

WBHS OBA

WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Presidents Report

Jarrold Goodall

I was not expecting to write a report in the newsletter this term, but I am re-energised to take on another year as the President of the WBHS OBA. I am buoyed by the support at the AGM and with the hard work that Treena is doing behind the scenes, we are going to build on the work that we have done over the past few years.

There was a very obvious topic at the AGM and it is a focused goal of being financially self-sufficient and able to fund the part-time administration role that Treena is currently employed in and Laureen in the previous year.

The reality is that this has only been achievable due to the very generous donation of one Old Boy but these funds are fast running out and we have to achieve the goal of attracting 300 active and subscribed members of the Association in the next 12 months.

This will result in \$18,000 of recurring funding that will ensure that all the administration duties are taken care of in a professional manner.

A subscription cost of \$60 a year is the cost of one coffee a month.

Not too much to ask to be a part of an association that dates back to 1981, with the most recent format being established around 18 years ago, and a school that has a proud 140-year history.

I personally pay from my Credit Card through the facility on the website. You can set this up via the following link:

<https://wbhsoba.co.nz/membership/>

What will you get for your money? We are committed to providing four networking events each year as well as providing support for reunions. We are also interested in assisting in networking events to be held in any City around the globe. We are very close to being able to launch the new database to the public which will also enable subscribed members to search and reach out to their old mates.

We will be sending out personalised emails requesting your commitment to being a member of the Old Boys' Association.

If you care about keeping the OBA strong and continuing in the direction that we are currently pursuing, I urge you to show us your support and help us in achieving our goal of having 300 active members.

Carpe diem
Jarrod Goodall

Whangārei High School

1895 - The first school house in Manse Street

High School Whangārei P.O. Box 7399

Principals Report

Karen Gilbert-Smith

Kia ora,

As many of you will be aware if you are passing by, the rebuild of the school is moving along at a great rate! Our plan is still to be moving into the new space to start the academic year 2022.

One of our challenges with having an amazing new school facility is that we are unable to use any of the rebuild funding to support developing Carruth House. Carruth is an amazing part of our school and it's long history is highly valued by the boys who live there today.

We have recently appointed a new Director of Boarding, Susan Dawson who some of you may know as an ex - Black Fern and owner along with her husband Colin, of Dawson Architects.

Colin and his father are Old Boys of WBHS and both he and Susan have a fantastic record of giving back to our community. We are lucky to have them!

As part of the marketing of Carruth, we have a scholarship available to fund one year of boarding offered through the school.

I would like to extend an opportunity to the wider Old Boys' network to create an additional scholarship that is an Old Boys' Scholarship - if anyone is interested in contributing to this I would love to hear from you.

Thank you to all of you who came along to the open evenings to look at the new school design and even use the virtual reality goggles to go on a virtual walkthrough of the new buildings.

If you missed out and would like to have a look, please pop into the school as the fly through video is set up in the foyer.

Finally we are planning one last hurrah for the existing school hall towards the end of the year - more details to follow soon.

Ngā mihi

Karen Gilbert-Smith
Principal
Whangārei Boys' High School

“121 Pupils & 6 Staff”



Carruth Boarding House

1969

Carruth Manager:

Mr. Clarke

Carruth Matron:

Mrs. Ayo

Staff:

Mr. Stevenson

Mr. Holmes

Mr. Gifford

Mr. Bull

Head Border:

G. Hannam

WBHS OBA AGM Minutes

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 17th May at 5.00 pm in the Staffroom at Whangārei Boys' High School.

It was an excellent turnout with 21 people attending. Please follow the link to read the full minutes:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mfXmLHxXBUUzXVAMqX6eN3o0D1JPOlh2/view?usp=sharing>

Meet the Executive Committee

President:

What is your name?

Jarrold Goodall



Nickname at School?

"The Bird", "JJ" and a few others I try to leave in the past

What is your connection with WBHS?

Student from 1995 to 1999

What was your favourite subject at school?

Economics and PE

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be?

Raising funds for the OBA to ensure that Treena can continue her awesome Admin work :)

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

We have a 1-year-old Cavoodle named Muffin (named by my two daughters).

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

"Loyal", "Serious" and "Always keen for a beer and or a laugh with mates"

What is one totally irrational fear you have?

Fear is not something I dwell on.

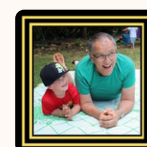
What are you most grateful for?

Being able to bring my family up in Whangārei. The city that I grew up in and am proud of. After working in Sydney and Hong Kong. I wasn't too sure if I would be lucky enough to be able to move home. This became a reality in 2011.

Vice President:

What is your name?

David Templeton



What is your connection with WBHS?

WBHS Pupil 1971 to 1973

What was your favourite subject at school?

Commercial Practice with Mr Mellor

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be?

Body Building

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

I am into Genealogy

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Smiley, positive and happy

What is one totally irrational fear you have?

Snakes

What are you most grateful for?

Life

President	Jarrold Goodall
Vice-President	David Templeton
Treasurer	Mark Wilson
Secretary	Treena Shrimpton
Exec Committee	Al Kirk
Exec Committee	Hans Brits
Exec Committee	John Barber
Patron	Karen Gilbert-Smith

Meet the Executive Committee

Executive Committee:

What is your name?

Al Kirk



What is your connection with WBHS?

