



ST PETER'S
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ALUMNI

**Minutes of the St Peter's School
Alumni Association Incorporated Annual General Meeting
Held at the Functions Room
Saturday, 9 April 2011 at 10.00am**

Present: Quentin Allan, Fiona Brock, Karen Brock, John Coles, Noel Dwan, Ross Duder, Tim Fookes, Stuart Gouk, Alastair Hart, Julian Hughes, Bill Johnston, Nitin Khare, Bex McGuire, Raewyn Nel, Ivan Posa, Stephanie Robb, Steve Robb, Hugh Waugh

In Attendance: Diane Baker (Development Manager), Colette Barrett (Development Co-ordinator)

Proxy Votes:

FINANCIAL MEMBER

Hamish Andersen

Brielle Gillovic

Kurtis Gillovic

Kim Miller

Lee Miller

Scott Miller

Toni Miller

Zsalea Ofsoski

James Waugh

Les Waugh

Lohnet Waugh

Ashleigh-Rose Webb

Tal Weizman

ASSIGNED PROXY

Hugh Waugh

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David Heald	Raewyn Nel
Richard Wrightson	Ross Duder
David Nicoll	Quentin Allan
Tudor Bostock	John Coles
Philip Coles	John Coles
Kenneth Chandler	John Coles
John Duder	John Coles
David Dunningham	John Coles
Alan (Sandy) Mill	John Coles
Charles (Eric) Parr	John Coles
Peter B Smith (1953-54)	John Coles
Malcolm Waller	John Coles
Owen Woolley	John Coles
Deanna Bayley	Stephanie Robb
Adam Brown	Stephanie Robb
Timothy Calder	Stephanie Robb
Amy Childs (nee Corkill)	Stephanie Robb
Anita Lala	Stephanie Robb
Blake Lupton	Stephanie Robb
Linda Pelham	Stephanie Robb
Alexander Robb	Stephanie Robb
Nicholas Robb	Stephanie Robb
Hamish Roderick	Stephanie Robb
Matthew Saville	Stephanie Robb
Victoria van der Spek	Stephanie Robb
Kate von Biel	Stephanie Robb
Gretchen Young	Stephanie Robb
James McLaughlin	Tim Fookes
Roger Matthews	Tim Fookes
Robert Seabrook	Tim Fookes
David Wybourne	Tim Fookes
Montie Baskett	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Luke Bodle	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Aran Brown	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Jason Enright	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
James Hawkes	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
David McLaughlin	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Richard Matthews	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Blair Siegel	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Kriselle Smith (nee Richards)	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)

Campbell Stent	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Janey Wackrow	Rebecca McGuire (nee Leigh)
Mili Posa	Ivan Posa
Zachary Posa	Ivan Posa

Voting Strength: 75

The meeting commenced at 10.10am

Formal welcome and opening of the Annual General Meeting by the Chairperson, Stuart Gouk.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Hamish Anderson, Jeff Andersen, Montie Baskett, Deanna Bayley, Luke Bodle, Tudor Bostock, Adam Brown, Aran Brown, Tim Calder, Kenneth Chandler, Amy Childs (nee Corkill), Basil Coles, Philip Coles, Donald Currey, John Duder, David Dunningham, Jason Enright, Brielle Gillovic, Kurtis Gillovic, James Hawkes, David Heald, Anna Hughes, Dylan Hughes, Anita Lala, Blake Lupton, David McLaughlin, James McLaughlin, Richard Matthews, Roger Matthews, Alan (Sandy) Mill, Andrew Robert Miller, Kim Miller, Lee Miller, Scott Miller, Toni Miller, Glenn Morgan, David Nicoll, Zsalea Ofsoski, Charles (Eric) Parr, Linda Pelham, Mili Posa, Zach Posa, Alexander Robb, Nicholas Robb, Hamish Roderick, Matthew Saville, Robert Seabrook, John Sear, Alastair Shanks, Blair Siegel, Kriselle Smith (nee Richards), Peter B Smith (1953-54), Campbell Stent, Geoff Thomas, Victoria van der Spek, Kate von Biel, Janey Wackrow, Malcolm Waller, James Waugh, Les Waugh, Lohnet Waugh, Ashleigh-Rose Webb, Tal Weizman, Ann-Kaisa Wilson, Owen Woolley, Richard Wrightson, David Wybourne, Gretchen Young.

