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Welcome to the very first edition of the Old Boys magazine *The Clan*.

For the past 85 years news of OKGA activities has appeared in the school magazine *The Knox Grammarian*, and in more recent years as part of the school publication *The Thistle*. And this will continue. However, with more than 10,000 OKGA members, we wanted to be able to include more news and information specifically for Old Boys around Australia, and indeed around the world.

For some time now the OKGA has been expanding communication options for its members. We now have an updated Website, plus the use of Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Skype that has greatly increased our coverage. And of course the weekly E-News keeps Old Boys up-to-date with news of both Old Boy and School events.

The Clan will be a bi-annual magazine published in June and November, which we hope you will find lively and informative, with lots of news, articles and photos across all age groups. But it is your magazine, and will only be as good as the information and photos we receive from members. Every Old Boy has a story to tell, and we hope you will share your experiences. I trust you enjoy our first magazine and your feedback and suggestions will be welcome.

Bruce Kennedy | OKGA MANAGER

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DR. STEVE CUTLER Ph.D. MBA. (OKG'77)

Wallabies great Steve Cutler (OKG'77) has no regrets he didn't play rugby in the professional era, and is more than happy with what he achieved. In a career spanning ten years (1982-1991) Steve represented Australia in 40 Tests, including the 1984 Grand-Slam winning Wallabies Tour of the UK, the 1986 Bledisloe Cup series win in NZ, and 6 World Cup games including the inaugural RWC in 1987 and the 1991 squad when the Wallabies won.

Steve left Australia shortly after his rugby career ended in 1992 and, except for a brief period, has been out of the country virtually ever since. It's hard to imagine he is now 53 years old and based close to New York.

He spent some years in the UK, but now lives with his wife and two children in Short Hills, New Jersey, just a 45 minute train-ride from Grand Central station in NYC. These days Steve is the Chief Operating Officer of Icon plc, a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. His office is not in New York, but in a town called North Wales, Pennsylvania, north-west of Philadelphia.

Icon's Head Office is located in Dublin, Ireland, and has 75 offices in 45 countries and a global staff of 10,500. Consequently, Steve travels a great deal and spends a lot of time in Europe, Asia, India and the USA. The last time he was in Sydney was late 2012.

Steve and wife Carolyn (a Sydney girl) were married in 1990. They have two children, 20 year old Ben, who was born when they were based in Britain and is currently a college Freshman, and 17 year old Emily who is in Junior High School. (equivalent to our Year 11). Emily was born in Australia where Steve and Carolyn were based for a short period in 1996.

Steve keeps fit playing golf and going to the gym two or three times a week. He also plays tennis with Carolyn, who is a very good tennis player and keeps

him on the move. He has little connection to rugby these days but occasionally watches a Six Nations game televised from the UK.

Not surprisingly, most of his close friends are former school mates from Knox, and he keeps in touch with the likes of Phil Tuck, Ian Bownes, Rich Vaughan, Dougal Cole, Charlie Armitage, Nigel Hardwick & Grahame Pratt who always call to see him if passing through New York. He catches-up with former Wallabies coach Alan Jones and many of his old rugby mates occasionally when they travel to the US.

In November this year, there will be a 30 year reunion of the 1984 Wallabies team, and Steve is hoping to be in Sydney for the function. At the last reunion in 2012, 25 of the 30 team-mates gathered from around the world to celebrate and share the close bond that exists between them.

Steve is nostalgic about his days at Knox and his time playing rugby, but doesn't envy the current players. The emphasis on training and bulking-up would probably have precluded him from obtaining a University degree and developing a business career. He recalls with some laughter being paid the princely sum of \$30 per day when touring with the Wallabies and wonders how the modern-day players would survive on that.

Steve said he and his family may return to Australia one day, but probably not before he retires. At that time he'd like to spend time back in Sydney every year playing golf with his OKG and rugby mates. But whatever he decides he won't be forgotten. He may live across the world but his friends and many fans will remember him with affection and wish him the best.

Steve Cutler may be out of sight, but is certainly not out of mind!

By Bruce Kennedy



L-R: Steve's son Ben, daughter Emily, Steve & his wife Carolyn in Sedona near the Grand Canyon November 2013

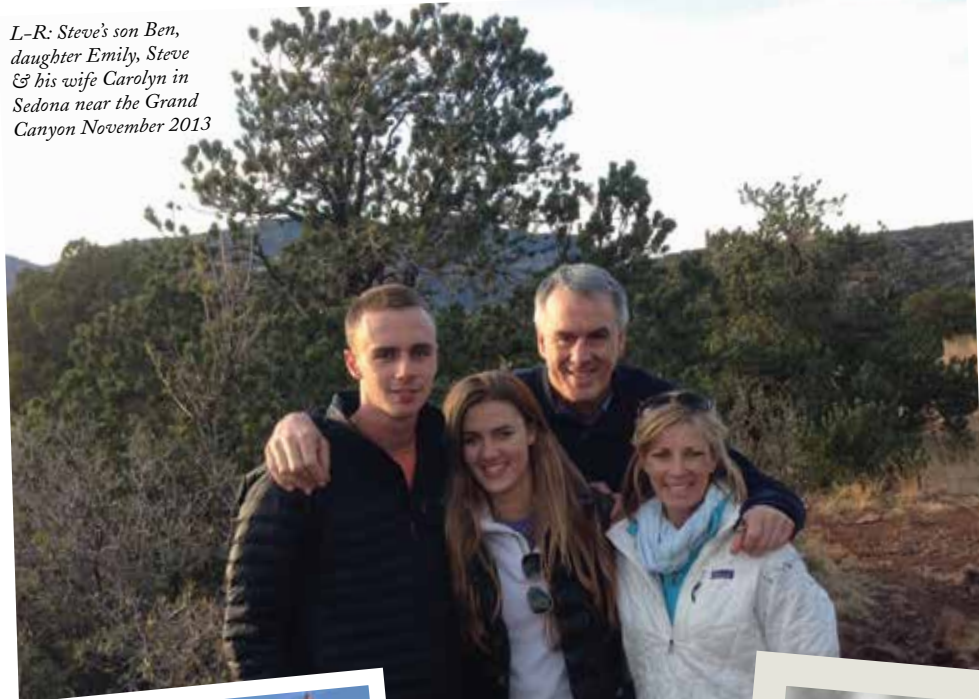


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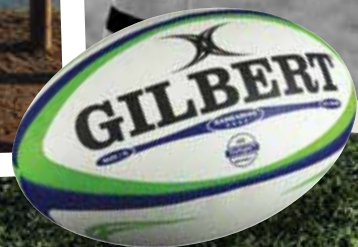
Steve (right) & his brother Rob (OKG'80)



L-R: Rob, Ben, Dan (Rob's son) & Steve in SFO over Christmas 2013



Steve playing for the Wallabies, 22 October 1988





From the
ARCHIVES

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– Courtesy of *Knox Remembers 1939-1945* –

For many Old Boys, the Middle East was their first experience of active service. Devon Minchin (OKG'36) was a RAAF Kittyhawk pilot with 450 Squadron (as was A.J. Blackburn (OKG'34), who was killed in 1943). Devon tells the story of two Old Knox Boys.

Born in 1918, Harry Gregory was at Knox until 1931 when the Great Depression meant a State school until he had passed the Intermediate Certificate. He worked in retail advertising until 1940 when, on no. 7 course of the Empire Air Training Scheme, he was sent to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) to become a pilot.

Born in 1919, Devon Minchin went to Knox just as Harry Gregory left. In January 1935 he became George Patterson's first office boy and two years later worked his way to England where he joined an advertising agency; but an American company, looking for a young Australian, made him a cadet executive, sending him to Ireland, America and (August 1939) to Australia.

He too joined the RAAF and was sent to Rhodesia as a trainee pilot. Having been there a week, in the town of Bulawayo, he was interested to see another batch of trainees arrive from Australia, among them was Harry Gregory.

Their friendship was immediate and lasted throughout the war. They flew Hurricanes and then Kittyhawks with the Desert Air Force, notably in the great air battles preceding the battle of El Alamein. Then, with 450 Squadron, they helped chase the Germans from Egypt all the way to Tunisia, until all of North Africa had been cleared of the enemy.

Gregory's most exciting experience was escaping from his captors at Castel Benito airfield, Tripoli. He had been shot down by ack-ack while strafing, but during an Allied bombing raid at night he kept running when all his captors

were diving into a slit trench. That alone earned him a DFC.

Minchin shot down more than a fighter-bomber's quota of enemy aircraft but looks back on his rescue of Sydney pilot Dick Rowe as his best bit of work. After a dogfight, Rowe had to belly-land in the desert behind enemy lines. Minchin landed beside him and brought him back to safety.

Gregory and Minchin took part in the conquest of Sicily, then spent a year as test pilots for a huge maintenance unit back in Egypt on the Suez Canal. Shot-down aircraft were cannibalised and the parts put together. The two Old Knox Boys then flew the results, testing every type of aircraft from heavy bombers and fighters to the Tiger Moths they had first learned to fly in Southern Rhodesia.

