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Knox Valedictory Dinner, celebrating the Year of 2021

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L-R Cam Bloom (OKG89) with his wife Sam Bloom, and Gus Worland (OKG86) at the OKGA's private screening of the movie, *Penguin Bloom* (see report on page 40)



THE TRUE STORY OF
AN UNLIKELY HERO

ABOUT THIS REPORT



Welcome to the OKGA 2021 Annual Review, our report on the Association's activities of the 2021 calendar year.

The aim of this Review is to provide a detailed account of the calendar year to increase awareness of the activities of the OKGA and highlight the involvement and hard work of our volunteers and community members.


We hope this report may inspire more Old Boys to become involved in the OKGA and discover the benefits which come from being an active community member.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL

 **250+**
OLD BOYS EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL

FUNCTIONS & EVENTS

\$10,368
 FUNDS RAISED AT THE PENGUIN BLOOM SCREENING

OLD BOYS FOR OLD BOYS

 **28**
NEW CASES UNDERTAKEN


SUPPORT FOR AFFILIATED GROUPS:

 **6**
CLUBS SUPPORTED
RUGBY, CRICKET, FOOTBALL, PIPES, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL


TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION:


62,931
VIEWS OF LATEST NEWS

NETWORKS & MENTORING:

 **15** OLD BOY PRESENTERS IN
5 CAREER SEMINARS

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS:

 **176**
OLD BOYS WHO ARE CURRENT PARENTS

GOVERNANCE:

 **51**
GENERAL AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Above: Woodcourt

This year's President's Report may seem like I have just taken last year's and changed the dates. We all found it hard to believe that we were caught in the same cycle of social distancing, contact tracing, case numbers watching and, ultimately in NSW and Victoria, lockdown again.

It was without a doubt a most challenging year when we had initially thought we might be heading back to a more normal existence.

We had started the year planning 2021 events and rescheduling the events from 2020, at one stage having 25 reunions planned for the second half of the year - all but one had to be cancelled or postponed. We had also planned to hold our Thistle Sports Lunch in March (postponed from 2020) which then had to be postponed to October. Unfortunately, we had to again postpone that event, but I am confident we will eventually be able to celebrate together early in 2022 – (Note: new date 1 April 2022 – no joke).

Despite these frustrations, the OKGA Committee and the incredibly dedicated and capable team in the OKGA office, have continued to forge ahead with plans and actions where we could make a tangible difference. This was particularly evident in respect of supporting our community through our Old Boys for Old Boys Program and by improving our connectivity via our fortnightly eNews, which I believe has provided a tremendous platform for keeping in touch with our members. We have increased the frequency and depth of engagement with key staff at the school and



have been delighted with the support that we have received for our Networks and Mentoring Program. We are now in a great position to further develop that engagement under the leadership of Sub-Committee Chair Andrew Ericsson (OKG90).

Our Technology and Enabling Sub-Committee, expertly led by Paul Gladigau (OKG85), has taken further steps to improve the look and feel of our website, resulting in a substantially improved user experience. They have also committed to reviewing our database to provide an improved platform to further enhance and tailor our communication and engagement.

They often say that if you want something done ask the busiest bloke in the room. David Sharp (OKG78), our Treasurer, is the embodiment of that. We are enormously grateful to David, for the time and effort put into what has essentially been a "root & branch" review, including a thorough review and revision of our Investment Strategy and our Investment Manager. As you will see in our Finance Report we are in a very sound financial position, thanks in large part to the efforts of the Finance Sub-Committee and the sound recommendations from our Investment Advisors, Peak Investment Partners, and the personal support of Peak's Executive Director, Andrew Martin (OKG75).



Left: Andrew Martin (OKG75)
Right: Rob Tulloch from Anzac Memorial Service, 2013, with then Prep School Captain Thomas Courtney-Stubbs (OKG19)

CONNECTIVITY

While we could not hold our regular functions and events, we continued to hold our Committee meetings via Zoom, where we aimed to encourage the maintenance of a positive mindset and sense of humour to ensure the community continued to feel connected and to provide support for the wellbeing of our members and their families – particularly as we all experienced isolation and disconnection.

Below: The line-up of speakers for our postponed Thistle Sports Lunch: Malcolm Knox (OKG84), Peter FitzSimons (OKG78), Cam Clark (OKG11), Mark Morgan (OKG75), David Edwards (OKG90) and Scott Elsworth (OKG98)

Our Old Boys for Old Boys Program has been even more important this year and has increasingly been called upon by members, with the largest number of members availing themselves of the assistance since the Program's commencement. Julie Davis has been outstanding in making herself available whenever required to assist Old Boys and their families and this has resulted in some very positive outcomes. It is timely to note the extraordinary contribution to the Program from Rob Tulloch (OKG75). Rob (pictured below) will be retiring from the OKGA Committee and the chairmanship of the Benevolence Committee after many years. He was one of the initiators of the Benevolence Program and has been a great supporter ever since it commenced in 2015 having been Chair of the Sub-Committee since that time. The OKGA is privileged to have had Rob serve on the Committee, having first joined in 1977 – 1980, then rejoining in 2009 until 2022 across a number of roles, including as President from 2012-2014. Rob, thank you for everything that you have done and, in particular, for the support you have given me since I took on this role. See Rob's final Benevolence Report on page 40.



We have maintained our connection with the current students and parents by continuing our work and collaboration with the School on careers and networking. Our Careers Zoom presentations continued showcasing Old Boys' training, tertiary education, and careers experience in particular industries as identified by the students. Students and parents were able to join a one-hour Zoom presentation and gained an enormous amount from the generosity of Old Boys in sharing their experiences and insights.

ACADEMY OF GLOBAL COMPETENCY



Above: Knox Academy of Global Competency (Middle Academy)

We are working with the School on a promising pilot program in conjunction with the Academy of Global Competency. We anticipate this will commence in the second half of 2022 and we will be looking for volunteer Old Boys to work with students for a fixed timeframe (6-8 weeks) to assist them in learning about the real world of a working life and to ignite some sparks for their future.

Our History Discussion Group has been in session again this year with record numbers joining the group. While none of us have been able to physically travel, we have been able to virtually travel to Prague and Russia and travel back in time to hear about the Sydney Tram system, among other diverse topics. Each topic generates terrific discussion, and we would welcome anyone who would like to join the group. My thanks to John (Gibbo) Gibson for his continued enthusiasm for this group as he shares his immense knowledge and facilitates the discussion.

CONTINUITY

One of the challenges faced by some of the Old Boys was the loss of business and their livelihood due to lockdown. We offered to promote any small businesses in our fortnightly eNews to encourage the patronage of the Old Boy community and to promote the use of the services of an Old Boy when you need products or services. We always

encourage this, and I ask every member to update their record on our website to include their business details on our Business Networking Hub, and/or to note their skill sets and willingness to assist with careers and networking events. In doing so, our community becomes stronger and more connected and membership of the OKGA more valuable for everyone.

It is our intention to focus on the database in 2022 to ensure all members' records are up to date so that everyone can be included in the activities and communications leading up to the Centenary of the School in 2024.



OKGA History Discussion Group Recording, John Gibson closing his presentation on General Patton, delivered via Zoom on 27 September 2021

As with every new year, we welcomed the newest members, the Year of 2020, to our ranks as they started their next chapter. These boys undoubtedly had a different year to the one they anticipated. Like all of us they might have thought the worst of COVID-19 was behind them, but as they launched into post-School life everything was anything but normal and many have not been able to set foot on campus for university or attend offices for work. Yet they have engaged with the OKGA – many joining our sporting Clubs or coming back to work at the School in tutoring or coaching roles. Their connection remains strong.

The OKGA has a new home:

I was delighted earlier this year when the Headmaster advised me that the OKGA office was to have a new home at 34 Heydon Avenue. Scott James took me on a tour to inspect the new premises and I am sure that our OKGA office will be a terrific base for Old Boys to visit. The house, known as "Woodcourt", but alternatively known as the White House for obvious reasons (see photo on previous page), has been transformed into offices for the Communications, Community Relations, OKGA and Alumni Relations Departments and is the site of the Founders' Board Room – an impressive meeting room acknowledging those men with the foresight to establish Knox Grammar. The OKGA is grateful to the School for providing this space and for acknowledging the close relationship which exists between the OKGA and the School.

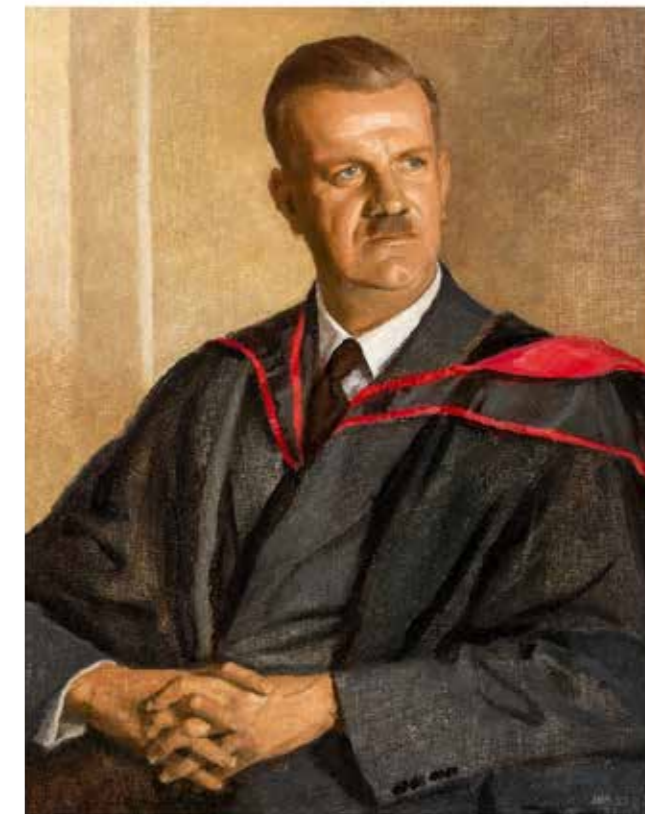
A Year to Remember or a Year to Forget

If you have had the opportunity to hear our Headmaster and Patron, Scott James speak over this last year, you would have heard him talk of his inspiration taken from the words of the founding Headmaster, Neil McNeil when addressing the challenges faced by Knox as it weathered the Great Depression and the time leading up to World War II. (The Thistle 21 – issue 02 Dec 1935).

McNeil spoke of optimism, a theme which endures even today, and which Scott believes provides a solid foundation for a distinctively Knox approach to challenges. McNeil said, "I have always maintained an outlook of reasonable optimism because to do otherwise is to underestimate the courage of youth." I believe this statement can be extended to also encompass the courage of a Knox man.

I have heard from many Old Boys over the year and most often they have spoken with the same sense of optimism and courage, emphasising we will all come out the other side of this pandemic having learnt lessons, grown closer, appreciated friendships and family and appreciated all the things we enjoyed, and perhaps took for granted, prior to the advent of COVID-19, including a decent haircut!

That is not to say there have not been many significant challenges over the past year, individually and collectively, but the overwhelming takeaway I have is that we are stronger together as the community of Knox connecting and supporting where we can and stepping up with courage and compassion when required – I am proud to say I have seen this time and again over the last year and I personally believe it is a year to remember.



Portrait of Neil McNeil, founding Headmaster in 1939, quoted in 2021

The OKGA would not be in the strong position it is in without the wonderful team of Sarah Gregory and Juliet Chandler, and we are very grateful for everything that you do. Thank you.

Finally, thank you to the Committee for their work this year under often trying circumstances. I commend to you all the report of the activities of the OKGA for 2021.

Rob Johnson (OKG78)
President, Old Knox Grammarians' Association

This collaboration between the School and our Old Boys is valuable in so many respects, but of particular importance is the practical demonstration of what a Knox education can provide and for the students to see that they are the beneficiaries of those who have gone before, and they are a part of a wonderful, worldwide and lifelong network.



Above: Anzac Memorial Service 2021

This, the third OKGA Annual Review, is a chance to reflect on the year, to record and acknowledge the work everyone has undertaken and to thank those who have made it possible. Even after the year it has been, I remain amazed and encouraged by the resilience and flexibility demonstrated by our entire Knox community. As you browse the pages that follow you will see the work and commitment demonstrated by Knox Old Boys who, even though they may have been struggling with their own circumstances, nevertheless came together to provide a stronger and more resilient community by their commitment and example.