Headmaster 2000 - mid-2015

What was your favourite subject at school?

Mathematics

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be?

Being a mechanic

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

I have been to the South Pole

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Pedantic, pedantic, pedantic

What is one totally irrational fear you have?

Heights

What are you most grateful for?

Having a wonderful family, being a teacher, and being Head of WBHS.

Secretary:

What is your name?

Treena Shrimpton



What is your connection with WBHS?

A current employee at Te Awatea Wellness Centre

What was your favourite subject at school?

Typing and Art

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be?

A paramedic and midwife

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

I used to be an AB Technician

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Creative, open-minded and kind

What is one totally irrational fear you have?

A completely RATIONAL fear of disgusting flying (and crawling) crickets!

What are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for my incredible family.

Executive Committee:

What is your name?

John Barber



What is your connection with WBHS?

Student between 1960 - 1964

What was your favourite subject at school?

Maths

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be?

The ranger on Limestone Matakahe Island

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

At 8 I could speak Hundastani better than I could speak Fijian

What words would your friends use to describe you?

Someone who isn't looking to be in the limelight

What is one totally irrational fear you have?

To be the first one to arrive at the scene of a motor accident where the car is on fire and there are people trapped inside.

What are you most grateful for?

The fulfilment of my Grandmother's wishes concerning my choice of wife and best mate-54 years on.

A message from an Old Boy

(How lucky are we?)

petervisser48@ziggo.nl

Fri, Mar 26 2021, 7:03 PM

Hi everyone,

Even though as an old boy (1962-1965) I live in the Netherlands I always read the communications avidly. The invite for Friday March 26 made me very jealous. To be able to get about and physically meet people, have a drink and a good conversation is fading.

We've been in lockdown here since last year, pubs, restaurants, shops closed since December 1st and curfew on from 9 p.m. Not that you can go anywhere. Haven't seen my family in over a year, haven't been able to travel. My last visit to NZ was in 2018 to see my daughter in Picton.

Have fun and have a drink on me and count yourselves lucky in this day and age.

Regards, Peter Visser

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.

Obituary

Maurice Dean

1934 - 2021

Headmaster - 1979 - 1992



Al Kirk with Maurie Dean

It is with genuine sadness that the Old Boys' Association acknowledges the passing of former Headmaster Maurie Dean on Sunday morning, 13th June.

Maurie replaced long-serving Headmaster Harry Clarke and quickly established himself as a strong and passionate advocate for the boys, the school, and Carruth House. He was a strong believer in standards - from high academic standards to supporting the arts and cultural pursuits in the school, as well as pushing for sporting excellence. Maurie loved his sport and was an enthusiastic tour party member of the WBHS rugby trip to Canada in 1992.

In 1981, Maurie helped organize the school Centenary and was responsible for starting the School Foundation, as well as the (initial) OBA - as a separate entity to the, (co-ed) Past Pupils Association. Maurie was also the Headmaster that was at the helm when the 1st rebuild of the school started to gather momentum in the early 1990s. Maurie's career was, unfortunately, seriously hampered by ill health, and he ended up taking early retirement in his mid-50s before many of his plans and ambitions for the school could be fully implemented.

The OBA and all boys who were at school during his tenure as Headmaster pass on their sympathy to Maurie's wife Margaret and the wider Dean whanau at this time of sadness and grief.

Leave the family a message by clicking the link below.

<https://notices.nzherald.co.nz/obituaries/nzherald-nz/obituary.aspx?n=maurice-albert-dean&pid=199045083&fhid=12720>

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 new 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.

Our "Fine Young Man" update

Aidan Scrooby

Kia Ora,

I was the recipient of the Old Boy's Association Fine Young Man award in 2020. Along with this, I received an AUT School Leavers Accommodation Scholarship, which has covered my entire years' worth of rent.

I decided to follow through with studying Physiotherapy at AUT. The financial pressure that has been lifted off my shoulders during my first year is immense, and I am extremely grateful for the scholarships that I received. This has allowed me to invest all my energy and focus into first my schoolwork, which has resulted in me producing consistent A's and B's thus far. The beginning of the year was difficult, to say the least. Adjusting to a new city, and an extremely time demanding course.

As time went on, I fell into a groove and have been loving the content of the course ever since.

The first semester was focused on building a general foundation of knowledge alongside other health science students, such as nurses.

Next semester we are being introduced to Physiotherapy practice, a bit more hands-on and practical by the sounds of things, which suits me well. I am looking forward to applying my first semester's knowledge into practice. I am a bit of a nerd for sport and health science, so I am right in my element.

I have taken a break from rugby this year, the first year I have not played a game since the age of 5, and have focused on my training in the gym, martial arts, and running. My athletic focus for this year is to complete the Kerikeri half marathon with a weighted vest, to raise awareness for mental health. I will reconsider lacing up the boots again next year, potentially playing for a North Shore under 21s team.

Finally, a big thank you to the Old Boy's association for their support.

Aidan Scrooby



Term One Networking Event



WBHS OBA
NETWORKING
& BOWLING
EVENING



32 PLAYERS!
WHAT A
GREAT TURNOUT!



AND THE
WINNER IS
....

HARRISON
JULE !!



WBHS SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT
LOOKING
FABULOUS!



THANKS
BOWLS
WHANGĀREI

