

WBHS OBA

WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

President's Report

Jarrold Goodall

We are living through interesting times, but we are progressing towards reaching our goal of getting 300 paid up members. If you know a mate interested in supporting the OBA and the School, then forward this newsletter to them.

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

The Endowment Trust has paid for new Gazebos for the School, so we continue to impact our school community positively.

The past quarter has been frustrating with the lockdown in Auckland, causing us to cancel Auckland's networking event and had to pull the pin on the November Golf Day as well (due to a lack of paid-up teams - we missed our Auckland mates!). Rest easy, though, boys, as we have already booked the course for late November 2022.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, it is more than appropriate to acknowledge and thank a number of people.

Firstly - Treena for doing such a marvellous job being the glue that holds us all together;

Thanks to Karen for the job she continues to do - not only successfully running the school but also being so focused on the rebuild and all the issues that must go with such a project. Thanks to the OBA Executive for their ongoing and continued support throughout the year - in particular, I would like to acknowledge retiring staff member Hans Brits, who has, for a number of years now, been the liaison between the OBA and rank and file staff. Thank you, Hans - you will be missed. Last but certainly not least - a huge thank you to all of you Old Boys who continue to support your old school and who continue to promote it around the community.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, safe and Covid-free Festive season, and all the best for 2022 - when I fervently hope we will be able to catch up again for Bowls (term 1), Snooker (term 2), Auckland catch up (term 3), and Golf (term 4).

Carpe Diem
Jarrod

Update on new school buildings

Hi everyone, just a quick update on things building to keep you in the loop.

We have all local subcontractors on site now and have had some of Leigh's carpentry team get exemptions to travel from Auckland. This is great news as no other MoE project has been successful in getting an exemption to travel.

There are some very strict site health and safety requirements, so for now, I would prefer to put any staff visits to the site on hold.

There is an issue with the supply of materials, as I'm sure you can imagine, specifically glass and aluminium, as a result of these being sourced from Auckland.

In the last week of term 3, all of the huge poplar trees and a number of the Monkey Apple trees by the fields were removed.

During the holidays the whare was relocated to the new area. Local Kaumatua Winiwini Kingi and Richard Shepherd attended the laying of the Mauri stone under the relocated whare.

It's frustrating and difficult to plan around, but at the end of the day, there is nothing we can do except be flexible and understanding about the challenges the contractors are facing. Covid continues to be the biggest risk to the completion on the (revised) programme.

Ngā mihi

Karen Gilbert-Smith
Principal
Whangārei Boys' High School



Click on the image above to go on a virtual tour of the new buildings



Moving the Whare



Click on the image above to watch a timelapse of the build process from 7/10/20



WBHS OBA Committee Members

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

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.



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Obituary



WBHS Student 1967 - 1969

New Zealand's leading sailing official, Jack Lloyd, passed away unexpectedly on Friday 10th September 2021 aged 67.

Born in Whangārei, in 1954, with two sisters, Jack grew up in the seaside suburb of Onerahi and, at eight years old, began sailing in a P-class at his local Onerahi Yacht Club.

After the P-class, Jack progressed through a couple of single-handed dinghy classes before inevitably heading into keelboat and offshore racing. After just four years at Whangārei Boys' High School, Jack served an apprenticeship in his father's business "Lloyds Saddlery & Sails".

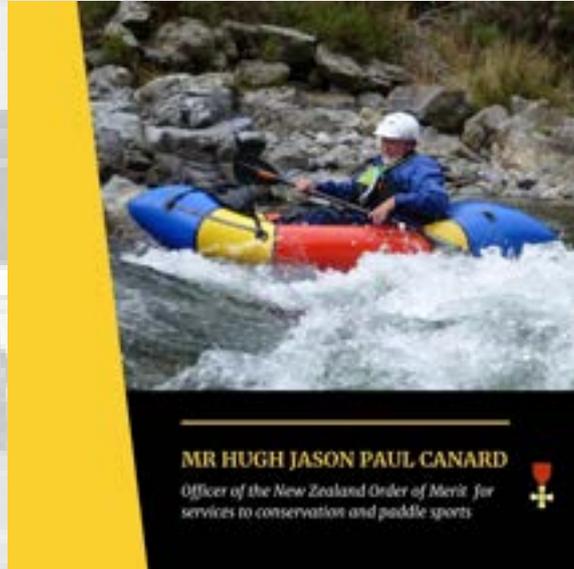
Jack Lloyd attended WBHS from 1967 to 1969.