Moved *"that the apologies be accepted."*

Gouk / Coles (Carried)

2. Previous Minutes

Moved *"that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record."*

Gouk / Posa (Carried)

3. Matters Arising

Nil

4. Chairperson's Report

Stuart Gouk spoke to his report.

Presidents Report 2011

Again, last year was a very active year for the Alumni and its Committee.

Not only did we have the 75th Jubilee to work on, we also worked on some foundation work to ensure that the vision of the Alumni is not only captured, but not lost moving forward.

This included the development of an Investment Policy and Portfolio for the Alumni Funds. The Policy was activated this year and will ensure the funds of the Alumni are invested not only to gain maximum return, but to close out the exposure of our funds. (ie, not all of our eggs are in the one basket)

As mentioned above; the 75th Jubilee. In my view, some more work will need to be done to get both the School and the Alumni working together on future project and this is very much a focus of your Committee.

We have developed a Project List and have just about closed off the master slave clock restoration. You will be able to see this above the current staff common room. This eventually will be connected back to the Master Clock in the Main Reception area.

We also activated a new Scholarship to the school from the Alumni. This being the "Alumni Organ Scholarship" The vision here is to ensure the playing of the school chapel organ is not lost. The scholarship is to assist a pupil with tuition fee's.

We have the proposed Waimarino Chalet. This will involve fund raising from the Alumni of more than \$250,000.

Lastly, we have the Charter. Whilst not complete, it is a long way in its development. This is where the vision is captured and is to be reviewed by the committee annually. At this point, I wish to acknowledge Quentin Allen for his work on this project. Thank you.

I also acknowledge and appreciate the support given to the Alumni by the schools administration staff.

So as can be seen, the Committee has been very busy.

This year we have Lee and Quentin stepping down from the Committee so we look forward to some new blood coming through and I look forward to the election of the new Committee at this AGM.

Stuart Gouk. (1974-79)

Moved *"that the Chairperson's report be accepted."*

Posa / McGuire (Carried)

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

Financial Statement prepared by Sandra Morrison.

Hugh Waugh presented this report.

Moved *"that the Financial report be accepted"*

Hart / Gouk (Carried)

6. Principal's Report

Steve Robb spoke to his report.

2011 Principal's Report to Alumni

Start of Year

New year has begun smoothly. Tough economic background for many families. Overall roll currently 1043, 420 boarders, with 150 in Prep School. Three new teachers (two Long Term Relieving).

Major Projects

Four Science Laboratories refurbished. Main Block. Safety upgrade completed. Upgrade of site for 75th Jubilee.

75th Jubilee Celebrations

On 22 February, we celebrated the exact date of the opening of our school, at a full school assembly. The event included an outline of the official opening in 1936, from the recently completed School History. School Archivist, Mr Cain, spoke to a video of the building of Main Block and Chapel, and students sang a waiata and a 200 strong group of boys performed the School Haka. It is at times like these that we can all reflect on our roots, and the importance of History, in the development of our School.

Celebration Weekend 11 – 13 March, 2011

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It was a splendid weekend in every way as 470 people gathered to celebrate 75 years here as a School. From the Friday evening launch of the School History through the School tours, photographs, Dinner and Chapel Service, there was a happy buzz among all present. The weekend was a great success and the networking will continue to grow over the coming years, as we head towards our 100th in 2036! We have thanked our Jubilee Committee, staff, students and supporters for their outstanding work in hosting the festive occasion.

75th Jubilee Sculpture

On 10 March, the sculpture was blessed and unveiled. First day boy, Mr Grey Whitney unveiled the sculpture, following the blessing by our Chaplain, Mr Tweddell. Students sang a waiata and boys performed the School haka. Chel Chan, Year 13, whose concept was developed by our Tech Arts staff, spoke to her design, along with Mrs Buckley, HOF Tech Arts, and Mrs Thomas, HOD Junior Art.

We acknowledge the huge amount of work and teamwork by our Tech Arts staff, support staff, A & G Price Foundry and Opal Glass, in bringing this work of art to fruition. The work of art reflects our Founder's wish to develop each student in Body, Mind and Spirit and is a most appropriate addition to our art collection. We thank the Trust Board for their financial support for such works of art to be developed around the School over the coming years.

Three School Goals For 2011

1. BODY commitment to completing tasks by planning, meeting deadlines and prioritising.
2. MIND raising achievement in academic endeavours.
3. SPIRIT building on our past in our 75th year through relationships.