No doubt COVID-19 wreaked havoc in many ways, and while not dismissing the terrible difficulties caused by this virus, I am so proud of the way we held together as a community during lockdown and remote learning and working. I want to express my admiration for the courage and resilience that all members of this community demonstrated this year.

We commenced Term 1 with a tenuous expectation that we may have been emerging from the effects of the pandemic and there was light at the end of the tunnel which meant we could get back to some semblance of "normal". However, the new strains of Delta and then Omicron emerged and impacted our lives for the second year in a row.

From that point events were again postponed or cancelled, and everyone moved back to the virtual environment with remote learning for students and working from home for the majority of the workforce in Term 3.

Calling on our experience from 2020, we again took the opportunity to work on several projects in collaboration with the OKGA where current students could benefit from the experience of those Old Boys willing to give their time and expertise to broaden the boys' horizons. This collaboration between the School and our Old Boys is valuable in so many respects, but of particular importance is the practical demonstration of what a Knox education can provide and for the students to see that they are the beneficiaries of those who have gone before, and they are a part of a wonderful, worldwide and lifelong network.

It was unfortunate that, as a School, we were again required to prohibit any non-essential visitors to campus and therefore had to ask Old Boy visitors to stay away for the foreseeable future. We did manage to have an OKGA Anzac Memorial Service and KGS Cadet Unit Parade in an adapted, but equally as meaningful way this year, and while Old Boy visitor numbers were limited, we video streamed the Service also so as many Old Boys and community members as possible could view this most significant service. Disappointingly however, we had to conduct Remembrance Day commemorations in an on-line and very abridged way as, due to COVID-19 lockdowns, the HSC had been moved to commence in the same week and we could not disrupt the Year 12 students any more than they had already been disrupted over this year. We did however video this service also and community members could view it both at the time and afterwards. This also meant that, for this year only we did not conduct the Honouring Service, as to do so without the honourees and their families present seemed to diminish the honour. I want to thank the Old Boys for willingly supporting the School in this, even though they were prevented from being a part of this usually lively and vibrant

School. With vaccinations, boosters and Rapid Antigen Tests becoming more widely available I sincerely hope we can return to a form of 'normal' at some point in 2022 where the students and community can again come together.

There is no doubt that 2021 has been a long and difficult year for our community. None of us would ever have imagined the global scenario we found ourselves in, our country locked down, borders closed, mask wearing normalised, families isolated and society having to socially distance.

We are a school that has endured many challenges since our foundation back in 1924. Whether it be the Great Depression, a World War, or a global pandemic, the community has been tested repeatedly yet never found to be wanting. What defines us across the ages, is the courage, creativity and resilience with which successive generations have responded to that challenge, rather than the intrinsic nature of these challenges themselves.

Enjoy the pages that follow and join me in acknowledging the work and activities of the OKGA over 2021. I am proud and honoured to be your Patron and look forward to working with the OKGA Committee and members in the future.

Scott James
Headmaster & OKGA Patron

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The Finance Sub-Committee of the OKGA is tasked with ensuring the sound financial stewardship of the funds held in trust for the management and operation of the OKGA and its related entities and to ensure the financial future of the OKGA is assured for future generations of Old Boys.

The entities reported on are:

- Old Knox Grammarians' Association Inc.
- Old Knox Grammarians' Sports Association Inc.
- OKGA Endowment Trust
- OKGA Benevolent Fund
- OKGA Scholarship Trust

Investment Strategy & Policies

Investment income is generated through increases in the market value of investments together with dividend and interest income, less management fees. As advised last year, the Finance Sub-Committee prepared and the OKGA General Committee approved, a new Investment Policy Statement. The Finance Sub-Committee approached three independent Investment Managers to provide proposals to invest the OKGA's funds. From that process the Finance Sub-Committee proposed to the OKGA General Committee, and it approved, Peak Investment Partners (Peak) to be reappointed as the OKGA's Investment Manager on 27 April 2021 for a period of five years with a formal review after three years. Since their appointment, Peak has been rebalancing the OKGA investments in accordance with the OKGA Investment Policy Statement.

A copy of the OKGA Investment Policy Statement is available to OKGA members on request.

Portfolio Performance

Consolidated portfolio performance for the year ended 31 October 2021 was positive ~18.2%. The positive investment performance reflects the buoyancy of the markets over the past 12 months and the impact of the adjustment in the portfolio away from the previous significant weighting in cash.

The consolidated portfolio value as at 31 October 2021 was \$2,813,005 compared to the starting value at 1 November 2020 of \$2,478,890, an increase of \$334,115 net of a capital drawing from the Sports portfolio of \$60,000 to support OKGA sporting clubs and the Endowment portfolio of \$34,110 to provide for the Peter Jenkins Bursary.

Currently the portfolio is invested ~70.0% in Domestic Shares & Property, ~12.4% in Domestic Fixed Interest, and ~17.6% in Cash & Equivalents. We expect this mix of investments will be further adjusted as Peak continues to manage the portfolios in accordance with the Investment

Policy Statement over the next 12 months. We are grateful to Andrew Martin (OKG75) from Peak for his considered advice and stewardship of the fund during the year.

Old Knox Grammarians' Association Inc ("OKGA Inc")

Provides the funds which continue to support the OKGA's activities, as confirmed in our budgets and as agreed at committee meetings during the year, including underwriting five year reunions and functions such as the Thistle Sports Lunch, and covering the costs of the regular postal and electronic communications, our website and social media.

Ongoing support for the School is provided through OKGA Inc by way of prizes on Presentation Days, Mentoring and Careers advice and Most Improved Awards at both the Senior and Prep Schools. The School in turn provides the OKGA with office premises and assistance with the funding of the administration of our operations for which we are most grateful.

Life membership subscriptions, coming from the cohort of new Old Boys of the most recent leaving group provide the bulk of the funding for these activities. This recurrent income is very important. This year, we welcomed 314 new members, representing 94% of the total year compared to 86% last year, noting this number will increase by a small number once the School accounts are finalised over the coming months. This is a particularly pleasing result given the substantial impact of COVID-19 for the second year in a row on this leaving group.

For the year ended 31 October 2021 OKGA Inc had an operating surplus of \$86,991 which compares with \$51,735 in 2020. The increased surplus is a direct reflection of the substantial decrease in the activities of the OKGA as a result of COVID-19. Net assets as at 31 October 2021 were \$1,208,048, up by approximately 7.8% on last year's closing net asset position of \$1,121,057. Included in net assets are cash holdings of \$368,687. The bulk of these cash holdings are intended to be invested in accordance with the terms of the Investment Policy.

OKGA Sports Inc ("Sports")

Support of the various sporting clubs associated with the OKGA, being the Knox Rugby Club, Knox United Football Club and the Old Knoxonians' Cricket Club, continues through this entity. During the year ended 31 October 2021 the activities of these clubs have for a second year been substantially reduced as a result of COVID-19.

During the year ended 31 October 2021 the financial support provided to the clubs totalled \$36,459 compared to \$27,373 in 2020, while this is an increase it is substantially less than was expected, reflecting the impact of COVID-19.

There was a net surplus after tax for the year ended 31 October 2021 of \$126,407 compared to a net deficit in 2020 of (\$73,450). The net surplus or deficit reflects the unrealised increase or decrease in the value of the funds invested together with dividends and interest received from the investments.

As at 31 October 2021 the Sports Portfolio stood at \$991,737, an increase from the 2020 value of \$912,203. This is an increase of ~8.7% after taking into account an amount of \$60,000 which was drawn down from the investment portfolio to fund operations during the year.

Net Assets as at 31 October 2021 were \$171,369 of which \$28,680 was in the operating bank account. During the year we confirmed that the Association was a tax-exempt entity. Accordingly, a provision previously made to pay tax was reversed and net assets increased accordingly.

OKGA Endowment Trust ("Endowment")

This trust has been the recipient of a number of generous donations and bequests over the years. The OKGA as trustee has been administering and investing these funds for many years.

The income of the trust is generated by the dividend and interest income over the financial year. Also included in the income for the year is the unrealised increase or decrease in the value of funds invested. Expenditures during the year included a bursary of \$34,110 paid from the Peter Jenkins fund and the fees of the investment manager.

The portfolio as at 31 October 2021 stood at \$1,821,268, an increase from the 2020 value of \$1,566,687 which represents an increase of ~16.2%. A surplus after income tax for the year was \$230,118 against a decrease in 2020 of (\$110,569).

Net Assets as at 31 October 2021 were \$1,794,070 of which \$10,030 was in the operating bank account. During the year we confirmed that the trust was a taxable entity. The necessary lodgements will be made over the next few months.

OKGA Benevolent Fund ("Benevolence")

The Benevolent Fund has been the recipient of several one off and recurring monthly donations from Old Boys and their families since its inception. These funds are to be used to provide practical assistance for fellow Old Boys recognised by our Board of Governors as requiring support. This assistance and support is primarily provided by our contracted Benevolence Manager, Julie Davis.

The OKGA Benevolent Fund generated a deficit of \$13,836 in 2021; against a 2020 surplus of \$10,522. The deficit reflects the timing of the support provided by OKGA Inc against the costs of providing the service.

During the year the Benevolence Committee ran the *Penguin Bloom* fundraising event which raised \$10,913 net of costs for the Benevolent Fund.

During 2021 OKGA Inc donated \$42,800 without which the Benevolent Fund would have been unable to continue. The OKGA Committee in consultation with the Benevolence Governors has agreed to continue funding support to the Benevolent Fund while the Fund transitions to its planned self-funding model.

Net Assets as at 31 October 2021 were \$42,002 of which \$39,102 was in the operating bank account.

OKGA Scholarship Trust ("Scholarship")

The Scholarship Trust was not active during the year ended 31 October 2021.

Net assets as at 31 October 2021 were \$281. The Committee has elected to keep the Trust financial and maintain its Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

Conclusion

In summary, our Association remains financially secure, allowing it to carry out its functions, pursuant to its Rules and strategic plan. We are well placed to fund our programs and will continue to invest excess funds as deemed appropriate.

Finally, I would like to pass on my thanks and appreciation to Sarah Gregory who has provided significant assistance over the year with the treasury and administrative functions including preparing reports and drafting financial statements.

David Sharp (OKG78)

Honorary Treasurer

2021 GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Rob Johnson (OKG78)
B.Com (UNSW)

Rob Johnson studied Commerce at UNSW with Bruce Craig & David Sharp [a solitary year behind Grahame Pratt!] and entered the heady world of Industrial Marketing, primarily in the metals sector, in the early '80's. Rob started his career in international sales and marketing promoting [flogging?] the value and benefits of locally manufactured products and has pretty much stayed the course for the ensuing 40 years. #Sustainability#Standards#Compliance#Skills#LocalJobs

He is currently Industry Relationship Manager at InfraBuild, where he has held a variety of senior sales and marketing roles since joining the business in 2006.

Rob is also a board member of the Bureau of Steel Manufacturers of Australia [BOSMA] and the Australasian Certification Authority for Reinforcing and Structural Steels [ACRS], as well as a member of various industry and government working groups.

OKG Family links:

Brothers: Andrew Johnson (OKG83) and Peter Johnson (OKG91); Son: Samuel Johnson (OKG14)

PRESIDENT

Appointed President in 2020.
Appointed Vice President in 2019.
Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2018
(Previously served 1987-1991; 2005-2010),

Member of the Finance, Events & Networks and Mentoring Sub-Committees



Bruce Craig (OKG77)

Bruce Craig has enjoyed a career in IT predominantly engaged with the introduction of early-stage innovation companies into the ANZ/AP region. Most recently his focus is on the application of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. Bruce is also founder of Titanium Performance Beverages.

When time allows, you will find Bruce on the golf course with his wife. He is married with 3 children.

OKG family links:

Son: Ashton Craig (OKG16); Brother: Ian Craig (OKG75), Brothers-in-Law: Stephen Moore (OKG83), Greg Moore (OKG86) Nephews: Alexander Craig (OKG08), Edward Craig (OKG14), Oliver Moore (OKG20), Max Moore (OKG22)

VICE - PRESIDENT

Elected Vice-President in 2018
Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2017

Benevolence Fundraising Sub-Committee Chair



Grahame Pratt (OKG77)

Grahame studied Commerce/Law at UNSW and practiced as a solicitor. In 1986, Grahame entered the stockbroking industry as an equity derivative salesman. After a period in funds management, he returned to the broking world rising to Head of Equities at ABN AMRO for nearly a decade. He finished his commercial career as Head of Global Markets (Aust/NZ) for Royal Bank of Scotland. Life member, number 7 OKGA RUFC (Union).