[Follow this link to read more about Jack Lloyd's career](#)



Queens Birthday Honours 2021

Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit



Mr Hugh Canard was President of Whitewater New Zealand Incorporated from 1980 to 1990 and has been their Patron since 1992.

Mr Canard is a member of the Canterbury Regional Water Committee and has contributed to policy forums such as the Land and Water Forum and the National Objectives Framework Reference Group.

For around 30 years he has provided guidance for many of the board members responsible for representing the interests of paddle sports, river recreation and river conservation throughout New Zealand.

He has led hundreds of amateur kayaking and rafting trips for the Canterbury Whitewater Club. Over the past 40 years, he has been instrumental in securing Water Conservation Orders on the Kawarau, Buller, Grey, Rangitata and Mohaka rivers. With others, he purchased land alongside the Granity Rapid on the Buller River in order to retain public access.

He has been a member of the Tasman Environmental Trust, National Water Strategy Working Group, Adventure Tourism Council, and the Tekapo Whitewater Trust. He has chaired the Nelson-Marlborough Conservation Board.

He contributed to the establishment of the Sea Kayak Operators Association and developed certifications and codes of practice.

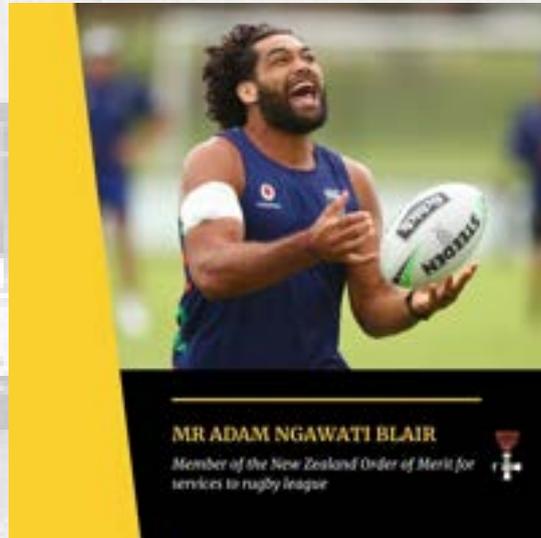
Mr Canard is currently a board member of the Packrafting Association of New Zealand.



WBHS Old Boy - 1956 - 1959

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Mr Adam Blair is the second person to play 50 rugby league tests for New Zealand and is the New Zealander with the most NRL appearances in the Australian Premiership with 331.

Mr Blair made his debut for New Zealand in 2006 and was a key player in New Zealand's first ever World Cup victory in 2008 against Australia.

He was named New Zealand Rugby League International Player of the Year in 2009 and was a front-row starter for the Kiwis in all Four Nations matches in 2014.

He was co-Captain in 2015 of the Kiwis squad that toured England, played in the 2017 Anzac Test, and was named Captain of the Kiwis' 2017 World Cup squad. He skippered the Māori All Stars against the Indigenous All Stars in 2019 and co-captained their victory in 2020.

He then played in every game for the Warriors 2020 season before retiring from playing.

His career has been recognised by the Northland Secondary Schools Rugby League Tournament playing for the Adam Blair trophy. He is an ambassador for Diabetes New Zealand and has supported a range of Warriors community programmes, with a special interest in wellbeing and mindfulness, particularly for young Māori.

Mr Blair is involved with the Rugby League Players' Association.



WBHS Old Boy - 2000 - 2002



Thank you to The Endowment Trust



The Endowment Trust has very generously provided the school with two new gazebos.

While sports events have had to be on hold with gatherings kept to a minimum due to Covid 19, the school offered Kensington Health the use of the gazebos for their vaccination clinic.

In the wet weather and under the hot sun, they have kept the incredibly busy staff and those getting vaccinated safe and dry!

Next year, we will be looking forward to getting back to full sports days where the gazebos will be put to excellent use, protecting our boys from the elements.



Term Two Networking Event



Former Head of Science and long serving staff member
Rod Watson & Beau Bucknell (2001 - 2004)



OBA President Jarrod Goodall (1995 - 1999)
& OBA ET Committee Member
Murray Holdaway (1970 - 1974)



Beau Bucknell, Grady Trail (Current Staff) &
Treena Shrimpton (Secretary/Current Staff)

**WBHS OBA
NETWORKING
& SNOOKER
EVENT**

16 JUNE 2021



Steven Brockbank (1997 - 2000) &
Ivan Howett (Current Staff)



Gaurav Correa (2006 - 2010)



OBA ET Committee Member Paul Ahlers (1976 - 1979),
OBA ET President Erc Angelo (1958 - 1962),
Murray Batger (1977 - 1979) and Steve Granger (1973 - 1978)