They returned to Australia together, Minchin with malaria, Gregory with a burst ear drum. It grounded him but Minchin went on to the Borneo theatre, thus ending an uninterrupted four year wartime partnership of two Knox

boys that lasted their lifetimes. Gregory died in 1992. Minchin farmed papaya and wrote novels in South East Queensland. Minchin mourned his old mate until his own passing on 30th May 2014.

Both will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

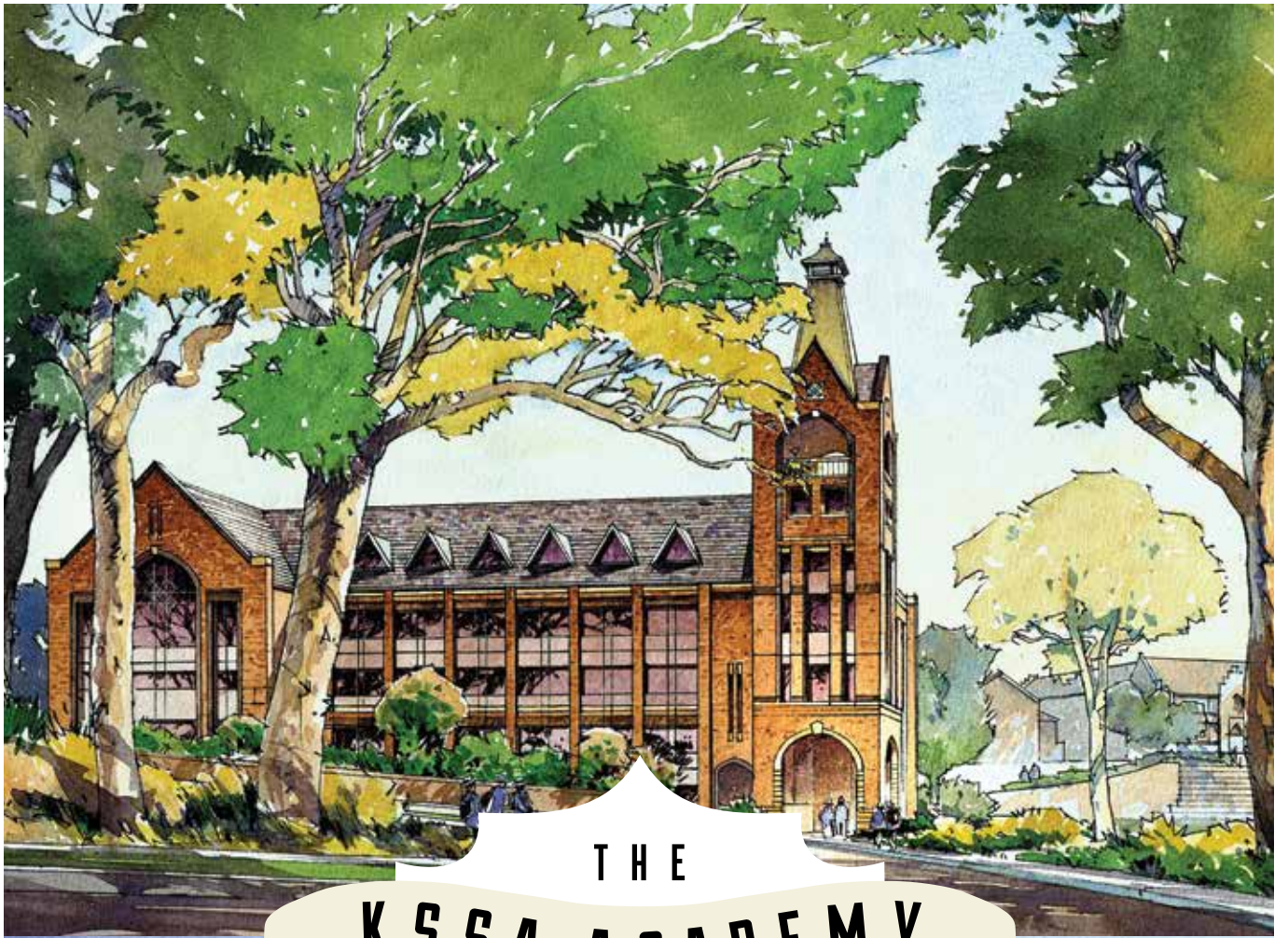
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Devon Minchin



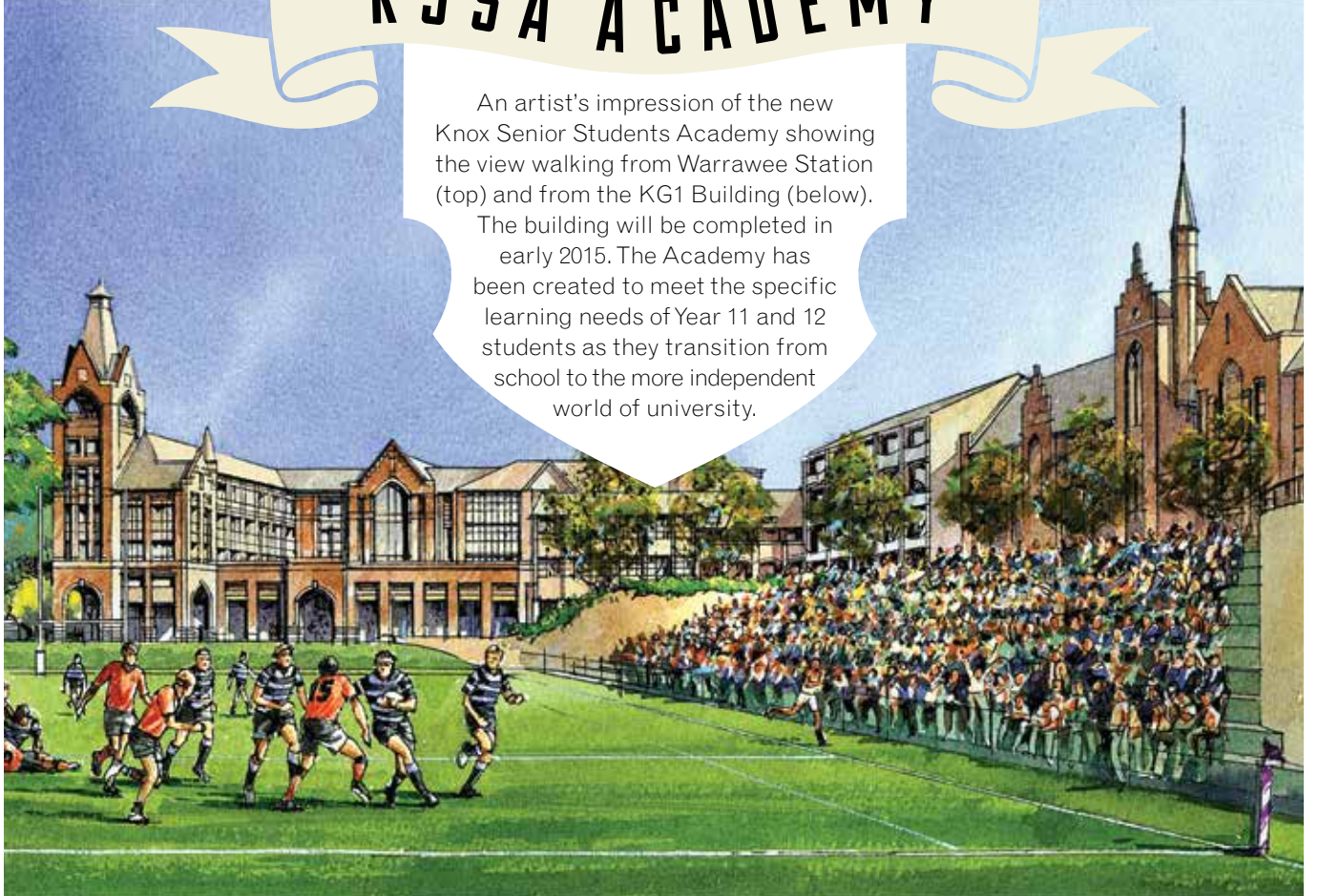
*Devon Minchin (left)
& Harry Gregory (right)*





THE KSSA ACADEMY

An artist's impression of the new Knox Senior Students Academy showing the view walking from Warrawee Station (top) and from the KG1 Building (below). The building will be completed in early 2015. The Academy has been created to meet the specific learning needs of Year 11 and 12 students as they transition from school to the more independent world of university.



Respect your

ELDERS

BY BRUCE ELDER (OKG '61)

Heroic Bruces I have Known

If you went to Knox in the 1950's or 1960's there was a fair chance you were called Bruce. It was a fine Scottish name and given the school was named after a famous Scottish cleric and suffused with good, old fashioned Scottish Presbyterian values, you were as likely to be called Bruce at Knox as you were to be called Francis Xavier at Riverview.

