard-working bear & old caps 4: Hohepa Thompson (Stream 1998-2002) www.TheHori.co.nz - Calling Otaki or Brotaki? 5: New Vice-President Brad Hudson (Stream 2000-04) being welcomed by President George Collins 6: Paul Budgie Jacobsen (Town 58-59) & Tony O'Brien (Town 65-67)

7: St Pat's Town students returning to St Mary's for St Pat's Day Mass for the first time since 2012 8: Manuel Dalton (Stream 1990-93) and Bill English (Stream 1975-79) 9: Peter Biggs (Stream 1970-74) & Earle Kirton (Stream 1953-57) brought their scarfs from the same shop 10: Stream and Town Old Boys at the Annual Otago University St Pat's Day celebrations 2018.

11: Town 1993-1997 Reunion Group. 12: Town student Luigi Cacace being cheered on by his brothers while playing for the Wellington Phoenix 13: Tim Hounsel (2004-08) playing for King Country & Anthony Ellis (2005-09) playing for Buller in the Heartland Championship

JOSIAH WINS 2018 SPC OLD BOYS' SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Josiah Maukeni-Partsch, a Year 9 student at St Patrick's College, Town, who was the recipient of the St Patrick's College Old Boys' Scholarship for 2018.

The Scholarships are awarded annually at Town and at Stream to a Year 9 man.

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 and all-round ability and contribution to their school.

Josiah attended Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Thorndon and met all of the criteria for the award.

Like last year's recipient, he has a wonderful Patrician pedigree and he is a second-generation patrician.

His Principal said of him:

"He has a great work effort and a love of learning and has shown strong leadership qualities. These principles are very similar to what a Marist Man is "a leader and a builder of communities".

Sectare Fidem Josiah! God Bless.

BRAD HUDSON – VICE PRESIDENT



St Patrick's College Old Boys Association Old Boy of the Year - Nomination Form

This award may be granted annually

The award recognises Old Boys who have promoted the betterment of the people of New Zealand, fostered the Marist way of life and carried the principles taught at the St Patrick's Colleges into the community. The recipient is also granted life membership of the association.

Each nomination is considered by the Executive and then a panel consisting of the President of the association and the two Rectors of the colleges recommend the award to the successful candidate acting on their own initiative or on the recommendation of the Executive

Date
Nominator
Nominee

Short Biography

OLD BOY OF THE YEAR AWARD 2018

The St Pats Old Boys' Association is calling for nominations for Old Boy of the Year 2018.

The successful candidate will be presented the Felix Kane Cup for Old Boy of the Year during the 'Mix and Mingle' at the Boatshed on Friday 2nd November 2018.

The cup is named after Old Boy "legend" Felix Kane. Felix had a life-long involvement with the association starting in the late 1940's up until his death in December 2009.

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Last year's winner was Gerard Tully Stream 1976-79

If you would like to nominate an Old Boy for the award, please could you send a short biography of the candidate including his achievements and contact details (i.e. phone and e-mail address). Please also include contact details of the nominator to the Secretary, SPCOBA at secretary@spcob.org.nz

PREVIOUS WINNERS HAVE BEEN:

- 1991 Bernie Walsh S41-3
- 1992 Norman Gusscott T28-30, S31
- 1993 Felix Kane S42-5
- 1994 Ian McMullin S42-5
- 1995 Mark Gardiner T67-71
- 1996 Nelson Nunns T42-6
- 1997 Ted Buddicom S43-4 T45-7
- 1998 John Kennedy Good S59-63
- 1999 Fr Barney Doherty SM T40-3
- 2001 Peter Menzies S51-4
- 2002 Fr Gerard Burns T71-5
- 2003 Fr Julian Wagg S56-61
- 2004 Card Tom Williams T42-5
- 2005 Rex McArley S44-8
- 2006 Brendan Gilmore T44-6
- 2007 Joe Karam S64-8
- 2008 Andy Bell T42-3
- 2009 John Ryall S67-71
- 2010 Jim Moriarty T 67-71
- 2011 Father Noel Delaney S35-40
- 2012 Steve Hinds T69-73
- 2013 Bernie Monk S67-71
- 2014 Bill English S75-79 & Brian McGuinness T62-67
- 2015 Francis Fanning S61-62 & T63-65
- 2016 Sir Patrick Mahony
- 2017 Gerard Tully

Achievements

Once you have filled this form out, email it to secretary@spcob.org.nz



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1: Matt Christie (T1982–86) presenting Town their jerseys

2: 2018 Town Old Boys team

3: 2018 Silverstream Old Boys team

4: Nicholas Lisette & Edwin Meachen

5: The Fili brothers playing for Town

6: Andrew McFetridge showing the scars of battle

7: Damian Collins, Dan Hannah & Brad Tautuhi waiting to get back into the action



8: Thomas & Scott Waldrom

9: Town Captain Ieuiavi'i receiving the Bernard McMahon Trophy

10: President Collins entertaining the players post-match

11: Andrew McFetridge & Dan Hannah post-match

12: Brothers Together

