



# ***WBHS OBA***

WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

## ***Presidents Report***

**Jarrold Goodall**

It's an exciting time for the school with the big move all done and the students using the new buildings on the lower field. Also, with the worst of the pandemic behind us, we expect to be able to successfully host all the events planned this year. We have already had a successful Bowls networking event, which was won once again by a team of teachers.

We have the AGM coming up:

**AGM**  
**Wednesday 25th May**  
**Staffroom at the new school**  
**5.00 pm**

We need more committee members so we can come up with a fresh perspective for the OBA and new energy to add to the work that we have done over the past few years. Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier as part of the committee or if you can help in any way.

We have set that date for the Snooker networking evening, so share the details with your mates to challenge them to a game of snooker and to share a beer. Once again the event will be held at:

**Snooker Tournament**  
**Wednesday 15th June**  
**Whangarei Club on Rust Ave,**  
**5.00 pm**

We have made great progress on the True Tales book with funding of \$15,000 secured to make it a reality, but we need to fundraise another \$5,000 to help with the costs of getting the book professionally published and ready for print. If you want to promote your business, we are offering the opportunity to advertise in the book as a lasting record of your support.

Carpe Diem

Jarrold Goodall  
President  
WBHS OBA

***Whangārei High School***

1895 - The first school house in Manse Street

High School Whangarei 754 7399

# Principals Report

**Karen Gilbert-Smith**

Kia ora,

The end of an era! We have had our last days of teaching in the old school buildings and it's with mixed emotions we move to the new school site over the next couple of weeks. As with any move, we have found some hidden treasure and we have had to be very disciplined about not being distracted by heading off down rabbit holes with what we have found. It has been great to be able to support other schools with furniture and bits and pieces to help them get ahead and our plan for the remaining desks is to ship them to the Pacific Islands to schools there.

Our final act was a school haka in the quad and at the blessing of the new site on the 28th of April we will also close off the old school. What next for the old buildings? The contract for the demolition has been awarded and we are delighted to be working alongside an organisation that values recycling and repurposing as the intention is to salvage as much of the old timber as we can for use later on. All of the archives will be packaged up and stored in readiness for moving into the new school museum later in the year and the official school opening is likely to be around mid June.

We will definitely ensure the Old Boys have notification of this event.

What's next? We continue to raise funds to install a canopy over the tennis courts, the existing buildings get a make over as part of the 10 year property planning and we start the pressure on the MoE around the expansion of the new school and more specifically the funding of part of a new gym. Alongside all of this we must still focus our efforts on Carruth House and the continued increase of numbers of students who board. If this is something you can help with by way of marketing or sponsorship, please be in touch with me directly.

In the meantime I look forward to hosting Old Boys in our new school where we begin the next phase of the school's rich history.

Ngā mihi

Karen Gilbert-Smith  
Principal  
Whangārei Boys' High School



**2022**  
*Save these important dates*

# WBHS OBA AGM

WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY  
WHANGAREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL - STAFFROOM

Please come along and show your support  
by joining us at our 2022 Annual General Meeting.

**5.00 pm onwards**

Come along and have a look at  
the fantastic new school premises!

Come over the new Western Hills Drive bridge  
and park in one of the carparks available.

Someone will meet you in the breezeway  
to show you where to go.

Email: ["I'll be there"](mailto:wbhsoba@whangarei.ac.nz)



**2022**  
***Save these important dates***

**Snooker Tournament**  
**Wednesday 15th June 2022**  
**Whangarei Club - Rust Avenue**  
**5.00 pm**

Now that we are able to be out and about again, come along to the Whangarei Club for a game of snooker and an opportunity to network with a great group of fellow Old Boys.

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**Auckland networking event**  
**August/September**  
**Venue and time to be**  
**confirmed**

2021 was unfortunately called off a few days before due to Covid 19. Don't miss out this year on a great opportunity to meet with past friends. It is the only annual event we have in Auckland to make it easier for more people to get there from across New Zealand.

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**Annual Golf Tournament**  
**18th November 2021**  
**Time to be confirmed**

Again, this very popular event was cancelled last year so our Golf Tournament will fill up quickly at the end of the year! Get in to book your team. Watch for an email with a link to register.