OKG Family Links:

Brother: David Pratt (OKG83); Sons: Angus (OKG16) and Louis Pratt (OKG19); Nephews: Jeremy Trouncer (OKG03), Adam Trouncer (OKG04) and Rowan Trouncer (OKG07), Alexander Pratt (OKG16) and Stephen Gibbon (OKG03).

VICE - PRESIDENT

Elected Vice-President in 2020
Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2015
(Former Secretary; previously served 1983-1986)

Affiliated Groups Sub-Committee Chair and member of the Finance Sub-Committee



David Sharp (OKG78)

David Sharp is a Director, Business Advisory at William Buck a mid-tier accounting and business advisory firm. He has more than 35 years advising small/medium companies and family businesses, focussing on business owners objectives to develop and implement practical, common sense, financial and tax solutions.

David is also a Registered Commercial Mediator, focusing on helping family and private businesses resolve their internal commercial disputes in a non-legal environment.

OKG Family links:

Son: Hamish Sharp (OKG13); Brothers: Jonathan Sharp (OKG85) and Tim Sharp (OKG86); Uncles: Derek Haes (OKG44) and Peter Haes (OKG48); Cousins: Matt Haes (OKG86) and Simon Haes (OKG87); Brother-in-law: Stephen Ryan (OKG78) and Nephews: Jasper Ryan (OKG13) and Ben Sharp (OKG16).

TREASURER

Appointed Treasurer in June 2020
Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2020

Finance Sub-Committee Chair

2021 GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



A H "Tony" Osman (OKG57)

BSc (WA & Melb)

Tony Osman was made an Honorary Life Member of the OKGA in 2019, in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to the School and OKGA. Author of "The Old Knox Grammarians' Association 1929-99, The First Seventy Years, A History", and co-author of "Lodge Knox, A History 1957-2010", with Ian Leafe (OKG56), Tony was also awarded The Thistle Medal in 2015.

In the early 1980s, Tony established PT ARUTMIN, Indonesia's first foreign coal contractor company. Since 1989, Tony has been Principal Consultant and Managing Director of Minconindo Pty Ltd and has specialised in Indonesian mineral and coal exploration.

Tony was School Captain in 1957, the Senior Cadet Under Officer and the recipient of the W R Moir Award for "Outstanding Influence for Good".

He is a Fellow & Chartered Professional Geologist, The Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy and a Fellow, The Geological Society, London UK, and a Member & Chartered Mineral Valuer of The Australasian Institute of Mineral Valuers and Appraisers.

OKG Family Links:

Brother: Christopher Osman (OKG59); Son: Julian Osman (OKG92); Grandson: James Osman (current student)

HONORARY HISTORIAN

First appointed to the OKGA Committee in 1989; re-elected in 2020

History Sub-Committee Chair; Member, School Centenary History Advisory Panel, and Honorary Historian, Senior Knoxonians



Ed Colyer (OKG13)

B Com B Sci (USyd)

Ed Colyer is Head of Product at Clipboard, a company providing software that helps schools run great extracurricular programs.

Prior to founding Clipboard, Ed coached basketball at Knox, worked in sales at software company rhipe, and for Chadwick Real Estate.

Ed is passionate about technology and its potential to solve big problems

OKG Family Links

Father: Peter Colyer (OKG83), Brothers: Alistair Colyer (OKG15) and Henry Colyer (Current student).

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2021

Member of the Technology Enabling Sub-Committee & Networks & Mentoring Sub-Committee



Geoff Cramp (OKG82)

BSc, LLB

Geoff Cramp is the Finance & Business Planning Officer at the Workers Compensation Committee of NSW. Geoff has more than 18 years' experience in governance and risk management.

Prior to this role, Geoff was the in-house solicitor in the safety and worker compensation department for CSR Ltd. Geoff started his working life, as a research scientist in the renal laboratory at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

OKG Family Links:

Brothers: Richard Cramp (OKG77), Robert Cramp (OKG79) and Matthew Cramp (OKG87)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2011
Governance and Administration
Sub-Committee Chair



Andrew Ericsson (OKG90)

GAICD

GDSA Agribusiness (UWS)

Andrew Ericsson is the founder of Titan Ag Pty Ltd, a Manufacturer and Wholesale distributor of Agricultural Chemicals, with revenue of \$250m in FY20. The company was acquired by Elders in 2018. Andrew has 26 years' experience in Agribusiness, import and value chains, and is skilled in negotiation, business planning, strategy, risk, sales and international business. He has dryland farming investments in cropping in the northern NSW, Moree district. Primarily malt barley for beer production is farmed in rotation with chickpeas and a summer cropping program, including sorghum and dryland cotton. Prior to founding Titan Ag, Andrew worked for Elders.

OKG Family Links:

Brothers: Nathan Ericsson (OKG94) and Matthew Ericsson (OKG95); Son: Ned Ericsson (current student)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2020
Networks & Mentoring and
Events Sub-Committee Chair



Paul Gladigau (OKG85)

Ba.App.Sc.(Comp Sc) UTS

Exec. MBA (AGSM)

Paul Gladigau is a senior technology executive with more than 30 years' experience delivering value-based services. He is currently General Manager of Technology Service Management for the CBA Group and is responsible for the technology production operations and services for CBA and its entities.

Prior to joining Comm Bank, Paul held executive technology roles at JPMorgan, BlackRock, Barclays and IBM.

OKG Family Links:

Sons: Thomas Gladigau (OKG17) and Andrew Gladigau (current student)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2020
Technology and Enabling Sub-Committee Chair &
member of the Finance Sub-Committee

2021 GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Dino Raftopoulos (OKG06)

BArch (USYD)
M.CPM (UNSW)

Dino Raftopoulos is a Development Project Manager at Lendlease, a multinational construction, property and infrastructure company, where he works within the company's Retirement Living operation. Prior to joining Lendlease, Dino worked for CPB (Leighton Contractors), JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle) and MacroPlan Dimasi.

OKG Family Links:

Brother: Dr. Marco Raftopoulos (OKG02)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2020
Member of the Networks & Mentoring
Sub-Committee



David Stenning (OKG15)

David Stenning is currently employed by Knox in a number of roles. He is the Head Coach of Surf Life Saving, an Age Group Coordinator and A's Coach for Rugby, and also the Foxtrot Company OPSO within the KGSACU.

When David is not working at Knox, he helps run rugby programs at other schools around the North Shore and Northern Beaches, as well as playing rugby himself. Since 2016, during the Summer Season, David has worked as Ground Staff and an Assistant Event Manager at the Westpac OpenAir Cinema at Mrs Macquaries Point.

David is currently studying a post-graduate degree in Secondary Teaching at Macquarie University.

OKG Family Links:

Brothers: Jonathan Stenning (OKG17) and Luke Stenning (current student)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2020
Member of the Technology Enabling and
Events Sub-Committees



Jamie Thomson (OKG86)

BComm (UNSW), MComm (UNSW)

Having spent eighteen years in the world of business consulting with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and IBM, Jamie undertook a life change in 2008 and purchased a manufacturing business. Since then, he has lived the world of small business. He employs a staff of eight and makes, sells and installs external shading solutions in the form of motorised awnings, as well as indoor curtains, blinds and plantation shutters.

OKG Family Links:

Grandfather: James R Thomson (OKG31), Father: James A Thomson (OKG57),
Uncles: Phillip Thomson (OKG62) and Robert Thomson (OKG58);
Brothers: Anthony Thomson (OKG88), Hamish Thomson (OKG90) and
Brian Thomson (OKG94) Son: Mackenzie Thomson (OKG15)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2020
Member of the Benevolence, Events and
Technology and Enabling Sub-Committees



Rob Tulloch (OKG75)

Rob has been a Chartered Accountant and Partner of the firm Gauld Tulloch Bove since 1985. He is one of the founding directors of OzHarvest and was the charity's treasurer for six years. He is also Director and Treasurer of a national environment charity and Captain of Wollombi Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. Rob has been a member of NSW RFS since 1977.

Rob was President of the OKGA from 2012 – 2014, and he has been President of the Old Boys' Pipe Band since 2005, after first joining in the late 1990s.

OKG Family Links:

Brother: Andrew Tulloch (OKG78); Son: Alexander (Sandy) Tulloch (OKG07);
Nephews: Angus Roughley (OKG00), Fergus Roughley (OKG02) and Hamish
Roughley (OKG04) and Richard Tulloch (OKG10); Uncle: George Clewett (OKG36).

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in 2008
Benevolence Operational Sub-Committee Chair
& Member of the Finance Sub-Committee

2021 GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Chris Wright (OKG02)

BHlthPhyEd (Deakin)
GDMath (CSU)

Chris Wright is a secondary school teacher, with over 10 years' experience educating young men in prestigious schools in both Sydney and Melbourne. Chris holds a Bachelor of Health and Physical Education from Deakin University and a Graduate Diploma of Mathematics from Charles Sturt University. He is currently a secondary school mathematics teacher at St Ignatius' College, Riverview, where he also performs a number of key leadership roles.

Chris has previous experience as a board member of the Old Brighton Grammar Soccer Club and is enthusiastic to bring his insights as an innovative and well respected educator to his role as a committee member whilst also furthering his own skills in corporate governance and finance.

OKG Family Links:

Brother: Brendan Wright (OKG03)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Appointed to the OKGA Committee in August 2020, Member of the Networks & Mentoring Sub-Committee



Matt Sherlock (OKG91)

GAICD
LLB (Bond)
DipFinPlan (Deakin)

Matt Sherlock is Director and Responsible Manager of Realm Wealth (AFSL). Prior to commencing in this role, Matt was an Adviser Solutions Manager for the insurance company, Integrity Life. Originally a solicitor working in insurance law, Matt worked in his family's business as a risk adviser for 21 years. Matt has been a Council Member of Knox Grammar School since 2016, where he serves on the Finance and Audit Sub-Committee.

OKG Family Links:

Brother: Jonathan Sherlock (OKG86); Sons: Peter (OKG18), David (OKG19) and Nathanael Sherlock (Current student)

NON-VOTING MEMBER

School Council Liaison to the OKGA Committee from 2016



Edric Chaffer (OKG50 Dec'd)

Edric Chaffer spent his working life within the Chaffer Group of Companies (founded in 1887 by his grandfather) – tanners, manufactures and suppliers of leather. Edric was involved in all aspects of the business, including the technical side, finance and exporting.

Edric was a past President of the NSW Master Tanners' Association, a Life Member of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists, a past President of the Australian Section, and he was for many years the Honorary Secretary of the Australian Section. He was also a mutual member of the American Leather Chemists Association, a former Member of Verins fur Gerberi und- Technik EV and a Past President of the Royal Society of New South Wales. Edric became a member of the Knox Over 70s Club (now known as Senior Knoxonians) in 2004. He served on this Association's Committee from 2005 until his death in 2021.

Edric was awarded The Thistle Medal in 2015 and Honorary Life Membership of the OKGA in 2019.

NON-VOTING MEMBER

OKGA Committee Member 2010-17
Non-voting member 2018-2021



Ken Powell (OKG61)

BSc USyd

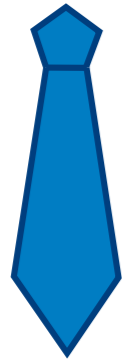
Appointed to the Senior Knoxonians Committee in 2014 and elected President for 2019. Ken was a member of the OKGA Committee from 1967–69, serving as Assistant Secretary and then Secretary in 1968-9. He was employed by BOC Gases for more than 35 years, retiring in 2002.

OKG Family Links:

Brother in-law: Stuart Thompson (OKG61)

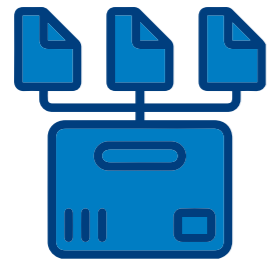
NON-VOTING MEMBER

Immediate Past President
Senior Knoxonians



12K+

LIVING OLD BOY MEMBERS
OF THE OKGA



7,473

ACTIVE ALUMNI RECORDS
IN THE OKGA ONLINE
COMMUNITY



319

NEW OLD BOY
MEMBERS IN 2021



6

LIVING HONORARY
LIFE MEMBERS



2860

FACEBOOK FRIENDS
OF KNOX OKGA

“While Knox is a truly innovative School, our traditions and past are an essential part of who we are. Our traditions keep memories alive and pass on the School’s heritage through generations. By honouring the traditions of the School, each Knox boy shares and celebrates his School’s history and future.”