Academic

100% pass rate in IB Diploma. 11 students gained top marks of 7 out of 7 in 19 subjects. 14 Scholarships in 2010 – an excellent result. NCEA pass rates Level 1 – 88.1%, Level 2 – 98.1%, Level 3 – 83.6%. The I.B. Diploma now has 33 students in Year 13, 40 in Year 12. Excellent results so far.

School Ball

Our School Ball is now held midweek, with no after ball.

Student Highlights Included

1. 1st XV Rugby runner up in the Waikato Premier 1st XV competition. An unbeaten run until the final.
2. Boys Tennis Team won the New Zealand National team title for the third year running, beating Westlake Boys High School in the final, without losing a match throughout the week. The co-ed team won silver.
3. 1st XI Boys Cricket won the Waikato 1st XI final, of the Waikato Premier competition, and retained the Dave Hosken Trophy.
4. Mixed Touch Team won the New Zealand Mixed Touch final.
5. Rowing was ranked second in the North Island Champs (16 medals), and in NZSS Rowing 2010, was top New Zealand Sculling School and third in New Zealand overall.
6. Swimming Academy placed second in the North Island champs. Now has 420 plus members.
7. Girls Soccer placed second in New Zealand Premier Girls Tournament. Only loss of the season was 1-0 to Mt Albert Grammar School in the final.
8. Open A Netball placed tenth in A Grade North Island Netball Tournament.
9. Equestrian has New Zealand reps, North Island and Waikato titles.
10. Cycling won New Zealand and North Island titles.
11. Golf won Waikato title and had New Zealand reps.
12. School Production This year "My Fair Lady"
13. Waipa District Council Biodiversity Award awarded for Wetlands Project on the School Farm.
14. Music gold medals awarded to the Orchestra, String Orchestra and Jazz Band.
15. Finalists in Rockquest, Lions Young Speechmaker, Mooting, and Orchestra. Our debating team won the Waikato Secondary Schools Final.
16. Prep Rugby won the South Waikato competition.
17. Cheerleading our Cheerleading team won gold in two competitions.
18. Showjumping Jake Lambert won silver in Showjumping at the Junior Olympic Games.

19. Prep Hockey 1st XI won the A Grade Waikato Final.

Scholarships

Thank you for your continuing support for Scholarships. There has been huge demand for financial assistance in the current economic climate.

Conclusion

St Peter's is in an excellent position to continue to thrive into the future. With a sound financial, facility, land, staffing, student and parental position, we are continuing to strive for excellence in everything we do.

SF Robb
Principal

Moved *"that the Principal's report be accepted"*

Coles / Khare (Carried)

7. Trust Board Report

Raewyn Nel spoke to her report.

Trust Board Alumni Representative Report 2011

As my first year representing the Alumni on the St Peter's Trust Board, it has been a year full of meetings, learning and an occasional lighter moment. But I am pleased to be able report back to you that the governance of St Peter's School is undertaken by a dedicated group of people whose wide variety of skills create a Board that is diverse but cohesive in thought and action.

The Board was chaired, once again, by longstanding Board member Arthur Bryan. There was a change in the Deputy Chair, as Dr Linda Rademaker stood down from this role due to work commitments. The Deputy Chair position was filled by David Heald, one of our very own Alumni. And Karen Blue, the Parent Association representative, joined me as the only other Board Newbie. But it is now with regret that Linda Rademaker has recently indicated that she will be leaving the Trust Board at the upcoming AGM, because of other obligations.

The school role remains steady at nearly 1040 students. Demand is so strong in the Prep area of the school that the addition of another Year 8 class has been necessary. In these continuing difficult financial times the steady demand for positions in the school is a testament to the superior environment and facilities and the high quality education that is available. These results are a credit to the hard work of the management team.

During the year the Board has continued to maintain and improve the schools facilities to the extremely high standard that is now the norm here. The older Science labs were upgraded to bring them in line with the new Science amenities that were completed the previous year.

Seismic strengthening in the administration building was also completed. The recent Christchurch earthquake has been reinforcement of the importance in ensuring that essential maintenance such as this is not optional.

The Prep block now has a new deck built on its Quad side, with french doors opening from the class rooms onto this new outdoor space. This addition certainly enhances the usability and flexibility of these teaching spaces. And is much appreciated by students and staff alike and encourages the quad area to be used more.