Every class had a Bruce and they came in every shape, size and talent. There were school captains (Bruce Taylor and Bruce Kennedy) brilliant footballers (Bruce Taafe), fine future headmasters (Bruce Carter) and, most impressively, a boarder from Hong Kong - at Gillespie if I remember correctly (Bruce Lee), a particularly impressive boy soloist in Miss Taylor's Glee Club (Bruce Springsteen) and a rugged and impressive CUO in the Cadets with a particular prowess on the rifle range (Bruce Willis). Sorry if you don't remember those last three.

In fact the school was so overladen with Bruces that all Dr Mackenzie had to do was walk out onto his veranda on a Saturday afternoon and shout out "Brruuucce" and a veritable football team of Bruces would rush to his lawn.

There was a minor problem. If a Bruce was about to tackle a Waverley boy and thus prevent a try and the crowd on the bank at the Oval shouted out in unison "Brruuucce" it often sounded like "Boooooo" which was rather disconcerting, and very

unsportmanlike, if Waverley avoided the "bruce tackle" and scored another try at the Warrawee end of the Oval.

So what happened? How did this fine Scottish name, acknowledging the great Robert the Bruce and a byword for dour heroism, fall out of favour?

Most authorities blame the Monty Python team who, on 24 November, 1970, broadcast the infamous "Bruces sketch" in which every member of the University of Woolloomooloo's Philosophy Department was named "Bruce". Overnight Australian dullards were all known as Bruce.

This was compounded through the 1980s and 1990s by Bruce becoming synonymous with the image of a very overtly

American gay guy with tight jeans and a lisp hustling for fun in a bar down the exciting end of town.

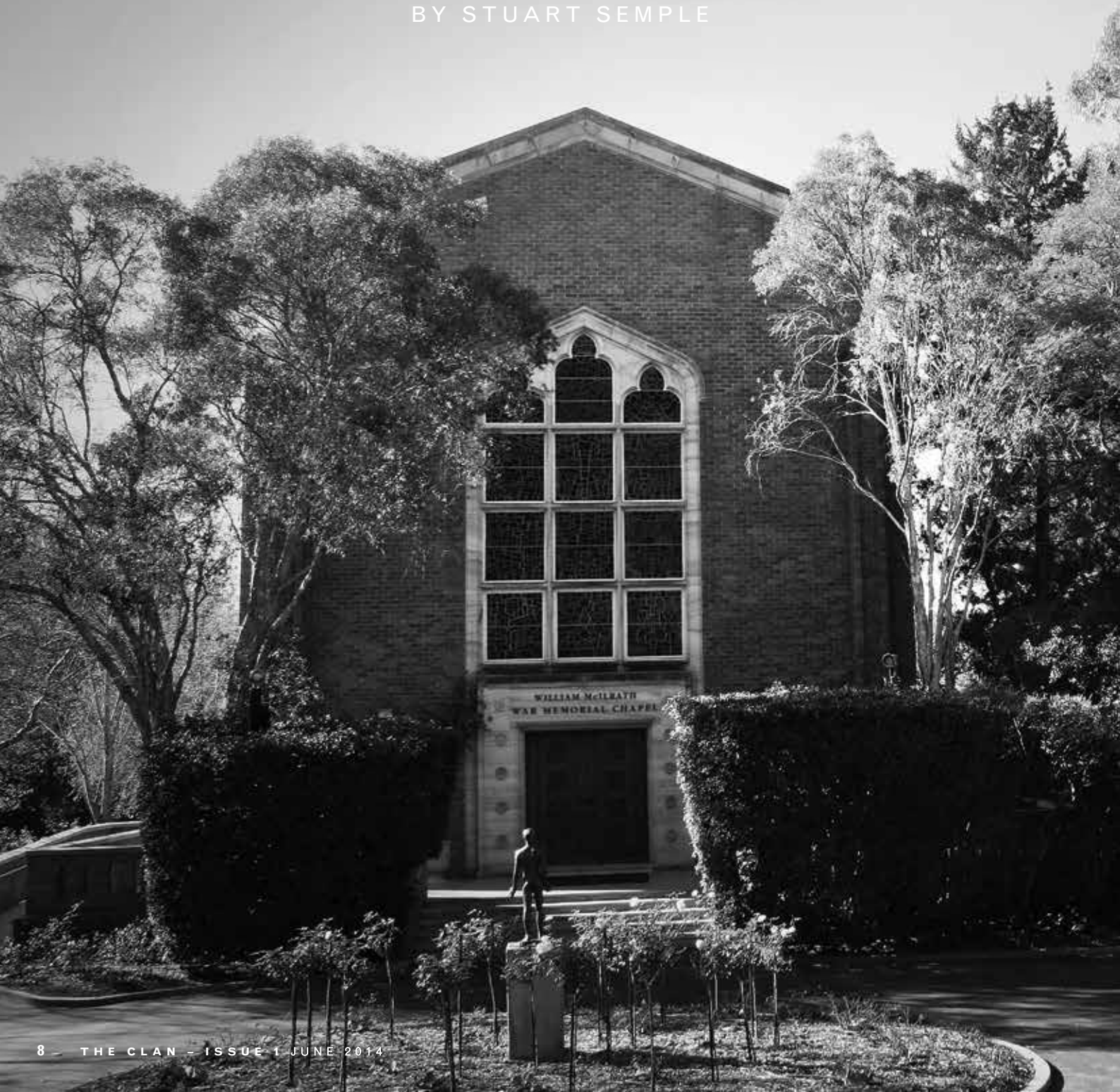
By the late 1980s it was a brave Aussie parent who called their male pride and joy (and future Knox boy) "Bruce".

So what are we going to do? To the barricades! We need more Bruces. Can I suggest that all those parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who are expecting a new male arrival in that pristine swamp that is the OKGA gene pool, think seriously about "Bruce" ... it is a name for heroes and men of greatness. In 17 years time I want to see an entire First XV where the crowd cry out "Brruuucce" in the certain knowledge that they are cheering everyone in the team.



The story of the
**KNOX CHAPEL
ORGAN**

BY STUART SEMPLE



Do you know that the chapel has three ceilings? If I am correct, there is a story to be told.

As the chapel neared completion, attention turned to the matter of an organ. Like many of Welsh descent, Mr. Thomas, Secretary to the Council, had a fine singing voice and loved classical music. He was determined that the chapel would have an organ worthy of it.

In the meantime, he searched the "For Sale" columns of the newspapers for an organ that would serve as an interim measure and asked if I would go with him to check out any that seemed promising. Our first visit was made to Harris Park, where we missed purchasing an organ by just a few minutes.

Several weeks later, a home-built organ was advertised for sale in Bexley and Mr. Thomas, Mr. Stuart the Bursar, and I went to see it. Though a small cabinet organ, it had a nice tone, and Knox subsequently purchased it. The organ gave some years of service in the chapel and is, I believe, now at the Prep School. Its owner had built it for his church but the latter had acquired a new pipe organ. He asked if we would like to go and hear the new organ in his church and meet its builder.

On a later evening, the Chairman of the Council and Mrs. Murdoch, Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie and Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Stuart and I went to the Church of Christ in Bexley North (then on Illawarra Road but now a pre-school centre) and there we met the organ builder. His name was Ronald Sharp. I played the organ and thought its tone was breathtakingly beautiful. Mr. Sharp thought he could build Knox a similar organ for around 3,600 pounds (\$7,200!!!!!!). The decision was not of course mine to make; I stress that my role was very small, though I clearly hoped that we might acquire an organ like it.

On another day, we went to visit Ronald Sharp's basement workshop in his home at Oatley overlooking the George's River. Entirely self-taught, he was seeking to make

his reputation as a builder of fine organs in the Baroque style. He was also creative and innovative, and before we left his workshop that day we were hearing of other pipes (like the trumpets on the Knox organ) that could enhance the music - at additional cost of course.

It is important to understand how pipe organs produce sound (electronic organs are entirely different: their sound is electronic). Briefly, pipe organs can have electric action or mechanical action for releasing air into the pipes. With electric action a key is pressed and the electric contact causes air to be released into the pipe: a player cannot vary the speed of the connection. However, in the case of mechanical action (also called *trakker* action, after the Dutch who built such baroque organs), the keys are connected directly to the valves that let wind to the pipes.. So, depending on how slowly the player presses the key, the organ can be made to "breathe," almost like a pan flute. Mechanical action is the choice of purists; and Ronald Sharp was a purist.

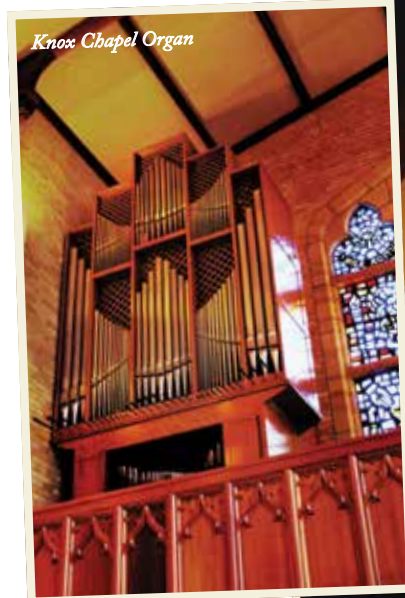
Mr. Thomas and I next went to Christian Brothers' High School in Kogarah, where I played a single keyboard organ in its chapel and admired its tone. Our final visit was to be to Mr. Sharp's largest project: the choir organ in St. Mary's Cathedral. Once again, I played it and found the organ tone really beautiful. Mr. Thomas later told me that Knox gave a monetary gift to the cathedral in appreciation of the warm welcome we had received that evening.