Scott James, Headmaster and OKGA Patron

School Council

The Association does not have mandated representation on Council, however of the eight general Council members, three are Old Boys:

Mathew Dunn OAM (OKG91)
Richard Seton (OKG74)
Matthew Sherlock (OKG91)

Advancement Committee

The Advancement Committee, chaired by Mrs Judy Tanna, is a sub-committee of the Knox School Council. This sub-committee is working to promote the financial and reputational future of Knox Grammar, with the assistance of representatives from the various bodies of the School, i.e. the Knox Parents’ Association (KPA), the OKGA, the Boarder Parent Association, and other stakeholder representatives with skills in the Committee’s focus areas.

The OKGA is represented on the Committee by the OKGA President, while three other members of the Committee, although not representing the OKGA are also Old Boys who bring multiple perspectives to the work of the Committee: Richard Hirst (OKG91), Rob Kaan (OKG92) – current President of the KPA and Chris Hindmarsh (OKG80). Due to the restrictions on meeting arising from the pandemic this Committee postponed their activities for the year. It is intended to reconvene this committee in 2022 NSW Health directives permitting.

Centenary Committee

The Centenary Committee, chaired by Peter Roach (OKG79), was established in 2019 in order to formulate a plan and determine events to commemorate the Centenary of Knox Grammar School in 2024. Mr Peter Roach is the immediate past Chairman of Council, having retired at the end of 2018 after five years as Chairman (seven years as Deputy Chairman and 17 Years on Council in total). This Committee has already started work with the intent of meeting at regular intervals throughout the year however meetings were again postponed during 2021 with the hope it will be able to reconvene in 2022.

The OKG who sat on this Committee in 2021 are:
A H Tony Osman (OKG57)
Edric Chaffer (OKG51) Dec’d Sept 2021
Lachlan Liao (OKG98)
Andrew Seton (OKG12)
Matt Sherlock (OKG91)

Other members of this Committee are
The Headmaster, Mr Scott James,
The Archivist, Ms Julie Mason,
The Centenary Historian, Ms Juliette Brodsky; and
The Communications Manager, Mr David Hayes.

Staffing

We have a number of Knox Old Boys on staff fulfilling both permanent academic teaching roles and casual roles in sports coaching within the Knox Sports and Aquatics Academy (KSAA), tutoring in the Knox Senior Studies

Academy (KSSA), stage management, technical, lighting and sound management in the Knox Academy of the Performing Arts (KAPA), supervisors in the Boarding houses, officers within the Cadet Unit and varying roles within the Property and Maintenance teams. It is estimated there are more than 250 Old Boy working in various capacities across all campuses when the School is fully operational. Unfortunately, 2021 again had an effect on the Old Boy workforce as many of the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities where Old Boy staff members are most active, were put on hold for the duration of lockdown.

Scholarships and Awards

The OKGA fund several awards and scholarships at the School:

The Norman Winter Scholarship

Named in honour of Norman Winter (OKG31), this Scholarship provides 50 per cent tuition and boarding fees for Years 11 and 12 to sons of Old Boys who have demonstrable need to board and would not otherwise be able to attend Knox. In 2021 there was no recipient in Year 12 or any Year 11 applicant who met the criteria for 2021.

The Peter J Jenkins Bursary

This provides a bursary or bursaries, named after, and in memory of the late Flying Officer Peter J. Jenkins R.A.F. (OKG32) (KIA 21 December 1940) to the son, grandson or great grandson of an Old Boy of Knox Grammar School, with preference to be given to members of the School’s Cadet Unit, where appropriate, and with the recipient or recipients to be chosen by the Headmaster after consultation with the President of the Association. The OKGA Committee is delighted to facilitate the ongoing support of two very worthy recipients in 2021.

The Peter J Jenkins Trust was founded from a bequest made to The Old Knox Grammarians’ Association by Miss Diana Jenkins, in memory of her late brother, Peter Jenkins (OKG32).

Speakers

From time to time across the academic year, the OKGA is approached to source speakers for various presentations to the students. We strive to maintain a comprehensive and appropriate list of Old Boys who are prepared to come back to the School to speak to current students on various topics. Early in the year KGS hosted Major General, the Honourable Justice Paul Brereton AM RFD (OKG75) and Dr Simon Longstaff AO (OKG75) who both addressed the CAS Leadership Group and Mitch Falvey (OKG04) addressed the KGS 2021 Prefects on Leadership with Integrity. In early October, as the Year 12 of 2021 started their

countdown to the delayed HSC, Professor Mark Scott AO (OKG80), Vice Chancellor of Sydney University, spoke to the students about pathways after the HSC and the University’s approach to the ATAR in the year of the pandemic.

The OKGA also liaised with Mrs Karen Yager, Deputy Headmaster of Student and Teacher Excellence K-12 on the newly developed course for Years 9 and 10, Entrepreneurial Ethics which was developed by Mrs Yager together with Old Boy, Ben Bradshaw (OKG19) among others contributing content. Old Boys will be invited to come back to the School to provide their experience and expertise in the areas of ethical entrepreneurship and sustainability. The OKGA is always pleased to hear from Old Boys who are willing to share their expertise.

Indigenous Scholar Mentoring

The OKGA is working with Mrs Helen Clark, HOD of Diversity Justice and Stewardship and Mr Martin Gooding, Head of Enrolments to develop an effective and inclusive mentoring program for Senior Indigenous scholars as they move through their senior years and onto life after School. This is in the initial developmental phase at this stage but OKGA members will be asked to participate in this program in due course.

Careers Events

With the cancellation of the usual KGS OKGA Careers Insight Evening as a result of COVID-19, a series of Zoom sessions were facilitated by the Director of Career Education & Development Mrs Linda Gomez, and the Director of Alumni Relations Mrs Sarah Gregory where 3 or 4 Old Boys joined to speak with the senior students and their parents. Recordings of these sessions are available to both the students in the School Careers Portal and the Old Boys via the OKGA website. We have received very positive feedback on these sessions, and it is anticipated they will continue in 2022.

Middle Academy Signature Experience (MASE)

Andrew Ericsson and the OKGA Office have been working with Ms Liz Ruff (Head of Middle Academy) and Mrs Margie Raymond (Team Leader Year 8), on establishing the parameters for a pilot program to be run in 2022. It will provide an opportunity for Old Boys to influence the futures of the KGS Middle Academy Students by adult interaction in the workplace and potential collaboration through learning activities in teamwork and training. Partnering with a middle year student, the volunteer Old Boy will look to demonstrate industry experience and workplace exposure. It will be for a limited time (6-8 weeks) and will greatly enhance the learning outcomes of the interested students.



Above: Sam White (OKG04), Director of Student Development
 – Stage 6 | Head of Student Leadership | History Teacher

Archives

Knox has a very vibrant Archival Museum run by the Knox Archivist, Ms Julie Mason. Many Old Boys contribute significant material and information to support Julie in building and curating the collection. The Archivist and the OKGA Office work very closely to honour the history of the School and the memories and memorabilia of Old Boys. Julie is always delighted to welcome Old Boys who wish to visit the Archival Museum. With the likely on-going COVID-19 restrictions, campus visits may be curtailed for the foreseeable future but they will resume as soon as Government restrictions are lifted. At that time all Old Boys will be warmly welcomed.

The Archives is always interested to receive any memorabilia, photographs or information which would be of interest to Old Boys, the School or the community, particularly with the Centenary of Knox Grammar fast approaching. Either the Archives or the OKGA Office are ready to receive archival material.

Keeping of the History and Traditions

From time to time the Headmaster or a member of staff will ask members of the Old Boy community for their insights into the traditions of the School and the reasons behind events or practices.

The Headmaster is renowned for recognising the rich heritage and traditions of the School and is keen to learn and maintain these for the growth and engagement of the students.



Right: A "Traditions and History" Booklet is provided to each Year 7 student upon entry.

STUDENT AWARDS

Gifts of the OKGA, made at either the Annual Presentation Day or the Annual Year 12 Valedictory Assembly:

Student Awards

Awarded to

The Geoffrey Sykes Memorial Prize for Earth and Environmental Science (aeq) in memory of Geoffrey Sykes - Teacher and Head of Geology 1956-1981.

Angus N M Humphrey
Kieren Seeto
Baxter J Wilson
 Year 12, 2021

The Stephen Koroknay Memorial Prize for Mathematics (Extension 1) (aeq) in memory of Stephen Koroknay - Teacher and Head of Mathematics 1961-1985.

Dhruv Hariharan
Ethan J Ryoo
 Year 12, 2021

The Very Reverend David Flockhart Prize for Chapel Prefect in memory of Rev David Flockhart - School Chaplain and Member of School Council 1929- 1964

William D Feather
 Year 12, 2021

The Very Reverend David Flockhart Prize in Year 10 for Wisdom Life and Faith Studies

Justin W Sanaei
 Year 10, 2021

The C M Gorely Trophy for the Captain of Rugby in recognition of Christopher M Gorely (OKG48)

William D Feather
 Year 12, 2021

The A A K (Tony) Gifford Trophy for Bowling in the First XI Cricket in recognition of Tony Gifford's contribution to cricket as coach of the 1st XI from 1956-1988

Luke W G Hedley
 Year 11, 2021

The Bill Lawson Cup for Contribution to Senior Rugby in recognition of Bill Lawson's contribution to sport at the School 1959 – 1994. Director of Athletics, Coach of Track and Field and Swimming

Thomas N Goddard
 Year 12, 2021

The Neil MacNeil Prize for the Most Valuable Senior Debater in memory of Neil MacNeil, the School's first Headmaster 1924 – 1939

Dhruv Hariharan
 Year 12, 2021

The Year 9 Cricket Prize

Lewis E K Whiley
 Year 9, 2021

The West Indies Tour Commemoration Trophy

Simon A A Kinsey
 Year 9, 2021

The Paul Mench Memorial Prize to the Senior Cadet Under Officer for Outstanding Service to the School - in memory of Paul Anthony Mench (OKG60)

Nicholas M Shannon
 Year 12, 2021

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS EVENTS

Following a year dominated by cancellations and postponements, almost all reunions scheduled for 2021 were again unable to proceed

We started the year optimistically planning to host The Thistle Sports Lunch and assist in organising twenty leaving year reunions. There were the groups who had been due for a reunion in 2020 keen to reschedule, and just as many groups wishing to celebrate their own decade and “5-year” reunion milestones in 2021.

Having elected an early Winter and early December date respectively, only the 1960 and joint 1964/65 lunches were able to go ahead. Sydney’s lockdown, which extended from July – October, coupled with ongoing state and international border restrictions through Spring, forced the postponement of all the others. Determined to make something happen on the date they had saved (24 September), the Class of 1961 went ahead with a virtual reunion for their Diamond (60 year) celebrations – with a commitment to meet in person as soon as practically possible.

Had all reunions taken place, a record eight OKGA functions would have been held at The Greenwood Hotel in North Sydney during the year. Two reunions, and The Thistle Sports Lunch had been booked in for The Kirribilli Club, which like all venues throughout the state operated intermittently during the year with capacity restrictions. These limits on persons per square metre, along with the Public Health regulations prohibiting mingling and drinking while standing, led us to reluctantly postpone our Olympic-Themed Sports Event for the third time.

The Events Sub-Committee had confirmed five Old Boys who had been selected to represent Australia at the Olympics: Cam Clark (OKG11), Matt Dunn (OKG90), David Edwards (OKG91), Mark Morgan (OKG75) and Scott Elsworth (OKG99), and two well-known journalists and authors – Peter FitzSimons (OKG78) and Malcolm Knox (OKG84) to speak at The Thistle Sports Lunch. The objective of this event – which has been rescheduled for 1 April 2022 – is to promote awareness of, and raise funds for the OKGA Old Boys for Old Boys Program, as well as to support the OKGA Affiliated Clubs.

To facilitate social distancing the 2021 Old Knox Grammarians’ Anzac Memorial Service was moved from the Memorial Lawn to Knox 1, and live-streamed on YouTube. The talented Theatrical Production Designer, Megan Venhoek recreated the Old Boys’ War Memorial, complete with Roll of Honour. A small number of Old Boys watched the Service from the balcony of the Academy of Global Competency and gathered afterwards for morning tea.

Unfortunately Knox Gala Day and the OKGA Golf Day were both cancelled. We thank Alan Foulkes (OKG62) for the planning he put into the Old Boys’ Classic Cars Display ahead of the Gala Day cancellation.