Planning for Waimarino, an Outdoor Education Centre, at National Park continues. This facility will definitely be another jewel in St Peter's crown. And with the wide variety of options for school trips and camps that will be available at Waimarino due to the way this land is being developed and its location, means it will definitely benefit and challenge the entire school body multiple times as they journey through their

school years at St Peter's. While the buildings have been planned to be functional and modest making the camps there a little easier than the wild and rough Urewera camps that some of us may remember, they will be no less adventurous and character building. It is envisioned that the development of the buildings at Waimarino will be facilitated through donations and this would definitely be a very worthwhile cause for Alumni members to contribute to. An Alumni chalet would be a wonderful way for past students to show their support to the school.

I am also pleased to be able to convey to you the wholehearted support that the Trust Board has for the new Alumni Organ Scholarship that has been launched to coincide with the 75th Jubilee. This scholarship will enable a student to have the support and resources to be able to improve their organ playing. It will ensure that this wonderful instrument continues to be played and enjoyed by the school community. The timing of the Alumni Organ Scholarship coincides with the investigation into the development of a Sacred Music program in the school.

And now I would like to remind us all, that in this 75th year since the opening of St Peter's School that we, the past students, should continue to remember that we are the people we are today because of our time here. The Alumni are such integral members of the St Peter's community and this relationship can only grow and strengthen over time as we support our school.

END REPORT

Moved *"that the Trust Board report be accepted."*

Waugh / Posa (Carried)

8. Election of Officers

Officer	Nominee	Nominated by / Seconded	Elected
President	Stuart Gouk Philip Coles	Waugh / Posa McGuire / Coles	Philip Coles
Vice President	Ross Duder	McGuire / Hughes	Ross Duder
Secretary	Raewyn Nel	Alan / Waugh	Raewyn Nel
Treasurer	Hugh Waugh Karen Brock	Posa / J. Coles McGuire / Fookes	Karen Brock
Trust Board Representative	Raewyn Nel	Posa / Allan	Raewyn Nel
Foundation Representative	Philip Coles Nitin Khare	Hughes / Coles Robb / McGuire	Nitin Khare

Committee	Nominated by / Seconded	Elected
Linda Pelham	Robb / Khare	Linda Pelham
Rebecca McGuire	Hughes / Khare	Rebecca McGuire
Tim Fookes	McGuire / Hughes	Tim Fookes
Alistair Hart	Allan / Gouk	Alastair Hart
Hugh Waugh	Hart / Gouk	

John Coles called for thanks to be extended to the members of the outgoing Executive Committee who weren't re-elected for all the work they have done over the previous year. Ross Duder seconded.

10.50am. Stuart Gouk stood aside as the Chairman and Ross Duder took over in the President's absence.

Ross Duder introduced himself to the meeting.

General Business

Alumni Website Update:

Quentin Allan updated the meeting on the Alumni's website. Although Quentin has stood down from the Executive Committee he is happy to continue to working on the website in an editorial capacity. There is potential for information that was researched by the Hamilton brothers for the 75th Jubilee book that was not published to be made available. Publish an online register of past students of the school.

Moved *"that Quentin Allan remain a member of the Website Subcommittee."*

Duder / Fookes (*Carried*)

A thanks was given to Di and Colette for their assistance.

Julian Hughes asked for a vote of thanks to Quentin Allan and Raewyn Nel for all the work they do on the Alumni website. Tim Fookes seconded this.

Alumni Projects:

Quentin Allan gave the meeting an update on projects that have been undertaken by the Alumni.

- Thornton Memorial [1980]
- Organ Restoration [1988]
Alumni have contributed to maintain/upgrading the organ twice. John Coles would like the Alumni to contribute to the restoration of the organ that is now required. Project still with the Trust Board. At this stage what is involved to restore the organ has not been confirmed and therefore the cost associated for this is unknown. Further information will become available later. Can older Alumni be approached to contribute first as they show a particular interest in the organ? It was suggested that an R & M fund could be made from revenue from weddings held in the chapel to ensure funds for future maintenance. Raewyn Nel will raise this with the Trust Board.
- Alumni Scholarship [2002]
Currently self funding. Feeling is that more scholarships from the Alumni would be good.
- Alumni Fountain [2008]
- Sundial Restoration [2008]
- Brock Pool – Alumni Lane [20010]
- Clock Restoration [2011]
Will be hung soon.
- Alumni Organ Scholarship [2011]
There were music schools in the past, can they be reinstated? Steve Robb explained that there are some current similar initiatives occurring. Previously they were provided by outside parties and discussions about these continue.
- Waimarino Chalet [Proposed]
At this stage the Alumni hasn't committed to a particular amount for this project. It is the major project of the school this year, so it is important for the Alumni, a focus. If all Alumni members gave \$100 to the project the Alumni could easily give a chalet to the school. A vote took place to see how many of the members present would be prepared to give \$100. There was a show of 9 hands from the floor. Disappointment over how Waimarino was presented at the Alumni meeting at the 75th Jubilee. To appeal to Alumni the key is to make reference to memories of the camps at the Ureweras. The Chairman said that the Committee should visit Waimarino sometime this year.
- Achiever's Flagpole [Proposed]

A list of projects was received from Alumni at the 75th Jubilee weekend.