So, eventually, it was to be Ronald Sharp who would give Knox its organ. But there was a problem. The chapel had been built with a wooden

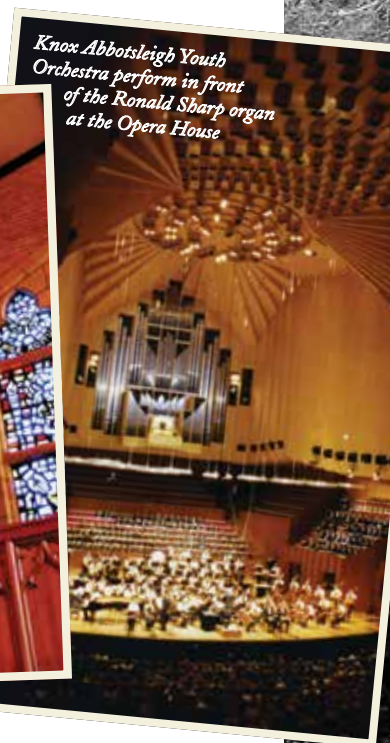
ceiling; but the church architect (for the then Presbyterian Church) later recommended it be covered with acoustic tiles. When Ronald Sharp and a sound engineer from the ABC saw the tiles they were aghast. Good recital halls have hard surfaces like those in Sydney's City Recital Centre; so another wooden ceiling was added to the chapel roof and covering the other two. It is the one seen in the chapel today.

One more challenge remained. The organ would be placed in the rear gallery on its southern (Turramurra) side. However, the afternoon sun pours through the big western widow onto that site and could cause some of the pipes to expand and thus lower their tone: the organ would be out of tune. As I understand it, the organ case has been given a heat-resistant shield to prevent this happening.

Ronald Sharp went on to build other organs and we should be proud that Knox has



Knox Chapel Organ



Knox Abbotsleigh Youth Orchestra perform in front of the Ronald Sharp organ at the Opera House

a link to all of his achievements. His largest work is undoubtedly the grand organ in the Sydney Opera House. It has 10,300 pipes and no fewer than 2,700 of them can be sounded at the same time! It is the largest mechanical action organ in the world.



The **GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

VISITS KNOX

Australia's new Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd) visited Knox on 22 May to give the Address at the Sir John Monash Commemorative Service in the Great Hall, on behalf of The Spirit of Australia Foundation. The Foundation was established to remember and commemorate Australia's heritage. Its aims are to educate Australians, especially school students, about the great Australian role models who have made a significant contribution to our country in a variety of endeavours, and to remember and commemorate significant Australians and events.

Students from many other schools around Sydney joined with the boys and cadet unit of Knox, in a packed Great Hall. The Knox Honour Guard, Catafalque Party, Pipes & Drums, the Bugler, Speakers and the Knox Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Combined Choirs all performed magnificently, and received high praise from the Official Party and guests.



CHILVERS & LIVERMORE

BY SIMON CHILVERS (OKG '56)
– Courtesy of Knox in Our Own Words, 1991 –

My first memory of acting was at Knox when I was in the Prep School, about 4th class (1949), when I was dressed as a duck. I had one line. As the curtain went up a bell rang and I said 'Oh dear, that must be for me' and rushed off stage. That was the most nervous I have ever been on a stage. I remember I had borrowed my grandmother's knitting for the occasion and to her great annoyance it was never seen again.

The next year I was one of three who had to recite Banjo Paterson's *A Bush Christening*, using an Irish accent. I had always been terrified of anything like that but I just stood up and did it, and everyone laughed and thought my Irish accent was wonderful. It was from that, I think, that I developed some confidence.

The following year, in 6th Class (1951), we did a play about Roundheads and Cavaliers called *The Document*. In the year between that performance and the Concert it became a fait accompli that I would play the lead. That little play was quite a success and I remember feeling so confident and totally at home on the stage.

There was a deal of emphasis on drama in the Prep., perhaps with class plays. Miss Stow and other teachers like Mr Eyre-Walker took a great interest in it. Then we went to the Upper School, and Reg Livermore was instrumental in getting me started again. I cannot remember which year it was but I was walking down the path towards the station, and I saw this figure hurdling towards me down the line of hurdles. It was Reg Livermore, who asked me if I was still interested in acting, because the Cadet Corps was trying to raise enough money for kilts through a fete, and he and Miss Stow had been discussing putting on a little play for the same purpose.

The play was put on at the Prep. for one night. Reg asked me to play the woman in it, and I did so, without undue concern. I just put a frock on and acted. I have

been fortunate in my acting career that I can give myself to nearly any part. So we did that play with great success, raised a certain amount of money and the Cadet Corps got its kilts.

From there nothing happened because the Upper School did not have facilities for drama, until Dr Couper came, and at the time I did not miss it particularly.

When Dr Couper decided, in 1954, that we should do *Macbeth*, which I suspect was on the school curriculum at the time, in the new John Williams Hall, I played *Lady Macbeth* (the woman again!) and Reg played *Macbeth*. It came together well. It was a great success, a huge success. We were told that the whole of Sydney had not seen school productions like the quality of the acting in this. On my report at the end of the year Dr Couper wrote all the usual comments followed by 'and his sleepwalking scene was the peak of the play'.

In 1955 Miss Stow and Reg decided that they were going to do *Jane Eyre*. Reg played Rochester and I was Jane (pictured left).

In his short time at the school Dr Couper introduced House plays, and I was involved in them also. The next year I rebelled at the end of the year. Angus House did *The Monkey's Paw*, and I was group pressured into playing the mother's part. I played her like a bricklayer, and was never asked again to play the female.

In 1956, Dr McKenzie's first year, we decided (with Miss Stow directing) to do *Othello*, where I played Iago to Reg Livermore's *Othello* and three girls took the female parts.

It was a huge success. It was the pinnacle. At that stage David Turnbull, who is now the actor David Henry, had joined the school and was in it too. It was a very good schoolboy production. I remember how delighted Dr McKenzie was.



Tony PASKINS

SPORTSMAN EXTRAORDINAIRE

BY IAN SINCLAIR (OKG'45)

Two qualities all of us find endearing – excellence in sport and larrikinism. A.H. (Tony) Paskins (OKG'45) possessed both and in good measure.

At athletics, swimming and on the rugby field few were his equal. Tall and well-built for his years, Tony in his final year captained the Knox Grammar School swimming and athletic teams and was the star of the backline of the Associated Schools Premiership winning Knox 1st XV.

Knox was fortunate to have its own 33 metre pool but techniques and pools were far less sophisticated than today. Outdoors beside the Pacific Highway and next to the old gymnasium, the pool's walls were whitewashed annually, the water was unfiltered, heavily loaded with copper sulphate and in the heat of summer often very murky.

The Swimming Carnival, the first event in the school's calendar was held in early February that year and Tony excelled.

The Associated Championships were held the following week in the memorable 19th century saltwater Manly Municipal Baths in Sydney Harbour, as the North Sydney Olympic Pool had not yet been constructed. Tony led the Knox Team valiantly winning a number of events in the Open Championships, but the school came third behind Cranbrook and Waverley. Swimming was not Tony's main sport, but it contributed to building his upper torso and giving him remarkable physical strength.

In athletics Tony was also a school champion displaying the speed so important to his rugby success. At the School's Twentieth Annual Sports day in 1944, Tony Paskins is recorded as breaking the 220 yards, 440 yards and shot putt records and winning all Under 16 events. But these were the preliminaries – it was at rugby that Tony really shone. Tony's excellent

ball handling, considerable physical strength, speed off the mark and remarkable swerve proved the school's secret weapon in that first memorable rugby win against Waverley at Warrawee on 4th August 1945. As a fellow team member I can still see today in my mind that swerve – it was seemingly effortless in execution and devastating to the opposing teams defence.

Waverley College only joined the Associated Schools in 1944 and after Knox lost twice to them that year and being defeated 38-10 in the early part of the 1945 season, the August victory was particularly sweet. Needless to say the win was greeted with wild excitement among supporters, parents and students of the school.

Tony Paskins and five-eighth John Ahern each scored tries which Jimmy Thomson converted. Thomson also kicked a penalty goal. Consistently as outside-centre, Tony seemed able to score almost whenever the ball reached him. Yet he was never selfish with the ball and frequently made openings for his teammates, allowing them to score the points. Although his natural ability was extraordinary, the grounding Tony received at Knox under the skillful if not always (to us) gentle hands of the 1st XV Coach A.E.(Poi) Mitchell (a Kiwi) was the foundation of his subsequent rugby stardom. Mitchell's emphasis on good ball handling, kicking with both feet, tackling below the waist and packing tight and low are the basics of any rugby side and were drilled into us morning, noon and night.