I would also like to thank all the Old Boys who planned for reunions in 2021, especially those who were rescheduling after failed attempts to hold an event in 2020. Thanks also to my fellow Sub-Committee members, Rob Johnson, Jamie Thomson and David Stenning. Bryn Robertson (OKG95) again offered guidance in the planning of The Thistle Sports Lunch. Fortunately, Bryn was able to squeeze his Brothers IV Brothers fundraising luncheon into the small window of the year when the hospitality sector was able to operate relatively unencumbered. This was, once again, a great success and wonderful opportunity for Old Boys to connect.

Andrew Ericsson (OKG90)

Events Sub-Committee Chair



Above: Anzac Memorial Service 2019, with Reviewing Officer, Governor-General, General David John Hurley, AC (seated front row, 3rd from right)

While all reunions bar two (1960, 1964/5) were postponed, we wish to thank the following Old Boys for investing their time to plan leaving year reunions in 2021. As many as 15 of the below groups are considering rescheduling (*) their reunions in 2022.

Year	Organiser(s)
1960	Peter Wilkinson
1961*	Bruce Elder, Alan Foulkes, Ken Powell, Rex Ward, Tom Wenkart
1964	Ian Frame
1965*	Frank Zwartveen
1970*	Peter Plasto
1971*	Greg Petersen, Neil Cameron-Smith, John Cowan, Andrew Phippen, Ric Porter
1975	Andrew Abbott, Rob Macdougall
1976	Ian Plasto
1980*	Simon Truskett
1990*	Christian Brook, Brett Young
1991*	Scott Robertson
1995	Bryn Robertson
1996*	Damien Cantelo
2000*	Rico Jedrzejczyk
2001*	Richard Hipsley
2006*	Dino Raftopoulos
2010*	Lachlan Williams
2011*	Hamish Smith
2015*	Harry Chapman
2016*	Max Condi

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
KNOX UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



The Club's 26th season for Old Boys began in late January with the largest turn out for trials in our history. More than 50 players looked to get a spot on the final list.

The squad was boosted by the appointment of new coaches, Stephen Roche for first grade and Roy Wethereld for the Ressies. The new combination got off to a great start in preseason with 5 wins from 6 games before a friendly against the School's First XI. It was great to get a game in, but fair to say they move a little quicker in the rain and were slightly better drilled. Next up was the Old Boys' Cup against Barker Old Boys. Despite the Ressies only managing a 2-all draw, a 2-0 for the Firsts meant we retained the trophy for another year – making it three in a row.

It was more good news with the addition of two new social teams – Div 8 and Div 10. Impressively, Div 10 was entirely made up of graduates from 2020, making it the second year in a row we have fielded a team made up entirely of recent leavers. With the O35s and Div 9 returning, we had a record-breaking 167 registrations, smashing the previous record of 127 set back in 2010.

Ressies were able to put in consistent results throughout the first 10 rounds to remain in the running for a top 4 spot for the first time in the Club's history. I reckon we would have got it had we played all 18 rounds. First Grade had to have been the most unlucky side in the entire NSFA, but improved displays against North Sydney and Lindfield in rounds 9 and 10 were encouraging for the relegation fight we would have had.

Hopefully, 2022 proves to be a better reflection on the improvements the Firsts have taken since Steve took over. The Over 35s continued their undefeated streak, looking right at home after their 3rd consecutive promotion. They went 21 games undefeated before eventually going down 2-0 against Mt Colah. The 21-game run over 651 days included 19 victories, 59 out of a possible 63 points, 79 goals for, 20 against (averaging a 4-1 win every round).

In the other All Age sides, Div 8 looked strong in their opening rounds as they lay the foundation for a climb-up the divisions in the coming seasons. We believe finishing the season on top of the table counts as a Premiership (despite what the Association says), so well done on adding another title to the Club's record! Div 9 and 10 got to work in the more social comps, with an even spread of results.

Ultimately, the good strides taken this year will have to be picked up next year after our second season interrupted because of COVID-19. Once again, we fired up the coaching videos and hoped we would get back out at some point, but it was not to be. Lockdown did provide the History Sub-Committee with the chance to pull together the top 10 most appearances and goals in the Club. Mark Jennings leads the way in the goals (218) and Lachlan Wills has 625 appearances (his brother Cameron also has an impressive 491).



COVID-19 also proved the end of 'Coota, meaning our quest for three in a row will have to wait another year. It is disappointing that we couldn't go again, as we have not been back to Mallacoota since devastating fires ripped through the town. Hopefully next year we will be able to take some much-needed equipment to the Football Club who have suffered greatly the past few years.

Daniel Rahme (OKG14)
Knox United Football Club President

OKG Family Links
Brothers: Matthew Rahme (OKG13) and Nicholas Rahme (OKG17)

Games	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	GD
101	34	13	54	181 (70 scorers)	254	-74

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KNOX RUGBY CLUB



We were hopeful for a “back to normal” 2021, but unfortunately this was not meant to be... so like the season that was, this report is quite short...

The season started in earnest in mid-January with the refreshed committee meeting for the first time, including new Director of Rugby, Ross Reynolds, with stalwarts Lachy Williams (OKG10), Oscar Alcock (OKG14), Fraser Engelen (OKG10), Bryn Robertson (OKG95), John Creeley, Max Condi (OKG16), Ian Thompson (OKG14), Dave Jerogin (OKG14), Henri Schmidt (OKG16), Matt Davis (OKG05), Jack Blamey (OKG13), Liam Creeley (OKG12) and Pierce Richards (OKG12).

The first draft of a new Club “Plan on a Page” was agreed, with the ambitious goal to #BringBackBruce (winning the NSWSRU 1st Division Club Championship Bruce Graham Shield) within the next 3 years, driven by actions to deliver three key success pillars:

1. Winning On Field
2. Winning Off Field
3. Building Our Club

In the background, in order to drive “Winning On Field”, tireless retention & recruitment efforts led by Bryn Robertson and Oscar Alcock were well underway with hundreds of messages flooding the airwaves.

Pre-season training started at Waverton on 4 February, with Ross ably supported by the wider coaching team across condition, skills and unit plays. Weather proved to be challenging, and we were thankful to bring on a new supporter in F45 North Sydney which hosted our players for exclusive sessions focusing on strength.

After tough trials against powerhouse clubs Colleagues and St Patricks, we started the first round at home versus Waverley, but due to a short-term problem of almost 50 unavailable players, it was a “tough day at the office”. However, a huge step forward in our “Building our Club” initiative welcomed approximately 100 people upstairs for after match drinks, speeches and a “boat race”.

The subsequent weeks saw momentum increasing with an influx of players, record training numbers enjoying post session BBQs each Thursday, and new sponsors signing up: F45, Beyond Bank, Drain & White Plumbing and Lust Liquor joining long-term supporters the OKGA, C21, Jim Wilson Construction, Ord Minnett, Wideline and Greenwood Hotel. Our heartfelt thanks go to all these supporters, and their understanding during such drastically disrupted times. Nearing the halfway point of a 14 round season, a highlight



of the year was 3 wins from 5 games away at Petersham in mid-June, with 2nd Grade well on their way to going deep into the finals. However, COVID-19 again reared its head, and we didn't take the field again in 2021 with NSW Rugby cancelling the season and declaring that no titles were to be awarded.

With the extended lockdown across Sydney preventing any in person socialising, and the cancellation of all competition titles, we made the hard decision not to hold an end of season function or award any Club accolades. Instead, with the start of the new Club Year being October 1, focus was turned towards 2022 and our aspirations to “Bring Back Bruce”.

Operationally & financially, the Club is in sound condition with prudent savings executed, even with the above challenges effecting income.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank all the stakeholders that make Knox Rugby what it is! That is, first and foremost, the players, plus the supporters, sponsors, committee and other stakeholders.

Ben Kooyman (OKG95)
Knox Rugby Club President

OKG Family Links

Son: Angus Kooyman, (Current Student)

PIPE MAJOR'S REPORT

KNOX OLD BOYS PIPE BAND



2021 was another quiet year for the Knox Old Boys Pipe Band, although it is not possible for a pipe band to be completely silent.

Despite COVID-19, we kept up with our piping and drumming in a friendly, informal atmosphere – which is the band's aim.

We continued to practise on Sunday evenings, mostly on Zoom with practice chanter and drum pad. Occasionally we hit-out on the pipes and drums at Cliff Oval, to the delight of the local neighbourhood.

Most of our usual band engagements were again cancelled in 2021. Fortunately, Anzac Day fell within a COVID-19 trough. It was an honour to play at our regular Anzac services, including Redfern RSL, Wollombi and Gulgong.

The Bundanoon Highland Gathering was cancelled in 2021, but plans are underway for the next gathering on 2 April 2022. It is a great day out for anyone, with at least 20 pipe bands, and a huge crowd. The trip to the Southern Highlands is an annual highlight for the Knox Old Boys Pipe Band.

We are also planning another Pipe Band reunion, pencilled in for Sunday afternoon, 11 September 2022. The reunion is for all those who have ever been associated with the Knox Grammar School Pipes and Drums. We would love to see you there.

On the distant horizon, we are starting to prepare for the celebration of the Knox Centenary in 2024.

The Knox Old Boys Pipe Band always welcomes new members. The emphasis is on playing for enjoyment. All Old Boy pipers, drummers and drum majors are encouraged to join. We welcome players of all levels, from learners to the experienced. We practice on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Thanks to the organising committee: Rob Tulloch (OKG75) (President), Peter Doherty (OKG80) (Treasurer), Jeremy Wicht (OKG04) (Secretary), Lachlan Liao (OKG98) and to all members of the band who show up to play in rain, hail, shine or plague.

Allan Watts (OKG77)
Pipe Major, Knox Old Boys Pipe Band

OKG Family Links
Son: Ian Watts (OKG08)

Above Photo: Band Members who played at the 2021 Redfern RSL Anzac Day Service. L-R Ben Close (OKG16), Peter Doherty (OKG80), Michael Young, Mark Broadhead (OKG91), Andrew Cheney (OKG11), Anthony Wicht (OKG98), Angus Stewart (OKG79), Ian Watts (OKG08), Allan Watts

OLD KNOXONIANS' CRICKET CLUB



We had a wide variety of players throughout the season and every single one of them contributed to winning the title.

The season of 2020/21 was again a successful season for the OKCC. Despite only playing seven games for the entire season, we managed to take out the all-important Jack Pace Shield (JPS) competition, regaining the Shield for the fifth time in the Club's history.

It was an extremely difficult season to get any momentum week to week with seven games called off due to poor weather. We only played two games prior to Christmas before the Grand Final in March against I Zingari (IZ). Our entire squad hit the nets in the lead up to the game and our hard work certainly paid off with a great performance in the final. We took every chance and bowled extremely well bowling IZ out for 63 and chasing their total down in the 15th over with 8 wickets in hand, truly leaving our best game for last. It was a perfect end to the season and great to win our first Grand Final since 2018. From our seven matches over the 2020/21 season, we had 6 wins and 1 loss which is a great record for the season.

Results summary

Played	Wins	Loss
7	6	1

Our awards night was held in April at the Commodore Hotel. The Kelynack-Cross Shield is awarded to the player of the season and tallied by 3-2-1 votes after each game. The deserved winner this year was Harry Chapman (OKG15) who had a great season with both the bat and ball, proving himself to be a very valuable all-rounder. The Bangs Award for the Players' Player was also presented to Harry Chapman. Harry is a true teammate and shows all the qualities and values of the OKCC. Well done Harry on cleaning up all the awards this year.

The OKCC is very appreciative of a great supporters' network. Firstly, a big thank you to the OKGA who provide us with a lot of support, not just this year but every season. Any requests we have they are always very accommodating, and we are very appreciative of all the work they do for us. Also, to our supporters who turn up to games and especially the Grand Final, we are very thankful for your support, it is what makes our Club so special. Finally, thank you to all the players who played this season. We have our eyes set on backing up our success next year.

City and Suburban cricket proved again that it houses a good standard of cricketers and teams making it an enjoyable, yet competitive competition to play in every year. Thanks to the City and Suburban Cricket Association for coordinating the season.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone at the OKCC for their support throughout my time as Captain. The past few years have been a very enjoyable experience and I could not have done the job without the support of the Club's members. I'm certainly looking forward to the next couple of seasons when I will be taking a back seat.