# WBHS OBA Projects and Events

## Subscription Drive



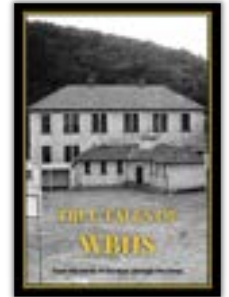
## WWI Project



## Events Coming Up



## True Tales Book



## New School Opening



## WBHS OBA Museum



## Advertising your business on our Website or True Tales book



You can have a HALF or FULL PAGE colour advertisement in our True Tales Book



# WBHS OBA - How we've helped with your help

## Thank you very much to the Endowment Trust for the two new gazebos



Kensington Health was able to use one during vaccinations to keep them protected from the weather.

## The Colour badges for high achievers



Year 12, 2021, School Colour badge presentation

## We helped boys who were in need of extra physical or mental health care through Te Awatea Wellness Centre



## WBHS OBA Fine Young Man Award 2021 - \$1,000



Brigham Lawrence

## *Walkthrough of the new school*

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to have our walkthrough sneak peek, but a tour will still be going ahead.

Please be patient with us while we get settled in and then I will let those of you who have won know what the details are.

The good news is everything will be looking fabulous and there is now time for those of you who missed the deadline to subscribe!

*Click on one of the options below*



## *Advertising your business on our Website or True Tales book*

We are offering an advertising opportunity in the True Tales of WBHS book. It will be full colour - \$500.00 for A5 or \$1,000 for an A4 size page. If you are interested follow the links below to pay and send a pdf document of your business advertisement to: [communications@wbhsoba.co.nz](mailto:communications@wbhsoba.co.nz)

*Click on one of the options below*



We have two very generous full page advertisers so far

Click on image to see full size



## *The Executive Committee*

<b>President</b>	<b>Jarrold Goodall</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>David Templeton</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mark Wilson</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treana Shrimpton</b>
<b>Exec Committee</b>	<b>Al Kirk</b>
<b>Exec Committee</b>	<b>John Barber</b>
<b>Honorary member</b>	<b>Kayden Fowler</b>
<b>Honorary member</b>	<b>Case Worsfold</b>
<b>Patron</b>	<b>Karen Gilbert-Smith</b>

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## **WBHS OBA**

### *Mission Statement*

**To provide opportunities for Old Boys' to meet and use their best endeavours, combined skills and life experiences for the benefit of Whangārei Boys' High School students.**

The primary objectives of the Association are to:

- ❖ Promote good fellowship amongst Old Boys of the School and foster and preserve their remembrance of fellow Old Boys and the School and their interest in and active support of the school.
- ❖ Establish and foster a relationship between the Old Boys and the school by promoting the interests of the school in any way whatsoever but in particular by offering scholarships and prizes for proficiency in schoolwork, cultural pursuits or sport, and by the direct financial support of pupils attending the School and by other means that may be decided upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association.

# *Our 2021 "Fine Young Man" update*

## *Brigham Lawrence*



**One of the fantastic things the Old Boys' Association do for the school is to present a student with the "Fine Young Man" Scholarship.**

The criteria for this initiative is that it will be awarded to a Year 13 student who has contributed to the wider life of the school, setting an excellent example through regular attendance, punctuality and commitment to all school activities.

The recipient should display good all-round relationships.

The award is nominated by the boys' peers and decided by staff.



## *School Blazer from 1930's*

We have been very lucky to have had a 1930's School Blazer donated by Mrs Alison Sargent to be displayed in our new Archive Museum. It was her father-in-law's, Thomas Arthur Sargents (Arthur) Whangarei Boys' High School blazer she believes was purchased around 1938-40.

She has also donated the money to create a glass case to display it proudly in the new school museum.

Thank you very much for allowing us to hold this treasure for your family Alison.

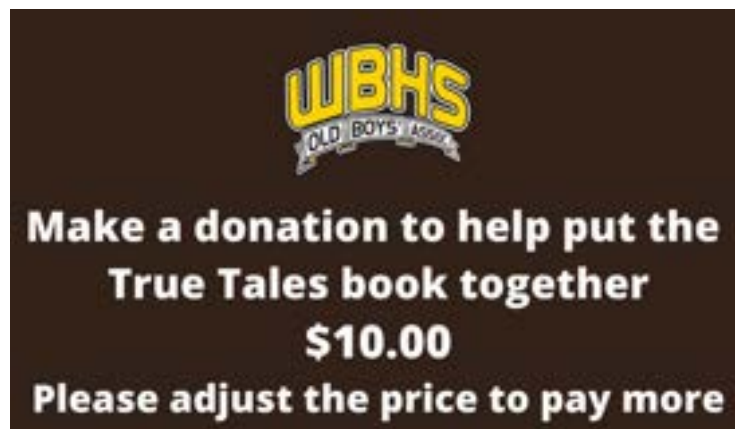
## *Update on True Tales of WBHS*

As Jarrod has mentioned in his President's report, the book is coming along brilliantly.