At School House, Tony enjoyed an uneasy relationship with the doyen of boarding Housemasters V.A.G. (Vag) Green. Tales of the practical jokes Tony

played on him and other sincere and diligent masters are legendary, predominately true and many understated.

Two instances of Tony's wider impact on school life (including one of the influence on the senior boys of Knox of the girls of PLC Pymble) are worth relating.

At the annual Knox Cadet Camp at Singleton, Tony was leading an element of my platoon (he was sergeant) in a simulated war games attack on Corps Headquarters. Tony led his section through a swiftly flowing creek at the far end of the Singleton grounds to circle the main body of cadets defending the HQ. As a result, not only did his section nominally capture the HQ but also the totally surprised supervising Knox staff, Officer Commanding Captain A.W.(Moho) Briggs and his Deputy Lieutenant A.E.(Poi) Mitchell. In the post exercise appraisal the defenders claimed the creek was 'out of bounds' to which Tony responded 'in war you have to expect the unexpected.'

In August that year final year students were in the middle of their trial Leaving exams (today's HSC). In Room 21, I was endeavouring to concentrate on Cicero's Pro Milone in the Latin exam when there was an enormous groundswell of noise around the School, heralding the Allied victory over Japan, to be known thereafter as VP day. We lingered at our papers but prematurely were released to join in the celebrations. Dr. Bryden, wisely in our view, declared the rest of the day a holiday and after recognising there was a limit to the noise we could make in the Knox grounds, the final year boys decided the Sydney CBD was the place to be.

Like many Knox boys then and now, Tony had a particular friendship with a delightful girl from PLC Pymble whom he phoned to see if she could join us.

In peremptory tones Tony was advised that at PLC it was a normal school day and that Miss Dorothy Knox, the Principal, had prescribed there would be no cavorting in the city or anywhere else for her girls, no matter what the occasion.

This spurred us into action with Tony leading the cry that there was no alternative but that the Knox students march to PLC and confront the formidable Miss Knox. And that is what significant numbers of the student population did. In retrospect I can remember little of our march down the Pacific Highway, but a good deal about the confrontation with Miss Knox. She faced us first on the PLC verandah. It was then early afternoon and the universal excitement had not left her unmoved. Firmly and politely she told us what she thought of our action, but no doubt having been warned of our intentions by Dr. Bryden, she finally decided that the girls at PLC should have the balance of the day off too. From there a number of us, together with some PLC girls, and of course Tony Paskins and his friend, took the train to Wynyard. The rest is another story.

On leaving Knox Tony was recruited into the Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Club with whom he had played a

few games during school vacations. In mid 1946 he was spotted by Gus Risman, the captain of the touring British Rugby League side and recruited to join Workington Town the following northern hemisphere season.

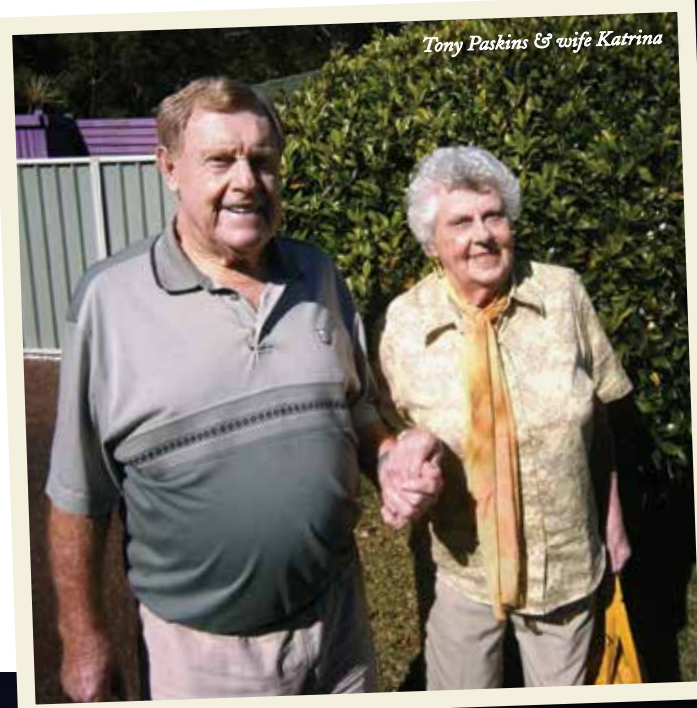
Despite never playing for Australia he is regarded as one of the best centres to emerge in the era immediately after the war. He went on to play in Workington Town's Challenge Cup win in 1952 and also represented Other Nationalities. Paskins returned to Australia to captain Eastern Suburbs in 1955 and represented NSW the following year against NZ. As captain-coach of Oberon in Western NSW he led Country to shock wins over City in 1961-2 and captained NSW against Great Britain in the latter year. Unfortunately, he was not chosen in the Test sides that year but went to Manly as captain coach in 1963, before returning to the country to play for Narrabri.

At Knox, Tony Paskins was well liked as an individual and universally respected as a sportsman. His sense of fun frequently raised the ire of more than one of his masters, and yet they too respected his abilities.

Tony is probably the best rugby centre Knox has produced, and on the rugby field, in swimming and athletics his consistently outstanding performances enhanced the school's reputation in inter school competition.

There were then only five years of secondary schooling and comparatively he was twelve months younger than today's school leavers. His immediate acceptance into the first grade competition the year after leaving school and then switching codes and playing with distinction in the UK reflects his enormous talent.

Knox has good reason to be proud of his contribution to the School and its reputation. As a classmate he certainly enhanced our school year.



THE RIGHT HONOURABLE IAN SINCLAIR AC

Ian McCahon Sinclair attended Knox from 1941 to 1945 and was Captain of the School after Brian Kelly, who had been appointed Captain when the school year began, was called up for Military service in March 1945. He graduated in Arts and Law from Sydney University, was awarded a Rugby Blue and admitted to the NSW Bar. In 1953 he acquired a property near Tamworth in northern NSW, managed his cattle and sheep and played and coached rugby. In 1956 he married and became involved in the NSW Graziers Association, the Country Party and the University of New England. In 1961 he was elected to the NSW Legislative Council and in 1962 appointed a Director of the Farmers and Graziers Cooperative Ltd. In 1963 Ian Sinclair was elected as the Country Party Member for the seat of New England in the Federal Parliament and in February 1965 appointed Minister for Social Services in the coalition government of Sir Robert Menzies. Thereafter he held successive senior portfolios including Minister assisting the Minister for Trade and Industry, Minister for Shipping & Transport, Minister for Primary Industry, Minister for Communications and Minister for Defence. He was Manager of Opposition Business in the House during Gough Whitlam's Prime Ministership and Leader of the House in the Fraser ministry after 1975. Ian Sinclair was Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Hawke years, chaired the 1998 Constitutional Convention, and in 1998 was elected Speaker.

He was Deputy Leader of the Country Party under Doug Anthony and in 1984 was elected Leader of the National Party.

Ian Sinclair had a distinguished political career and was the last parliamentary survivor of the Menzies, Holt, McEwen, Gorton and McMahon governments being the 'father of the House'. He was also the last Australian Parliamentarian to be a member of the Privy Council of the United Kingdom, entitling him to the prefix "The Right Honourable."

Since his retirement from Parliament in 1998 Ian Sinclair has been an Adjunct Professor of Social Sciences at the University of New England, Chair of Good Beginnings Australia, Chair of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Chair of the Sheep CRC, President of the Murray Darling Basin Commission, President of Austcare, President of Scouts Australia (NSW), President of the Australia Taiwan Business Council, Co-Chair of the NSW Healthcare Advisory Council and a Director of the Regional Australia Institute.

Ian currently lives with his wife Rosemary on a property on Dumaresq Island just north of Taree, NSW and keeps a keen interest in Knox and his many friends from those days.

OKGA MILESTONE

The 2nd April 2014 marked the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the OKGA. On that day in 1929, thirteen ex-students attended a meeting at the YMCA in Sydney, with Headmaster, Mr. Neil MacNeil, also in attendance.

Mr Russell Le Gay Brereton (OKG'28) was elected Chairman (the position later to be named President) with Robert Morson (OKG'27) elected Hon. Secretary and Normand Sky (OKG'28) elected Hon. Treasurer. Members of the Genral Committee were William Perry (OKG'28) and Neville Rhodes (OKG'26).

Robert Morson, the first Hon. Secretary lived at the YMCA and thus was probably the member who booked the meeting room for the founding meeting.

The following significant events all occurred in 1929:

- The first ever Old Boys v School rugby game
- Ewan House was offered to the School, and the Prep School opened
- The Knox Cadet Unit was established
- The Combined Associated Schools was formed
- Neil MacNeil was elected first CAS secretary
- The population of Australia was 6.4 million
- The adult basic wage was the equivalent of \$9.05 per week
- In October, the Wall Street Stock market crashed precipitating the Great Depression

It is doubtful if the founding fathers ever envisaged the significance of this first meeting. From those humble beginnings the OKGA has grown to become the second largest school alumni association in Australia, including those schools that were founded many years earlier. Knox Grammar School has produced an amazing list of eminent alumni in a range of professions, whose standing extends around the world.