Jack Stocks (OKG13)
Captain, Old Knoxonians' Cricket Club

OKG Family Links
Grandfather: Shannon Leslie Stocks (OKG47);
Father: Shannon Bradley Stocks (OKG78);
Brother: Harry Stocks (OKG16)

1966 CITROEN DS - BERTONE

HYDROPNEUMATIC SELF-LEVELLING SUSPENSION, DISC BRAKES,
DIRECTIONAL HEADLIGHTS, ADJUSTABLE HEIGHT, FRONT WHEEL
DRIVE



OKGA HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Established during lockdown in 2020, the OKGA History Discussion Group continued to meet via Zoom throughout 2021. The table below lists the members of the OKGA Community and guests who presented.

Presenters

Discussion Topics

[John Gibson](#)
(former KGS teacher)

Australia: Autocracy to Parliament
Sydney Trams
US Generals Marshall and Eisenhower
US General Patton
US General MacArthur

[Elena Timokhina](#)
(guest, introduced by Ken Powell (OKG61))

The Meaning of Time in Russian History
Neva River Regions

[John Hall](#) (OKG78) from London

Edged Weaponry
History of Cars

[Paul Goodwin](#) (OKG65)

The Last Navigator, Gordon Goodwin

[Ken Powell](#) (OKG61)

The Desecration of Two Churches, Coventry Cathedral and Dresden Frauenkirche

[Richard York OAM](#) (OKG88)

Prague Tour

[Brenda Love](#)
(guest, introduced by Jerry Krejzar (OKG61))

Celebrities of WWII
WWII Trivia

[Angus Hordern](#) (OKG80)

Introduction to John Gibson's General MacArthur presentation

[Simon Rawlence](#)
(guest, introduced by Jerry Krejzar (OKG61))

Czechoslovakia 1945 – 1969,
Venek Silhan and Libuse Silhanova



Opposite Page: History Discussion Group on Zoom
Top: History of Cars with John Hall (OKG78) (with John Gibson former KGS teacher)
Middle L-R: Richard York OAM (OKG88), John Hall (OKG78), Paul Goodwin (OKG65), Angus Hordern (OKG80)
Bottom: Disecration of two churches with Ken Powell (OKG61)

BENEVOLENCE

OLD BOYS FOR OLD BOYS

As would be no different for any other organisation, this year has been a roller coaster of plans made then delayed, of strategies formulated then shelved and of meetings scheduled then cancelled, all due to the pandemic that keeps morphing.

However, throughout this time the program has kept providing invaluable assistance to Old Boys in need. Julie Davis, our Benevolence Manager has assisted 28 recipients including Old Boys, wives and family of Old Boys and a number of boys at the School. This assistance has covered:

- Grief
- Mental health
- Chronic illness
- Aged care
- Acquired brain injury
- Disability
- Family relationships
- Addiction

The highlight of the year was the hosting of a private screening of the movie *Penguin Bloom* to raise awareness of, and funds for, the Benevolence Program. More than 200 members of the Knox community including the Headmaster and his wife Louise attended the Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace, Cremorne where they heard Cam Bloom (OKG89) and his wife, Sam, share their very personal story of heartbreak, love and triumph with Gus Worland (OKG86), founder of Gotcha4Life. The afternoon resulted in over \$10,000 being raised for the Program and thanks must go to Andrew Wines (OKG86) who initiated the event and got both Cam and Gus on board this very worthy cause.

Whilst addressing fundraising, I am delighted to announce that The Thistle Productions crew of Angus Hordern (OKG80), Alex Lloyd (OKG09), Thomas Kaye (OKG10) and Rohan Viswalingam (OKG11) have donated \$9,209 to the Benevolence Program from the proceeds of the sale of the Barney Greatrex Knox book edition and DVD that they produced. This brings their total donation from the sale of these publications to over \$13,000 with all proceeds henceforth being donated to the Program. Angus and his crew deserve high praise for both the valuable historical resource they have produced and the funds raised for OKGA Benevolence.

Whilst in a holding pattern, the Committee has worked on a number of projects which will assist us in the next years.

These included:

- The adoption of a title or brand which is more descriptive of what the program is about and strives to do. After much discussion among various groups and ages we settled on "Old Boys for Old Boys" in the firm belief that nothing says it better. #OldBoysForOldBoys says it all.
- The development of a one page communications strategy which applies to both recipients and donors and addresses;
 - Who is our audience
 - Within that audience, who do we need to reach
 - What do we want those people to do
 - What do we need to do to ensure that happens
 In developing this strategy invaluable assistance has been provided by David Gregory (OKG06).
- Investigating the possibility of applying for and receiving "Deductible Gift Recipient" status for the Program. Our Treasurer, David Sharp (OKG78), has given us excellent guidance on this and has arranged for professional advice to assist in this quest.

This is the last Benevolence report that I will be presenting as I am stepping down from the OKGA Committee at the 2022 AGM. However, I want to give a few parting thoughts and thanks;

- The Benevolence initiative is, I think, one of the great initiatives of the OKGA. I believe that we were one of the first, if not the first, school alumni to introduce such a program and it is encouraging to note that quite a number of alumni associations have followed our example. The looking out for our own who are doing it tough, and offering support, is one of the most honourable of our Association's purposes and is well summarised by the phrase Old Boys for Old Boys.
- Because we were the first, we had no template to use or example to follow. However, with a lot of hard work and fortitude, numerous false starts and lessons learned, the initiative has developed and prevailed. I am not going to list all its achievements, suffice to say that I believe the program now has a sound base on which the incoming and subsequent committees can build.
- There are a large number of people who have contributed to this program and all deserve appreciation and praise for what they have done. However, I would like to mention a few for special recognition:
 - Mike Kelynack (OKG85) who, when President, first proposed the OKGA consider a benevolence program.
 - Mark Wilson (OKG80) who was the first chair of the Sub-Committee and developed its structure.



The highlight of the year was the hosting of a private screening of the movie Penguin Bloom to raise awareness of, and funds for, the Benevolence Program.

- The Governors, Brent Fuller (OKG60), Alan Foulkes (OKG62) and Ian MacPherson (OKG55) for their on-going guidance and support.
- Julie Davis, our Benevolence Manager whose tireless dedication and wonderful skills, has done the on-ground work which has demonstrated the initiative is valuable and viable and, in doing so, has helped so many of the program's participants.

- The many Old Boys who have provided their professional expertise and other services pro bono when needed.
- Sarah Gregory from the OKGA Office who has provided all the back office support and kept the committee, particularly its chair, on track.
- The various members of the sub-committee over the years, but particularly the most recent who have supported me being Andrew Wines and Jamie Thomson (OKG84).
- Finally the indefatigable Ian Frame OAM (OKG64) who has worked tirelessly in the background to support and foster the program since its very inception.

Thank you.

Rob Tulloch (OKG75)
Benevolence Sub-Committee Chair

Above Photo: L-R Jamie Thomson (OKG86), Gus Worland (OKG86), Cam Bloom (OKG89), Andrew Wines (OKG87); In-Front Sam Bloom

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SENIOR KNOXONIANS



The second year of the COVID-19 pandemic was almost a case of "Groundhog Day" for the Senior Knoxonians (SKs)

Fortunately, we were again able to hold our AGM and Member Luncheon before NSW was returned to lockdown in July. We packed our meeting room at Warrawee Bowling Club to overflowing, and at the Annual Members' Luncheon following the AGM on 28 April, we heard David Buckwalter (OKG62) share stories from his youth and time in National Service where he served in the Infantry in Vietnam.

Still unable to meet again as a Committee on the School grounds, we met via Zoom on one occasion and later, for the first time in the history of our organisation, we had to present proof of our COVID-19 vaccination to staff at West Pymble Bowling Club before the commencement of our October meeting. At these meetings, our Committee actively considered significant changes to improve our association.

Sadly, we lost an irreplaceable member of our Association and Committee with the sudden death of Edric Chaffer, our Membership Officer, in September. See the Eulogy delivered by Tony Osman on page 58.

Tony Osman, Honorary Historian of the Senior Knoxonians, has devoted a great deal of time to progressing the SK 40 Year History project during the year. Unfortunately, Edric was to have written the history with Tony's assistance and editorship. Tony had commenced writing up details concerning the "associated" group "The Gathering of the

Clans" and while the pandemic has disrupted progress to an extent, work has continued with Tony working through Edric's papers, provided by his nephew Tim Pittaway. Tony will now take on all the writing, assisted by his colleagues and through consulting the earlier histories recorded by the late Richard Miles OAM (OKG39).

In our year to host Barker for the CAS Rugby, we were unable to convene a luncheon for the Senior OBA Committee. I had hoped at least to secure seating to host the Senior OBA President; however this was also not possible with the COVID-related disruption to the CAS season.

Lockdown also prevented us once again from holding the Ladies' Luncheon, which had been planned to occur in the September school holidays in the Boarders' Dining Room. I sincerely hope that 2022 will again see this group gather and enjoy good fellowship without COVID-19 related restrictions.

Concluding as I did in my report last year, 2021 was a further challenging time, but again we got through it, supporting one another.

Ian Frame OAM (OKG64)

President, The Senior Knoxonians

OKG Family Links

Sons: James Frame (OKG92) and Robert Frame (OKG08);
Grandson: Luca Chiarella (Current student)

Committee members

President: Ian Frame (OKG64)
Vice President: Alan Foulkes (OKG62)
Vice President: Rob Wannan (OKG68)
Immediate Past President: Ken Powell (OKG61)
Honorary Treasurer: Ian King (OKG69)
Honorary Secretary: Sandra White
Honorary Historian: Tony Osman (OKG57)
Membership Officer: Edric Chaffer (OKG50)
to September 2021

General members

Roger Blackwood (OKG62)
Brenton Fuller (OKG60)
Ian MacPherson (OKG55)
Hall (Ted) Metcalf (OKG55)
Craig Miller (OKG54)
Brian Orr (OKG59)
Peter Wollaston (OKG64)



TECHNOLOGY & ENABLING

Early 2021 saw the launch of the new OKGA website home page, providing a much-needed new look...



We were delighted to welcome Ed Colyer (OKG13) as a new member of our Sub-Committee after he joined the OKGA Committee at the AGM in February 2021.

As we foreshadowed in our 2020 Annual Review, the old OKGA Online Business Directory and the Mentoring functionality on the website were combined into a new "Networking Hub". A few Old Boys have taken the time to update their listings, but the power of the Hub would no doubt improve if used more frequently and by more Old Knox Grammarians. To this end, we have reminded Old Boys through the OKGA eNews of the Hub, with "call to action" buttons encouraging profile updates.

Prior to the *Penguin Bloom* Screening in April, an event which was organised to raise awareness of the OKGA's Benevolence Program, the old 'Benevolence' page on the website was completely revamped, in alignment with the change of the Program's name to "Old Boys for Old Boys". We also updated the donation webpage for this Program, to simplify the experience for those wishing to contribute financially to the program.

Having investigated the technical side of the OKGA in 2020, our Sub-Committee turned our minds to ways in which the younger cohort of Old Boys can be more engaged and involved with the OKGA using technology.

This led us to consider social media content planning in greater detail. Going forward, we are keen to explore the vast goldmine of historical and archival treasures, held by current OKGA Historian, Tony Osman, which would be of interest to, and could be shared with, more Old Boys via social media.

Seeking to also assist Tony, we provided guidance and offered technical support to the History Sub-Committee and Senior Knoxonians, the latter as they plan for the electronic publication of their 40 Year history.

Through our ongoing discussions with the Old Boy members on other OKGA Sub-Committees, we have identified the most valuable project our Sub-Committee can work on next year is the database. This is, after all, the foundation of many projects which the OKGA wishes to pursue in the Networks & Mentoring area.

I look forward to working with Ed, Jamie Thomson (OKG86) and David Stenning (OKG15) again in 2022.

Paul Gladigau (OKG85)
Technology & Enabling Sub-Committee Chair

230,000+

PAGE VIEWS OF OKGA WEBSITE

7,875

COMMUNITY MEMBERS
RECEIVING OKGA ENEWS

7,521

COPIES OF *THE THISTLE* POSTED
TO OLD BOYS (DEC 2021)

3,546

AVERAGE READERSHIP OF ENEWS

48,864

VIEWS OF ONLINE NEWS POSTS

NETWORKS & MENTORING

With Old Boys still largely prevented from visiting campus in 2021 due to health restrictions, we continued our industry-based Careers Zoom seminars with Old Boy guest speakers.