1. Wooden benches for watching cricket.
Nice to have but not high priority
2. Website facility for international Alumni members to contact each other.
High support for this and often requested. Is privacy an issue? Not if people are posting their contact details themselves. Could utilise other networking sites such as Facebook or Old Friends to achieve this. A priority to encourage member networking. Website subcommittee will be looking into this.
3. Reinstate the monorail.
Not safe.
4. Convert old 16mm films of school opening, 25th Jubilee, & 1972 senior school opening to DVD.
Di thinks this has been done, will check.
5. Commission portrait of Jimmy Beaufort.
Contact older old boys to get a feeling of the interest in this, possible to fund through donations.
6. Release the 33rpm Guyon Wells Choir record as a CD.
This has been done. There is a copyright issue. Available from the Development Office for a charge.
7. Reinstate the red path running from the old pavilion to former orchard.
Identified as very low priority.

London 75th Reunion Dinner:

Currently being organized. David Wybourne is finding a venue in London. To be held on 16th June 2011. Will be attended by Steve and Claire Robb as they will be in London at this time while Steve is on sabbatical. The event will be advertised when the details have been confirmed via the website, Facebook and mailout. Ross Duder said that an Alumni Report from Philip Coles should be delivered at the gathering.

Other general business from the floor:

Miss Swears Picture:

John Coles said that this has been removed from the wall in the hall to the Principal's office, for maintenance and would like to see it rehung in a prominent place. Steve Robb acknowledged the importance of the portraits to be displayed but the school will look into this and identify places to hang portraits. Steve also said that students have indicated that the history of the school is important to them and they enjoy learning about this.

School Archives:

John Coles said the Archives Room needs to be organised. Asked if this is being sorted out. Steve Robb said this is an ongoing project and looked after by the library (Head Librarian is Kay Greed) and Development Office.

Music Cup:

Julian Hughes would like the Alumni present a cup for the Bevan Cup competition for a student who has the ability to lead the school in song (probably a piano player) for the school song and the national anthem (both God Save the Queen and God of Nations). Julian suggested that the school song is not used at school occasions often and there is a risk of this tradition being lost. The Chairman said that this would be put to the incoming committee.

Lifetime Membership:

Quentin Allan would like the Alumni to open up its membership register in the 75th year to all past students who aren't financial members and automatically make all past pupils Alumni members. I.e. forgive them the membership fee. There is a lot of enthusiasm for the school and Alumni following the Jubilee weekend and this could be a way to get past students to connect and contribute. It was also raised that there are cases where past students have paid memberships but are not on the Alumni register. This is a known problem and can be difficult to verify their membership status. Often handled on a case-by-case basis. Di Baker from the Development Office said it is easy to tell if membership claims were genuine and membership was honoured in these situations.

How many people would be given memberships? Development Office said that there are approximately 7,000 past students and currently 2155 financial Alumni members. At present nearly all students become Alumni Life Members when they leave the school as since 2003 a student's Imprest deposit automatically converts to an Alumni Life membership when a student leaves the school unless they ask not to become a member. Before 2003 membership was opt in and a leaver became a member when they asked for the Imprest deposit to become a Life Membership. Earlier, c. 1990 and before, membership was through sign up and payment. Could giving membership to all past students who haven't become members already devalue the membership of those who have paid? Maybe people have opted out without realising the importance of maintaining contact and being involved with the school. There have been comments from past students that they feel the school only contacts them if they want something from them. All past students, where possible, were contacted for the 75th Jubilee; many didn't send back forms for the register.

Suggestions from the floor were:

- Offer free membership to all past students who aren't members
- Have a membership amnesty, but let people contact us if they want to take up the offer.
- Offer membership at a discounted rate for Jubilee attendees.

Moved *"that the Executive Committee will explore offering discounted membership to past pupils who attended the 75th Jubilee, who are not already financial Alumni members."*

Khare / Allan (Carried)

The Chairman thanked the members for attending the meeting and their input.

The meeting concluded at 12:25pm

Chairperson

Date