We have continued to get stories trickling in from past old boys which make for a fascinating read! We have raised \$15,000 but are still \$5,000 short for the funding though so any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you again to Don Goodall for all of the collating and work you have been doing in the background to keep the ball rolling.

You can also help by advertising your business in the book, the links are on page 5 of this newsletter if you are interested. Otherwise, you could donate any amount you can following the below link. Pay \$10 or adjust the amount in \$10 increments.



## *Social Media Links*



Twitter: @WBHSOBA



Facebook: @WBHSOBA



Instagram: wbhsoba



Linkedin: wbhsoba

## *Help with photos please*

If anyone has any old photos they could scan and send to me or take a photo of and email me the picture we would be very grateful.

Any photos of being on a school bus, train to school, Carruth boarding house or sports photos would be great. Classroom photos as well as they did not always put the class photos into the Fideliter.

For the True Tales book, we would be extremely grateful if someone had a photo of when Carruth and Lupton were turned into hospitals around the second World War.

If you can help please email me at:

[communications@wbhsoba.co.nz](mailto:communications@wbhsoba.co.nz)

Please put "Old Photos" in the subject line.

## ***In Memoriam***

*Please contact us if you would like your love one remembered here*

### **PETER VUCICH**

**JANUARY 21, 1932 - APRIL 8, 2022**



"VUCICH, Peter John. Born January 21, 1932. Passed away on April 8, 2022. You've been our rock to lean on and our compass to home. And you did it your way. We will miss you. With love always from your Vucich's, daughter Karin and grandsons Sean and Max."

Sadly Peter Vucich died on 8 April at 90 years old. He had an interesting and full life and his immediate family spent a great deal of time with him over his last weeks. He really just died of old age - he'd had enough. He could not have asked for more.

Ngā mihi nā  
Karin Zoe Vucich

### **MALCOLM MCLEOD**

**FEBRUARY 14, 1973 - MAY 2, 2022**



Malcolm McLeod. Passed away on Monday 2nd May 2022 in Christchurch. Aged 49. Much loved son of the late Dominic McLeod and Dot Ellery. Eldest brother of Robert and Sharon.

Malcolm attended WBHS from 1986 to 1991. In 1992 he joined the Northland Car Club and drove buses from 1995 to 1997. He moved back to Whangarei for a year in 2009 before moving to Auckland.

He started doing photography in 1990 as a hobby and was the photographer and official for NZRC for NZ car club events and rallies around New Zealand. For the last 12 years, he drove Trucks around New Zealand.

## *ANZAC Service*



Jarrold Goodall, OBA President, laying a wreath on behalf of WBHS OBA at the Whangarei Dawn Service.

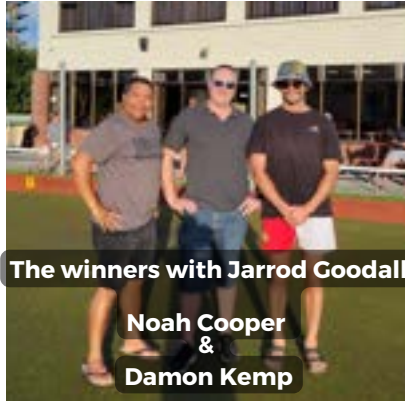
Thanks to Jarrod and our Vice President David Templeton for representing us all.



## *FINANCIAL SUBSCRIBERS TO DATE*



# Term One Networking Event



The winners with Jarrod Goodall  
Noah Cooper & Damon Kemp



The winners with Runners up  
Sam Penney & Kevin James



18 people came along to our Annual Bowling Tournament  
It was a great evening!



Great shot of the day!  
Playing corner to corner  
Nice work Al Kirk!

THANKS BOWLS WHANGĀREI FOR DONATING THE GROUNDS FEE



Thanks for the BBQ Al!



A great day of networking and catching up with mates!





WBHS OBA PRESENTS...

# NETWORKING EVENT AND SNOOKER



A networking event for anyone who has "earned or learned" at Whangārei Boys' High School

Chips and Dip provided - Bar available!



Please RSVP by emailing - [communications@wbhsoba.co.nz](mailto:communications@wbhsoba.co.nz)

JUNE 15TH - 2022 ● 5 PM - 8 PM

THE WHANGĀREI CLUB ● 18 RUST AVE

\$5.00 NON-MEMBERS ● FREE FOR MEMBERS