There is a long list of committed and passionate Old Boys who have held positions on the OKGA Committee since 1929, including 28 Presidents, and they have all played a major role in assisting both the School and fellow members in maintaining Knox's pre-eminent reputation. We salute them all.

As a matter of interest there are 36 Old Boys who celebrate their 85th birthday this year. They reside in NSW, QLD, VIC, WA, TAS, the USA, UK and Switzerland, and include Rt. Hon. Ian Sinclair and Richard (Dick) Yeldham.

Stuart SEMPLÉ

LUNCH

NETWORKING

BREAKFAST

CONGRATULATIONS

Nick

We congratulate

Nick Minchin (OKG'70) on being appointed Australian Consul-General in New York. Nick had a very distinguished political career in Federal Parliament, having been elected as a Liberal Senator for South Australia in 1993. In a career spanning 20 years, Nick held the following positions in Government: Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Special Minister of State, Minister for Industry, Finance & Resources, Minister for Finance & Administration, Leader of the Government in the Senate and Vice-President of the Executive Council.

We salute Nick's eminent career and wish him well in his new role.

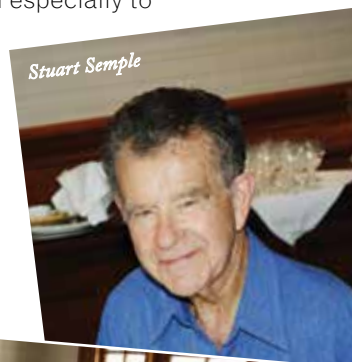


PHOTO: GARY RAMAGE, THE ADVERTISER

Twelve former Knox students plus former Headmaster, Dr. Ian Paterson, held a lunch in honour of former teacher Stuart Semple at Avondale Golf Club on 11th April. Stuart makes the trip to Australia each year to visit one of his two daughters who is, unsurprisingly, a geographer at Macquarie University. Stuart taught geography at Knox from 1957 to 1963 and was Gillespie Housemaster from 1960 to 1963. Stuart has a Canadian wife and two daughters, all of whom are teachers. They live on the Atlantic Coast at Nova Scotia and look across the water to Prince Edward Island. Stuart was Associate Professor of Education at Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) and is currently Adjunct Professor of Geography at Mt. Allison University (Sackville, New Brunswick) Remarkably, this is his 59th year as a teacher. He is an esteemed member of his profession and is a former Chief Examiner in Geography for the International Baccalaureate Organisation worldwide, former Chair of the Canadian Council for Geographic Education as well as a fellow and former Governor of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

Stuart asked especially to

pass on his regards to all his past Knox students, and in particular the boarders in Gillespie House during the early 60's.



Left to right: Ian Frame, Bruce Elder & Alan Foulkes



A very successful

Networking Breakfast was held on 7th March with just over 80 Old Boys and several parents in attendance. The audience was treated to an informative and inspirational address by Warwick White (OKG '78), the Managing Director of Coca-Cola Amatil Australasia, who outlined his thoughts and experiences operating a global marketing company in many parts of the world, and gave many tips on working with and changing the culture of both staff and customers in all organisations.

Guests typically included a large cross section of occupations from media, telecommunications, recruitment, financial planners, solicitors, building companies, retailers, accountants and real estate. We look forward to another Breakfast later in the year and also developing more mentoring opportunities for Old Boys.

The SENIOR KNOXONIANS

SENIOR KNOXONIANS AGM & LUNCHEON

The Senior Knoxonians, was initially known as the Knox Over 70's Club, and this year is celebrating its 30th anniversary. In 1983 Geoff Crapp, a Past President of the OKGA, approached some of our "older" Old Boys with the view of forming an Over 70's Club. These men were some of our original students and certainly some of the earliest Old Boys, having completed their schooling in 1928-1931. Some 16 members attended the March luncheon in 1984 and at the September luncheon, which included wives, an additional 5 more Old Boys joined and Jim Bartlett (OKG'28) was formally elected President.

Membership is by invitation, and in the beginning was for any Old Boy of Knox Grammar School who had turned 70 years of age. Membership is now open to all Knoxonians who graduated at least 50 years ago. This includes anyone who was at the school for even one year; the "Class of" year graduation day being the day they would have first been eligible to complete Year 11 if they had stayed at Knox.

The committee may also invite "former teachers, other staff and Chaplains of the school who have served for a period/or periods totalling at least 15 years, or such lesser period as the committee in a particular case thinks fit, have attained the age of 65 years and who have been offered membership by the committee".

The foundations of the "Club" were firmly laid and from those initial starters we now have a membership of over 350, our oldest members are now in their 90's and our newest members coming from the Class of 1963. We would be delighted to hear from any Old Boy who belongs in a "Class of" who was eligible to sit for the Leaving Certificate at least 50 years ago and who has possibly mislaid or did not receive an invitation to join.

We hold two principal luncheon functions during the year, the first held in March is for members only and the second in August/September being for members and partners. We usually have a speaker and/or an orchestral or choral group of students at these luncheons, which are held in the school function centre.

The main reason for our being is to maintain contact with Knox and the friends associated with our time at the school, as well as meeting and forming new friendships with those with whom we have this common bond.

The Senior Knoxonians held their AGM & Luncheon on Wednesday 12th March. Both were well attended, with almost 70 members, including one flying from Perth, and another from Adelaide. Ian MacPherson (OKG '55) was re-elected as the President, and the committee were unanimously reappointed.

Following the AGM, a luncheon was held in the Portrait Room, with the guest of honour being Peter (Clary) Castrission OAM (OKG '01). Clary gave an inspirational talk about the 40K Foundation, an organisation that he set up to assist in getting education to underprivileged children in India. The luncheon was also addressed by the Headmaster, Mr John Weeks, who gave an informative talk on how the school has progressed in its 90 year history, and Knox's possible links and influence in China after his talks with government officials in Beijing and Shanghai in early March.



L-R: Ian MacPherson & Clary Castrission



L-R: Former teachers Tony Gifford & David Brown



L-R: Phil Nowell & James Sundell



Left to right: Sue Miles, Dick Miles & Edric Chaffer

THE 50S LUNCHEON

GRADUATION SUCCESS

Will Sullivan (OKG'11) and **Andrew Watson** (OKG'12) are pictured at their Graduation from the Tocal Agricultural College earlier this year. Will has a Certificate 4 in Agriculture and employment lined up. Andrew has a Certificate 3 in Agriculture and is doing the Diploma Course this year. As you can see Will & Andrew are proudly displaying their Old Boy ties. Tocal Agricultural College is located at Paterson in the Lower Hunter Valley, 11 kilometres north of Maitland.



L-R: Will Sullivan & Andrew Watson

Although the majority of Old Boys at the reunion were predominately 1955/6 leavers, this gathering encompassed Old Boys from 1952 to 1959. A total of 23 attendees gathered for drinks before a sit-down lunch. It was great to see Barrie Blackwell (1956 School Captain, former Knox teacher & Housemaster) who happened to be in Sydney from his home at Buderim on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. Peter Sharp (OKG '56), owner of the Blue Gum Hotel looked after everyone in fine style and joined in the celebrations. Peter enjoyed catching up with his 1956 1st XV second-row partner, Bill Reeve. Tony Chia (OKG '55), who has lived in New York for many years, also relished the opportunity to meet old comrades again.



L-R: Warren Norris, David Smith, Barrie Blackwell and Brian McGill



L-R: Dick Arndell & John Mitchell

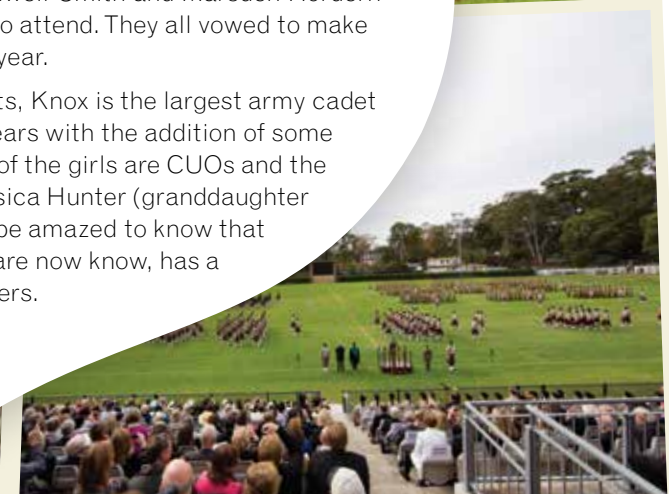
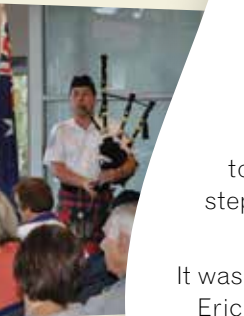
OLD BOYS PIPE AT *Bundanoon*

The Old Boys Pipe Band played at the Bundanoon Highland gathering on Saturday 5th April. The town becomes Brigadoon for the day, a little bit of Scotland, hosting the biggest Highland games in the southern hemisphere. There were 20 pipe bands and around 20,000 visitors. This year the weather was very Scottish. It drizzled all morning and rained all afternoon. But nothing could dampen the Bundanoon enthusiasm. As usual, there was highland dancing, country dancing, caber tossing, the stones of manhood, kids' races and much, much more. Including the pipe bands...