In my report on Old Boys' Networks and Mentoring last year, I stated that access to current accurate data is critical to our ability to build our networking activity and to enhance member benefits.

Work on the database therefore continued to be a focus in 2021, as this is a key link for all Old Boys, and from a Careers' standpoint, there are many gaps to fill. By way of example, in a search of the OKGA's Business Networking Hub for Old Knox Grammarians in the Engineering industry, there were six listings in 2021. In contrast, LinkedIn shows 222 Knox Alumni working in the Engineering sector.

Recognising few Old Boys are motivated to maintain their OKGA records, we are planning to take a more proactive approach in updating records, to make it easier for Old Boys at various career stages to connect.

In May 2021, we embarked on a plan to meet with the Heads of Department from the School, with the aim of helping those unfamiliar with the OKG Community to understand the interest Old Boys have in sharing their experience with students, and to offer the OKGA's assistance to academic staff to make these connections. Many Departments already welcome Old Boys on campus to speak at certain classes or meetings but we hope to increase these connections for the students and staff. Some Departments have also suggested connecting with experienced Old Boys to enhance their own teaching practice.

With Old Boys still largely prevented from visiting campus in 2021 due to health restrictions, we continued our industry-based Careers Zoom seminars with Old Boy guest speakers. One change to our format this year included the selection of one current university student (alongside two Old Boys with more career experience). This helped us to answer top-of-mind questions from students as they consider university course selections. Overall, these sessions provided valuable guidance to current students and their parents in some

of the industries of most interest. There are many other industries where students have not had the benefit of hearing from Old Boys since the Career Insights Evening of 2019. We are working with the School in the hope a similar event can be reinstated in 2022.

The marketplace for online mentoring platforms continues to grow in size and sophistication, and for this reason, we determined it was timely to undertake a review and comparison of these tools, in order to identify the best fit for our community.

In collaboration with the Technology & Enabling Sub-Committee, we are exploring how events such as reunions could be leveraged to encourage sharing of career information and interests (from which we could then update our database).

I am excited to report that we will launch a pilot mentoring program in 2022 with the School's Head of Middle Academy, Liz Ruff and Margie Raymond, Co-ordinator of the Knox Certificate of Global Competency. At this stage the proposal is in its draft form, but it is hoped Old Boys can volunteer to mentor a student in the Middle Academy (Years 9 and 10) to understand what a working life might look like. It is likely to be between 6- and 8-weeks duration and the students who elect to participate will have pre-determined outcomes they are required to achieve.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Sub-Committee members, Andrew Wines, Ed Colyer, Chris Wright, Dino Raftopulos and Rob Johnson for their contributions.

Andrew Ericsson (OKG90)
Networks & Mentoring Sub-Committee Chair

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

In 2020, the OKGA Committee elected to focus on the three strategic themes: "Community, Connectivity and Continuity". These themes, along with our focus areas, remained unchanged during 2021.

The OKGA is an Incorporated Association, registered with NSW Fair Trading. The Association is governed according to its Rules and managed by the OKGA Committee. The Association's Rules are available to view on the OKGA website.

This Annual Review has been produced as a document of record. It is the third such report we have published, since the inaugural Review was distributed at the OKGA AGM in 2020.

Strategic Themes

In 2020, the OKGA Committee elected to focus on the three strategic themes: "Community, Connectivity and Continuity". These themes, along with our focus areas, remained unchanged during 2021.

Committee Composition and Operations

All OKGA Committee members (with the exception of the President) are required to renominate prior to each AGM. The Committee strives to stagger rotation of members so that organisational knowledge can be maintained. The Committee endeavours to have appropriate representation of ages across the membership. In this report, we provide a short biography of each of the 2021 Committee members (see page 16).

All Committee members from 2020, with the exception of James Widders-Leece (OKG14) renominated for election in 2021. Ed Colyer (OKG13) nominated to fill the vacancy.

All members of the Committee serve in an honorary capacity.

The Committee met monthly between February – November to maintain momentum in its deliberations and decision-making. The Patron, President and Sub-Committee Chairs tabled regular reports on their activities, ensuring all Committee members had oversight across our focus areas.

Having reviewed its sub-committee structure in 2020, there were no changes to the standing sub-committees or their remits during the year.

David Sharp, chair of the Finance Sub-Committee, continued the review (commenced in 2020) of the OKGA's financial management practices and processes. We also completed a review of OKGA's investment strategy, ensuring its alignment with the Association's identified risk profile (see the Treasurer's report on page 14).

The Committee maintained the risk management framework developed at the 2019 Planning Day. This framework is due for review in 2022.

Stakeholder engagement

All Old Boys are welcome to ask about the Association's governance and/or Committee decisions. Liaison with the Association is via the OKGA Office based at the School.

HISTORY

Despite not being able to meet regularly with fellow Old Boys to review material, I continued to collect and sort throughout the year

The year of 2021 will go down in history as “tedious”, with the opportunity for only one face-to-face meeting to sort through archival material given the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdown.

Despite not being able to meet regularly with fellow Old Boys to review material, I continued to collect and sort throughout the year. One such collection included a number of boxes holding back issues of *The Knox Grammarian* and other school publications which were delivered to me from the former OKGA Office in the Knox Cultural Centre. As the OKGA was moving into newly renovated premises at 34 Heydon Avenue Warrawee, there was concern mould on many old books would contaminate the OKGA's new storage room.

I am pleased to report the mould was mostly removed from these books, and this means we still possess several sets of Knox Grammarians from 1928 in good condition.

Having first worked with Edric Chaffer (OKG50) on the OKGA's 70 Year History in the late 1990s and maintained regular contact as partners in historical research, I was deeply saddened by his sudden passing in September.

It was an honour to deliver a eulogy at Edric's funeral service, which was also attended by Ian Frame (OKG64) and Jim Neave (OKG50). Jim was a member, along with Edric, of the School's 1950 Expedition to Uluru.

See page 56 for an edited version of the Eulogy delivered by Antony Osman.

Late in the year, I also received for sorting approximately eight boxes of Edric's papers relating to Knox, the OKGA and Senior Knoxonians, containing various documents, books and magazines.

While I am still working to support preparations for the School's Centenary celebrations in 2024, I am now also proceeding in earnest to prepare the OKGA's Centenary History, scheduled for release in April 2029.

A H Tony Osman (OKG57)
History Sub-Committee Chair



Above: The Memorial Lawn, Anzac Memorial Service 2019

The Memorial Quadrangle

In 2021 the OKGA Anzac Memorial Service was conducted on Knox 1 to comply with the restrictions required by the NSW Health Authorities due to COVID-19. While it was an extremely well-presented service under the circumstances, it is hoped that future services will return to the more traditional format in the Memorial Quadrangle.

The Memorial Quadrangle on the Knox School Campus is recognised as the School's “hallowed ground”, according to the OKGA's Honorary Historian, Tony Osman (OKG57).

Traditionally the Old Knox Grammarians' Anzac Memorial Service is held in the Quadrangle with the Ceremonial Honour Party and Colour Party seated on the verandah of the John Williams Memorial Hall (1953), in front of parents, relatives and Cadets. John Williams was an airman lost over Germany in WWII.

The lawn is bounded (to the right, when facing the Main Building) by the Old Boys' War Memorial Science Building. Now the home of Knox's Visual Arts Department, this building was unveiled by Lieutenant General Sir John

Northcott on 19 September 1953 and dedicated by Rev D J Flockhart MA on 20 March 1954. A great-great grandson of General Northcott is a current Prep Student (James Osman).

An Aleppo Pine grown from a seed from Anzac Cove, which commemorates those who fell at Gallipoli, stands tall in the corner of the lawn (next to the Pacific Highway) and provides shade to those in the congregation gathered to honour our fallen.

The Old Boys War Memorial Gates and Eternal Flame with the Roll of Honour (at the School's frontage to the Highway) lists those who fell to preserve our way of life.

When present in the Quadrangle, we remember these Old Boys who gave us the freedom we enjoy today. In the famous words from the British War Cemetery in North India and Kieta, Bougainville Island, PNG, viz

*“Traveller...
When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow we gave our today”*

APPENDIX 2021 CAREER SEMINAR SPEAKERS

	Presenter	Role / Studies
22 February 2021	Careers in Medicine	
	Dr Marco Raftopoulos (OKG02)	Paediatric and adult ENT Surgeon
	Dan Schofield (OKG15)	Studying postgraduate Doctor of Medicine (MD) at the University of Sydney
	Thomas Lee (OKG18)	Graduate Paramedic from the University of Tasmania
22 March 2021	Defence Careers Evening	
	FLGOFF Alex Cross (OKG15)	Royal Australian Air Force
	SBLT Simon Fenech (OKG12)	Royal Australian Navy
	William Degotardi (OKG19)	Australian Army Reserve (ADF Gap Year)
10 May 2021	Engineering Careers Evening	
	Tim Small (OKG06)	Project Manager at Lendlease
	Sandy Tulloch (OKG07)	Project Manager at SMEC
	Simon Bold (OKG15)	Studied Mechanical Engineering (Honours), WSP
2 August 2021	Science Careers Evening	
	Jack Muir (OKG09)	Graduate student in geophysics at the Caltech Seismolab.
	Jamie Batten (OKG12)	PhD Candidate in Medicinal Organic Chemistry at the University of Sydney; Chemistry Teacher at Matrix Education
	Cory Aitchison (OKG18)	Studying Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Advanced Studies with majors in physics and statistics
30 August 2021	Construction Project Management Careers Evening	
	Justin Woodcock (Past Parent)	Founding partner and CEO of Thelem Consulting
	Dino Raftopoulos (OKG06)	Development Project Manager for Lendlease
	Charlie Kellaway (OKG17)	Studying Construction Project Management at UTS

KNOX RUGBY CLUB 2021

Committee Members	2021
President	Ben Kooyman (OKG95)
Vice-President	Lachlan Williams (OKG10)
Club Patron	Ian MacPherson (OKG55)
Commodore	Bryn Robertson (OKG95)
Advisor & Special Projects	Ian Frame (OKG64)
Advisor & Special Projects	John Creeley (Past Parent)
Club Coach	Ross Reynolds
Secretary	Oscar Alcock (OKG14)
Assistant Secretary	Max Condi (OKG16)
Operations Manager	Ian Thompson (OKG10)
Assistant Operations Manager	Dave Jerogin (OKG14)
Treasurer	Fraser Engelen (OKG10)
Assistant Treasurer	Henri Schmidt (OKG16)
Marketing Manager	Matt Davis (OKG05)
Assistant Marketing Manager	Jack Blamey (OKG13)
Social Director	Liam Creeley (OKG12)
Social Director	Pierce Richards (OKG12)

Knox Rugby Club: Caps from 2009 to 2021

Player	Caps
Cameron Ellis (OKG05)	177
Alexander Whale (OKG05)	173
Bryn Robertson (OKG95)	165
Myles Taylor (OKG05)	160
Fraser Engelen (OKG10)	158
Matthew Davis (OKG05)	150
Karl Gray	147
Tobias Young (OKG09)	133
Lachlan Williams (OKG10)	130
Simon Woodcock (OKG07)	129
Richard Maxton (OKG04)	125
Zac Gelder (OKG09)	124
Eamon Maher (OKG98)	122
Jonathan Peate (OKG02)	122
Willie Kuki	118
James Gellert (OKG07)	116
Lachlan Scott (OKG13)	113
Joshua Horton (OKG10)	109
Samuel Rennie (OKG04)	107
Brent Maxwell (OKG98)	106
Ian Thompson (OKG14)	105
Addison Hunter (OKG06)	103
Allan Glassie (KGS Staff)	103

KNOX UNITED FOOTBALL

CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021

Committee Members	2021
President	Daniel Rahme (OKG14)
Vice President General	Jules Wilson
Vice President (Representative)	Joshua Chapman (OKG14)
Treasurer	Lachlan Stott (OKG14)
Social Manager	Luke Chapman (OKG16)
Registrar	James de Meyrick (OKG16)
Web Manager	Tom Radcliff (OKG09)
Sponsorship Manager	David Guthrie (OKG06)
Equipment Manager	Ben Drury (OKG11)
Committee Assistants	Sam Lilley (OKG19) Fiona Small Mark Jennings (OKG95)
Club Historians	Matt Feros (OKG01) Cam Wills (OKG01) Lachie Wills (OKG95) Chris Wiseman (OKG06)