The Knox Old Boys Pipe Band played in the street march, the massed bands for the opening, its own segment during the day, and in the massed bands to close the proceedings. It was great to see many Old Boys playing with other bands too. There is nothing like the massed bands at Bundanoon! It was another great day, and we are looking forward to next year's 'Bundanoon is Brigadoon' which will be on Saturday 11 April 2015.







ANZAC

MEMORIAL SERVICE

*The Old Knox Grammarians Association Memorial Service
& Ceremonial Parade of the Knox Grammar Cadet Unit.*

On an unseasonably warm May morning, the OKGA Memorial ANZAC Service was held at the School. As it has done for decades, the students and cadet unit put on a wonderful display at both the Service and Ceremonial Parade. The Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant General David Morrison AO, Chief of Army, gave the Address and took the Salute at the March Past. Lieutenant General Morrison took the unprecedented step of publicly praising the Cadet Unit at the end of the parade, saying they were a credit to themselves, their school and their country.

It was wonderful to see a number of WW2 veterans still attending the service. Arthur Pardley (91) Eric Thew (90), Barney Greatix (94), Richard Miles, Don Caldwell-Smith and Marsden Hordern (all 92). Lysle Roberts had bronchitis and was advised not to attend. They all vowed to make the 100 Year Anniversary next year.

Old Boys will be interested to know that with over 700 cadets, Knox is the largest army cadet unit in Australia. The number has increased in recent years with the addition of some 100 cadets from Ravenswood School for Girls. Several of the girls are CUOs and the Second in Charge of the Parade & Unit was CUO Jessica Hunter (granddaughter of Tony Williams (OKG'54). And you will probably be amazed to know that the Pipe Band, or the Pipes & Drums as they are now know, has a total compliment of 70 members.

Truly a massed band!

MATT HYMERS

(OKG'02)

Matt writes from Herzogenaurach, in Barvaria, Germany. For the past four years he has been working at Adidas Headquarters as the Senior Product Manager, developing physiological monitoring systems, wearable technology and fabric sensors for elite sporting teams, including AC Milan, Real Madrid, Chelsea, Bayern Munich, the New Zealand All Blacks and Major League Soccer Teams in the USA.

A documentary on the project Matt is working on, titled "The Next Black" was featured on AEGTV in early May, and explores the development of technology in clothing.

Matt is pictured below at work with the football star Gennaro Gattuso who plays for AC Milan and Italy.



THE RUGBY LUNCH

A chance meeting between Michael Le Couteur (OKG '61) and John (Sparrow) Dowse (OKG'52) at RPA Hospital recently, led to a very enjoyable lunch for a group of rugby buffs at The Blue Gum Hotel, Waitara. Former Wallabies Bruce Taafe (OKG'62) and John Dowse (pictured below) held sway with some funny stories of days past, both at school and on the international scene and re-lived many famous victories and defeats. John and Bruce were joined by Michael Le Couteur (OKG'61), Ian Frame (OKG'64), Alan Foulkes (OKG'62), Ian MacPherson (OKG'55) and Bruce Kennedy (OKG'59).

By the end of the lunch, most of the problems afflicting Australian rugby, including coaching, playing styles, referees and finances were solved, including the methods used by legendary school coaches like 'Possum' Brown, who was in fact a Kiwi, and who really understood the basics of the game.

Being a fellow hooker, Bruce gave particular praise to Nathan Charles (OKG'06) of the Western Force who he rates as the second best hooker in Australia at the moment. Given he also regards the Brumbies Stephen Moore as Australia's best ever hooker, that is quite a wrap.



Brothers 4 BROTHERS

BY THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS

2013
Golf day

Brothers 4 Brothers started as an idea to get a group of 'aging' rugby players out of retirement and back onto the field. Our aim was to bring some joy into the lives of loved ones who had been diagnosed with cancer, raise awareness of the issues these people face, and in some small way try to contribute essential funds to assist the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Centre.

The Lifehouse Centre is a world-class facility that combines clinical care, research, education and integrative therapies, creating opportunities for innovative research and compassionate holistic care for cancer patients, their families and carers. Since commencing operations in late 2013, Lifehouse has helped over 4,000 patients.

Since 2012 Brothers 4 Brothers has raised and contributed over \$200,000 to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. \$100,000 of which went towards installing ten state of the art Chemotherapy Chairs, which allows for private treatment in a comfortable environment tailored to patient's needs.

Since last year efforts have been directed towards "The Cosmed Bod Pod," an \$85,000 piece of equipment that measures body composition through air plethysmography for research and clinical applications. With just five minutes total test time, this device will allow Dietitians and Nutrition Consultants to efficiently and effectively assess a patient's nutritional needs and tailor a personalized nutrition plan. Maintaining healthy nutrition is a vital component of cancer treatment.

These are just a few of the great initiatives B4B has managed to contribute to the Lifehouse Centre. This has only been achieved through the support of the Knox community and our sponsors.

In 2013 we lost our dear brother Lachlan, to cancer. We resolved thereafter that we would continue to make B4B an annual event in honour of Lachlan. This will not only serve as a legacy to our brother, but also give family and friends of other cancer sufferers a means of coming together to enjoy the company of like-minded people, playing the game they play in heaven, and to better the lives of cancer patients by raising funds for the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse.

On 23rd August 2014 we are hosting our third match. This game will become an annual event, with the winner being awarded the 'Lachlan Robertson Cup.' The 'Man of the Match' will win the 'Tim Cussell Medal.' We will be playing against Old Ignatians Rugby Club at Lofberg Oval, West Pymble. Coincidentally, Chris O'Briens sons attended St. Ignatius College. Both teams will be filled with heritage players prepared to put their bodies on the line for another shot of glory, renewed camaraderie, and charity.

We are also organizing some special guests for the annual Sportsman's Luncheon preceding the big day, on Friday 22nd August at the Blue Gum Hotel, Waitara. This function is usually a sell-out, so stay tuned for further details.

Please join us on Saturday 23rd August to make this day one for the ages.



The 2013 Annual OKGA

Golf Day was once again held at the picturesque Avondale Golf Club in near perfect playing conditions with 100 players participating. Old Boys (ranging in Leaving Years from 1938 to 2013) joined current and past parents (mums and dads) as well as representatives from the Old Barker Association and The Scots College Old Boys Union.

Thanks to the generosity of the OKGA Committee in financially supporting the Day, the best turnout in more than ten years was recorded. This excellent initiative encouraged an increased number of younger and older players to participate – a great result and much appreciated by all.

The OKGA would also like to express its appreciation to Phil Tuck (OKG 1977) who once again organised a highly successful and enjoyable event.

The main prize winners:

- Best Individual Stableford: Ian Stewart – 41 Points
- Best 2 Ball Team: Jack Shute and Ian Stewart – 48 Points
- Father & Son: Kel and Brendan Bateman – 47 Points
- Leavers' Trophy: 1977 – Nigel Hardwick, David Nevell, Phil Tuck and John Vohralik – 129 Points
- Nearest The Pin: David Cross
- Longest Drive: Nathan Franks

The OKGA would like to advise that the 2014 Golf Day will be held on Wednesday, 19 November commencing at 12.00pm at Avondale Golf Club – all members of the Knox Community are warmly invited.

The NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Jim Press (OKG'55) was unable to make it to the 1955 Reunion Lunch at The Blue Gum Hotel in April, but sent his regards. His No.1 grandson started year 7 at Knox this year and is in Gillespie House. Jim hopes he is better behaved than he was and might make it to Year 12.

Jonathan Capel (OKG'77) is currently living in Tianjin, China and is teaching English at Jinglingquin School and the University of Chiangjin. He is living with his eldest son Edward, who is studying mandarin in preparation for being a successful business entrepreneur. Jonathan enjoys keeping up with the news from Knox via the weekly E-News.

Warwick Doughty (OKG'67) has run Sydney's Luna Park with his business partner (a Barker Old Boy) since 2004. Luna Park was recently re-opened to the public after major renovations.

Peter Anderson-Stewart (OKG'67) emailed from Ust-Kamenogorsk in far east Kazakhstan, a province of Russia. The city has a population of 304,000 and is a major mining and metallurgical centre. The absolute minimum temperature ranges from -49 degrees in January to 4 degrees in July. Peter must surely be one of the most isolated Knox Old Boys in the world.

Trent Dowling (OKG'95) is currently Captain of the Davidson Rural Fire Brigade. Trent has been a member for 20 years and a national Medal recipient for Meritorious Service. There are three other Knox Old Boys in the Davidson Brigade. Justin Robinson (OKG'93) has been a member for 15 years and is currently the brigade equipment officer. Scott Lawrence (OKG'05) has been a member for 8 years and is one of the Brigade Deputy Captains. Rory Amon (OKG'07) joined the brigade 12 months ago and had his baptism of fire during the Red October fire in the Blue Mountains last year. Rory was recently elected Vice-President. Trent, Justin, Scott all joined the RFS while still students at Knox.

AUSTRALIA DAY Honours

We congratulate the following Old Boys who received awards in the Australia Day Honours List in January.

JOHN DOWSE (OKG'52) OAM

For services to the welfare of the aged through a range of health services

John (Sparrow) Dowse is an OKGA Life Member and Senior Knoxonian. He is best remembered for his sporting achievements, being captain of the 1st XV and a leading player for Sydney University and Australia. He was a member of the Wallabies team that toured South Africa in 1961

CLARY CASTRISSON (OKG'01) OAM

For services to international relations through providing educational opportunities to underprivileged children in India

Clary founded the 40K Group which now has 30 volunteers and has raised more than \$1 million to build eco-friendly schools and help educate thousands of young children in India. Clary recently gave an inspiring talk at the Senior Knoxonians lunch and outlined in greater detail the difference it has made to young lives.

BILL GYE (OKG'70) OAM

For services to mental health and to the local community of Scotland Island

Bill is General Manager of Recovery Services for the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW

DR. ROBERT CREESE (OKG'70)

Public Service Medal

Robert was awarded a Public Service Medal, one of only eleven awarded in NSW. Robert is Director of Fisheries Research in the Department of Primary Industries at Port Stephens

SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY - DECEMBER

2014 REUNIONS

Wednesday 16th July

Term 3 Commences

Thursday 31st July

- Thursday 7th August

Student Art Show

Friday 1st August

Student Art Show

– Opening Night

Friday 5th September

Garden Day

Thursday 11th

September

CAS Athletics, SOPAC

Monday 15th September

10:00 - 12:00

– Year 12 Speech Day

Monday 15th - Friday

19th September

Australian Business Week
(Year 10)

Friday 19th September

Term 3 Concludes

Tuesday 7th October

Term 4 Commences

Friday 7th November

Cadet Chapel Service

– Honouring OKGA

Friday 7th November

Christmas Shopping Night

Saturday 8th November

School Play – The Crucible

Tuesday 11th November

19:00 – Knox Parents

Association AGM

Saturday 29th

November

19:00 – Musical Showcase

Under The Roof

Friday 5th December

13:00 – Speech Day Y7 - 11

Friday 5th December

Term 4 Concludes

1954 60th

Contact: Ian MacPherson – ijmacpherson@bigpond.com

Details: Warrabee Bowling Club, 20th November

1959 55th

Contact: Adrian Stark – Adrian.stark@bigpond.com

Details: Knox Rugby 1sts game & school tour, Blue Gum dinner, 9th August

1964 50th

Contact: Ian Frame – ianframe@pmservices.com.au

or Peter Hammerman – peter.hammerman@2ndsworld.com.au

Details: Knox Rugby 1sts game & school tour,
Warrabee Bowling Club dinner, 9th August

1969 45th

Contact: John Cottee – jdcottee@bigpond.net.au

Details: Dinner Knox KG1, 25th October

1974 40th

Contact: Richard Seton – r.seton@mauricebyers.com

or Al Bennett – al.susie.bennett@gmail.com

Details: Rag and Famish Hotel, North Sydney, 9th August

1979 35th

Contact: Matthew Hunter – specialplaces@bigpond.com

Details: Knox Rugby 1sts game & school tour,

Warrabee Bowling Club dinner, 19th July

1984 30th

Contact: Steevie Chan – steeviechan@hotmail.com

Details: Knox Rugby 1st game & school tour, Grace Hotel, CBD, 9th August

1989 25th

Contact: Simon Officer – simon.officer@bigpond.com

Details: Greengate Hotel, 14th November

1994 20th

Contact: Stuart Clark – okga@knox.nsw.edu.au or Brian Thomson

Details: Knox Rugby 1sts game & school tour, Willoughby Hotel dinner, 9th August

1999 15th

Contact: Mark Cairns – mcairnsy@gmail.com

Details: Brothers 4 Brothers match, Morrison Hotel, CBD

2004 10th

Contact: Jason Cheong – Jason.cheong@live.com.au

or James Morton – jamesmorton_1@hotmail.com

Details: Hotel CBD, 13th September

2009 5th

Contact: Zac Gelder – okga@knox.nsw.edu.au *Details:* TBA

Obituary DEVON MINCHIN

(OKG'36)

Fighter Pilot – Businessman – Entrepreneur – Farmer – Author

Devon Minchin had a remarkable, successful, and varied life, one that reads like a Boys Own Annual. Born on 28 May 1919 at Bondi, he attended Knox from 1932 to 1934 when he left after completing the Intermediate Certificate. In January 1935 he became George Patterson's first office boy and two years later worked his way to England where he joined an advertising agency. But an American company, looking for a young Australian, made him a cadet executive, sending him to Ireland, America and then to Australia in August 1939.

With the start of the Second World War, Devon joined the RAAF and was sent to Rhodesia as a trainee pilot. He flew Hurricanes and then Kittyhawks with the Desert Airforce, notably in the great air battles preceding the battle of El Alamein. Then with 450 Squadron, helped chase the Germans from Egypt all the way to Tunisia, until all of North Africa had been cleared of the enemy. Devon shot down a big quota of enemy aircraft during his time as a fighter pilot. Minchin took part in the conquest of Sicily, then spent a year as a test pilot for a huge maintenance unit block in Egypt on the Suez Canal. He eventually returned to Australia, suffering from malaria.

Devon Minchin began his love of writing while serving as a fighter pilot in the Western Desert. It was during this World War 2 period that he produced his first novel, *The Potato Man* (1944).

After the war, young Devon's varied and colourful working life included a period spent pioneering the timber industry in Sarawak, Malaysia, and later running an advertising agency in Hong Kong. After returning to Australia he founded Metropolitan Security Services in 1954, an armoured car and security service that became the largest security firm in Australia.

Devon spent six weeks on tour with The Beatles in 1964 as head of security and says they were "naïve youths who needed a good talking-to". He says John Lennon was a "bloody idiot" with no concern for his safety. And the band was girl crazy. He used military tactics learned during his six years service in North Africa to try to keep hysterical fans at bay.

Minchin retired in 1970 and subsequently turned his focus to writing his second novel, *'The Money Makers'* (1972) which was inspired by an armed robbery which took place at his Melbourne counting house. In 1978 his book was made into a film titled *"Money Movers"* directed by Bruce Beresford and featuring Ed Devereaux, Charles Tingwell and Bryan Brown. The film grossed over \$330,000 at the Australian box office which is equivalent to \$1.5 million in 2014 dollars.

While living in Sydney, he undertook studies at Macquarie University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1976. In 1981 Minchin moved to the Sunshine Coast and started farming pineapples, bananas and paw paws and became the owner of the Noosa Cine Centre.

Devon was married to his third wife, Margo, for 35 years, and passed away on 30th May just two days after his 95th Birthday. His funeral was held in Noosa on 5th June.

He had four children, two girls, and two boys, both of whom attended Knox. Nick Minchin (OKG'70) and Devon Minchin (OKG'86)

Vale – Devon Minchin – a remarkable Australian & Knox Old Boy

DEATHS

PETER PETERSON WALLACE
(OKG'53) – 01/12/13

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL
DAVID CHARLES BOYALL
(OKG'42) – 18/12/13

DARREN BULL
(OKG'96) – 21/12/13

NIGEL LESLIE PORTER
(OKG'46) – 29/12/13

HARRY ANTHONY
(TONY) YORK
(OKG'54) – 03/01/14

ANDREW CAMERON DARGAN
(OKG'68) – 04/01/14

NEIL MACKINNON THOMSON
(OKG'41) – 18/01/14

COLIN MARC WISE
(OKG'36) – 18/01/14

BARRY HINSBY SWEETLAND
(OKG'46) – 01/02/14

ROBERT JOHN
DUNDAS-SMITH
(OKG'57) – 02/02/14

RICHARD THOMAS ROUTLEY
(OKG'59) – 09/02/14

EDWARD JOHN SNOWDEN
(OKG'36) – 14/02/14

DAVID BRUCE WALKER
(OKG'51) – 19/02/14

ALAN LESLIE ALCOCK
(OKG'47) – 19/02/14

FRANCIS BATHURST
(FRANK) HALLIDAY AM
(OKG'33) – 25/02/14

GEOFFREY CLEMENT
MORVILLE GEE
(OKG'76) – 18/03/14

JEFFREY LINCOLN SIMPSON
(OKG'52) – 19/03/14

RAYMOND JOHN JACQUES
(OKG'49) – 24/04/14



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- You can expect results, we are the Number 1 selling agency in the area (both on volume and number of transactions)
 - Market leading Industry Knowledge, accuracy and experience
- Maximum exposure for your home including placement in our two Premier Office Locations
- Quality representation of your property with our highly awarded and skilled sales team
 - A personalized sales and marketing approach for your home
 - Consistent and Frequent Feedback and Communication

If you are thinking of selling, purchasing or curious about the current market conditions,

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Hence, our partnership with the Knox Community began in 2007 and will continue forward well into the future.

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The Clan

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