SENIOR SCHOOL MOST IMPROVED 2021

Senior School Summer OKGA Most Improved Awards

Student name	Year	Most Improved Award	Student name	Year	Most Improved Award
Thomas Donnelley	11	BASEBALL	Brodie Wilkinson	9	SURF LIFESAVING
Charles Radford	8	BASKETBALL	Hugh Ord	12	SURF LIFESAVING
Simon Tan	9	BASKETBALL	Byron Wilson	9	SURFING
Jeremy Pan-Cassin	10	BASKETBALL	Benjamin Grenier	8	SWIM as a SCHOOL SPORT
Matthew Pain	11	BASKETBALL	Luyi Jiang	10	SWIM as a SCHOOL SPORT
Dylan Harrison	12	BASKETBALL	Zak Barrett	8	SWIM TEAM
Oliver Watson	8	CRICKET	Alexander Dunn	9	SWIM TEAM
Jack Reatti	9	CRICKET	William McDonagh	11	SWIM TEAM
Joshua Gooderick	10	CRICKET	William Wood	10	TABLE TENNIS
Stuart Peters	12	CRICKET	James O'Brien	8	TENNIS
Ning Lu	8	DANCE	David Jiang	9	TENNIS
Bradley Manns	8	DIVING	Oliver Kaan	10	TENNIS
Louis Corry	9	DIVING	Geoffrey Qin	11	TENNIS
Luke Baker	11	DIVING	Justin Yan	8	VOLLEYBALL
Harry McKerihan	9	GOLF	Kazuyuki Fuse	10	VOLLEYBALL
Benjamin Shannon	8	KNOX FIT	Alec Wartho	12	VOLLEYBALL
Nelson Huang	10	KNOX FIT	Campbell Warren	8	WATERPOLO
Hamish Fraser	11	KNOX FIT	Thomas Savundra	9	WATERPOLO
Bradley Manns	8	MOUNTAIN BIKING	Owen Fung	10	WATERPOLO
Lucas Saxby	10	MOUNTAIN BIKING	Antony Song	10	WATERPOLO
Jenson McIntosh	11	MOUNTAIN BIKING	Lucas San	8	SQUASH
Korben Pitman	7	ORIENTEERING	Allen Liu	9	SQUASH
Joe Li	12	ORIENTEERING	Sebastian McKean	10	SQUASH
Daniel Leupen	10	SAILING	Daniel Zhang	11	SQUASH
Ryan Fitzgerald	8	SAILING			

PREP SCHOOL MOST IMPROVED 2021

Senior School Winter OKGA Most Improved Awards

Certificate Name	Year	Most Improved Award	Certificate Name	Year	Most Improved Award
Oscar Fairfax	7	AFL	William Bryan	7	SQUASH
William Solomons	10	AFL	Alfonso Casas	8	SQUASH
Harry Lawson	12	AFL	William Fisher	9	SQUASH
Cameron Dempsey	8	CHESS	Brendan Milobara	10	SQUASH
Alex Smith	10	CHESS	Edwin Fang	11	SQUASH
Shervin Erfanian	11	CHESS	Josh Richter	11	SWAT
Edward Hills	7	CROSS COUNTRY	Andy Wu	8	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Jayden Yiu	10	CROSS COUNTRY	Jack Lambert-Hall	9	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Andrew Jenkins	12	CROSS COUNTRY	Logan Green	12	SCHOOL SWIMMING
Summer Chen	7	DEBATING	Matthew Niederegger	10	TARGET SHOOTING
Joseph Guo	8	DEBATING	Ryan Mcduie	10	TABLE TENNIS
Daniel Schafer	9	DEBATING	Sean Wagstaff	7	TENNIS
Tom Kidston	10	DEBATING	Clancy Thomson	8	TENNIS
Tony Du	12	DEBATING	Peter Huang	9	TENNIS
Lucas Dale	10	DRAMA	Matthew Wang	10	TENNIS
Leonardo Pacca	11	DRAMA	Jeff Lin	12	TENNIS
Michael Tian	7	FENCING	Jensen Arthur	9	TECH CREW
Hayden Leung	8	FENCING	Jack Stapleton	10	TECH CREW
Lucas Lau	9	FENCING	Chester Swaffer	8	SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD
Thomas Nguyen	10	FENCING	James Harden	9	SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD
Oscar Chen	11	FENCING	Alexander Sherlock	11	SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD
Isaac Marks	7	FOOTBALL	Nicholas Chan	8	VOLLEYBALL
Michael Zhu	8	FOOTBALL	An Qi Wang	10	VOLLEYBALL
Torben Cook	9	FOOTBALL	Christian Smith	12	VOLLEYBALL
Makara Leang	10	FOOTBALL	Tyler Jackson	9	KAPA - Junior Brass
Zac Scott	12	FOOTBALL	Avaneesh Siva	7	KAPA - Junior Choral
Peyton Niles	7	KARATE	Jonathan Chen	9	KAPA - Junior Choral
Keshav Shankar	10	KARATE	Leo Lu	9	KAPA - Junior Bass Guitar
Neel Jetley	7	KNOX FIT	Andrew Cunningham	8	KAPA - Junior Guitar
Henry Shepherd	9	KNOX FIT	Yash Chand	9	KAPA - Junior Percussion
Jack Maclean	12	KNOX FIT	Cameron Chu	8	KAPA - Junior Piano
Mitchell Fiander	8	MOUNTAIN BIKING	Marcus Hong	9	KAPA - Junior Strings
Angus Skeen	7	ORIENTEERING	Joshua Lee	8	KAPA - Junior Woodwind
Riley Everitt	10	ORIENTEERING	Ted Deane	10	KAPA - Senior Brass
Matthew Lo	10	PIPES & DRUMS	Victor Zhao	10	KAPA - Senior Choral
Judah Limantono	10	PIPES & DRUMS	Nathanael Sherlock	10	KAPA - Senior Choral
Alan Huang	9	PIPES & DRUMS	Victor Zhao	10	KAPA - Senior Guitar
James Pfeiffer	8	PIPES & DRUMS	Ody Zhou	10	KAPA - Senior Percussion
Archie Jurd	7	RUGBY	An Qi Wang	10	KAPA - Senior Piano
Daniel Waters	8	RUGBY	Felix Mole	10	KAPA - Senior Strings
Darcy Arnott	9	RUGBY	Aj Jubb	11	KAPA - Senior Woodwind
Ethan Shepherd	10	RUGBY			
James Kirk	12	RUGBY			

Prep School Summer OKGA Most Improved Awards

Student	Year	Most Improved Award
Aahaan Narang	6	CRICKET
Joshua Hall	5	CRICKET
Bowen Gozdziwski	4	CRICKET
Jason Ma	3	CRICKET
Damon Dooley	6	TOUCH FOOTBALL
Ethan Han	3	TOUCH FOOTBALL
Oscar Tait	5	TENNIS
Keerat Sharma	3	TENNIS
Eli Lim	6	BASKETBALL
Mason Long	5	BASKETBALL
Matt Ding	4	BASKETBALL
Christian Strumendo	4	BASKETBALL
Thomas Li	6	WATER POLO
James Peacock	6	SAILING
Flynn Negus	4	SWIMMING
Elvis Ma	5	FENCING
James Pritchard	3	FENCING
Ben Zhou	6	KARATE
Alvin Alford	5	ORIENTEERING
Bruce Ding	5	GOLF
Henry Zheng	3	FLIPPA BALL
Henry Liu	4	FLIPPA BALL
Cayden Tang	6	SQUASH

Prep School Winter OKGA Most Improved Awards

Student	Year	Sport
Jack P Robinson	6	RUGBY
Joel B Woolley	5	RUGBY
Rohan D Fleming	4	RUGBY
Lakshman Manhalingam	3	RUGBY
Devan N Gollakota	6	AFL
Hugh W Diamond	6	FOOTBALL
Will R Hartin	5	FOOTBALL
Xavier R Wheeler	4	FOOTBALL
Wesley Y-S Choy	3	FOOTBALL
Benjamin S Tamas	6	TENNIS
Lucius C He	4	SWIMMING
Romeo W Zhang	4	FENCING
Alistair J Minney	6	FENCING
Vincent Chen	4	KARATE
Ethan C L Ma	6	ORIENTEERING
Max J D Aptaker	5	GOLF

OKGA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS



Above: Edric Chaffer presenting the OKGA L P Miller Officer's Sword in honour of Louis P Miller, received by CUJO P Sherlock (OKG18)

EDRIC KEITH CHAFFER (OKG50, HONORARY LIFE MEMBER) 1933-2021

OKGA Thistle Medallist and Honorary Life Member, Edric Chaffer, who sadly passed away on 6 September after a brief illness, was part of the very fabric of the OKGA and Senior Knoxonians. His connection to Knox began as a boarding student in 1946. He moved to the new Gillespie Boarding House the following year, was appointed Captain of Gillespie in 1950, and would later take a leading role in finding and inviting alumni to a 50th anniversary celebration of Gillespie in 1997. He returned to Knox in 1951 to repeat the Leaving Certificate.

As tracking down former classmates was Edric's hobby, one which evolved over the years to finding Old Boys in the years both above and below him, Edric was the perfect candidate to assist Antony (Tony) Osman (OKG57) with research for the OKGA's 70-year history (1929-1999). In recognition of his dedication, diligence and outstanding support in the production of the history, Edric was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by then OKGA President,

Phil Tuck (OKG77) in 2005. He later assisted Tony with The History of Lodge Knox, and current projects, "Forty Years On" – being the history of the Senior Knoxonians Association, the School Centenary History Guidance Panel (2024) and the Centenary History of the OKGA (2029) until the end of his days.

In addition to applying his strong research capabilities, Edric, with a phenomenal memory of people and events, provided regular and invaluable assistance to the OKGA Office and School Archives.

He became a member of the Knox Over 70 Club (now known as Senior Knoxonians) in 2004, serving on the Committee to his final year, including as President for two years. He also served on the OKGA Committee as the Senior Knoxonian representative from 2009 – 2012, then as an Ordinary Member from 2013 – 2018 at the invitation of then President, Rob Tulloch (OKG75). In Committee meetings,

Edric always in OKGA tie and blue long sleeve jumper, would share wise insights with gentle diplomacy. Edric spent his working life within the Chaffer Group of Companies (leather manufacture and tanning), where he was involved in all aspects of the business, from the technical side, to finance and global exports. By night, he studied geology and leather technology at Sydney Technical College.

He was involved in several professional associations and is regarded as one of the longest serving stalwarts of the Royal Society of NSW (Society). He was Honorary Secretary and later President in 1975, and in 1976 he was awarded the Society Medal for his services to Science and the Society.

Having attended a Society lecture while at School, Edric persuaded Knox to let him study Geology alone for the 1950 Leaving Certificate, achieving an Honours pass. This was to serve him well as the student in charge of geological investigations on the Knox Expedition to Uluru (then known as Ayres Rock) in 1950, which Edric told an ABC reporter in 2010, "was a place in today's terms of something the equivalent of going to the South Pole."

Edric played the game of life well, fairly and conservatively. He will be fondly remembered as a valued colleague, mentor, friend and for always being a true gentleman. We who remain behind will not see the like of Edric again during our lifetimes.

Ian Frame (OKG64), Jim Neave (OKG50) and Tony Osman represented the OKGA and Senior Knoxonians at the service for Edric held at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium on 20 September.

Edric leaves behind two nephews Timothy and Christopher Pittaway and a cousin, Karen Chaffer. His only sister predeceased him a few years ago.

Edited version of the Eulogy delivered by the OKGA and Senior Knoxonians' Hon. Historian, Antony Osman. First published in The Thistle, December 2021.

Member	Leaving year / KGS Service	Awarded Honorary Life Membership
Geoff Crapp*	1930	1960
Dr. T Ross McKenzie* OBE	Headmaster 1956-1969	1969
John H. Preston*	1946	1976
C. W. (Gerry) Alldis *	1934	1979
Jim (Jock) McConnell *	Teacher 1957-1981	2007
A.A.K.(Tony) Gifford* OAM	Teacher 1955-1988	2007
Dr I.W. Paterson AM	Headmaster 1969 -1998	2007
John A. Turnbull OAM	1960	2011
Ian J. MacPherson	1955 and Teacher	2012
Morris (Dusty) Ireland QC *	1946	2014
Edric K. Chaffer*	1950	2019
Anthony (Tony) H. Osman	1957	2019
Richard R. Miles* OAM	1939	2019
Arthur W. Pardey*	1942	2019
Peter A. Roach	1979 School Council Chair 2001 – 2018	2020

* deceased



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