



# The Patsman

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## Welcome from the President



Tēnā kotou katōa, ko Ngati Kahungunu tōku Iwi, kei Orongomai ahau e noho ana, ko Manuel tōku ingoa, tenei ka mihi. Hello everyone, I am Manuel Dalton, Stream old boy (90 - 93) and as newly elected President of the Old Boys Association, thought I had better throw some words together to introduce myself. I was born in Upper Hutt, with my ancestors being founding fathers of Upper Hutt Borough, names such as Bengé and Gillies if you're familiar with the region. Both my parents still reside here, and I have a sister in Kapiti. I have two sons, Wesley (24) and Reihana (22) who both attended Stream. My wife Joy has two daughters, Madison (29) and Olivia (17) and we reside in Trentham, with Liv and our two dogs.

I left college in 6th form (year 12) as I was a bit of a rat bag and thought I knew it all and education just wasn't for me. I wanted to get out of Upper Hutt so after doing a bit of work experience and a polytech course, at 18 I joined the military as an automotive technician (mechanic). Originally joined the Air Force, and after being in five years the Air Force went through a restructure so I came across to the 'green machine' (NZ Army). Before leaving the Air Force I was deployed to Bougainville Papua New Guinea as an Aircraft Refueller, where we gassed up the Australian Army Iroquois from 171 Squadron to run their sorties.

Moving from Ohakea in Bulls over to Linton in Palmerston North I was still away from Upper Hutt but could visit my folks often enough. While at Linton I was posted to 2 Workshop Company, as well as 2 Engineer Workshops as the IC of the small motors bay, responsible for things like fire pumps, outboard motors, and chainsaws. I also deployed on Batt 6 to East Timor Indonesia while in Linton, however once I did the LAV Maintainers course down in Trentham and my inherent ability to teach became apparent and I subsequently received a posting to the trade Training School, Trentham! So my

10 year stint away saw me back again, but this time as a much more mature 29 year old with two sons. It was then I realized how blessed we were to call Upper Hutt home. The country's capital one way, the rural Wairarapa the other, and the Kapiti coast just on our doorstep. Parks, ranges, sea, walks, rides, a realization Upper Hutt is a good city. I have remained in Trentham Camp since and held various roles, mainly in the training space but in recent years I have gravitated toward the youth work we do in NZDF, resulting in me changing trades to Youth Development Specialist. I have been a Platoon Commander at the Youth Development Unit here, and the Training Development Officer at NZ cadet Force Headquarters. My current position with work is as the Camp Warrant Officer for Trentham Camp. I am the right hand man to the Officer in Charge and ensure smooth running of the Camp itself.

As a result of having my sons, and knowing now it is my nature to want to help, I started coaching. Kids' rugby at first, but over the years I have coached/managed/trained/massaged/strapped for rugby, boxing, touch, and netball. I have been a trainer for corporate boxing events (and even stepped into the ring for one), but a highlight recently was playing Rugby League alongside both my sons for the Trentham Titans Premier Reserve League team. I understand my place on this planet is built for servitude, and as such I fill my life up helping as many as I can, without asking for recognition or praise. Here are some examples.

I was a part time boarding supervisor at Stream for several years (six from memory) as I felt that I had a lot to give back in that space, mentoring and role modelling for the young men in the hostel.

My wife and I run a Charitable Trust named Fuel the Need. It provides nutritious healthy lunches endorsed by Life Education Trust to schoolkids in Upper Hutt who would otherwise normally go without. We have an amazing group of volunteers who make and deliver lunches to almost every school in Upper Hutt. We've been doing this since 2016.

I run a fitness business (BaseFit) which delivers fitness training for Wellington Recruiting on a Monday night in Petone. This gives those people who have started the application process exposure to 'military styled' fitness training before they enlist

and head to basic training.

I hold various roles and positions inside Defence. I am the Club Captain of the Wellington Area Sports Club (WASC) Trentham Camp. I am on the NZ Army Touch Committee, I am an Assistant Physical Training Instructor (APTI), and I am the Assistant Trade Advisor for Youth Development Specialists in Defence. When time allows my hobbies include diving, fishing, hunting, and Australian muscle cars.

I was never a magnificent sportsman but have enjoyed a few things over the years. I have played NZDF Touch since 2009 but now take on more management roles. I toured with the NZDF team to compete against the Australian Defence Force in 2013. I was part of the winning touch team for Wellington in 2015 taking gold that year at NZ Nationals. I also completed the 2021 Ironman in Taupo, one and done, never again. And of course as mentioned playing league alongside my sons in 2023. 2023.

Of note, I have played in eight of the 10 (first two were over 40's) Old Boys Traditional rugby games that this Association hosts, with the last game seeing the score tally tied at five each, and me walking away having torn my triceps tendon off the bone at the elbow. One operation and nine months rehab ahead of me, perhaps just in time to play in 2025 at Stream and earn the W?!? (or do I listen to my body (and my wife)) and become a spectator?

I hope that has given you a small insight into who I am, before I



close I just wanted to touch on a proverb that rang true to me. Like I said, I was a bit of a rat bag growing up, but I think I was given a solid foundation to find my way, and that includes my time at St Pats. While I didn't particularly like being at school, I can now reflect back and see that this school, the Marist institution put me in good stead moving forward, and I turned out alright. Here it is:

- Tangata ako ana I te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana. (A person who is taught at home, will stand collected at the marae).

A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within their family, will not only behave well amongst family but also within society and throughout life. I read home and family to also include schools, teachers, friends, and colleagues. Something to ponder.

Thanks for reading this far, I look forward to serving our community.

No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā kotou, tēnā tatou katoa.

Sectare Fidem.

**MANUEL DALTON**  
SPCOBA PRESIDENT

## Merry Christmas from the Rectors



MIKE SAVALI

I extend my gratitude to the St Patrick's College Old Boys Association for their unwavering support of our two kura. Your contributions, both visible and behind the scenes, play a vital role in enriching the lives of our students and preserving Catholic, Marist education within our kura. I appreciate your dedication and generosity, which continue to inspire and strengthen our community. Wishing you all the very best in your future endeavors and ongoing efforts to foster connection and support among Old Boys. Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te Tau Hou ki a koutou katoa. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Have a blessed Christmas and an enjoyable holiday.

Ngāa mihi  
Mike

Wishing all St Patricks College Old Boys a joyful and blessed Christmas season. May this special time bring you and your whanau peace, happiness and cherished memories. As we reflect on the year gone by, let us celebrate the enduring bond of our Old Boys community and look forward to the year ahead.

Meri Kirihimete.

Stay safe and God bless you all.

Sectare fidem



ROB FERREIRA



## Farewell from Former Past President Brad Hudson



This is my last report as President of the association. The five years I have been President have been amazing and there have been some special moments that I will remember.

Hearing stories from old boys about their achievements, mahi, and community service is what makes old boys from both Town and Stream special.

2023 - 2024 has been a busy one for the association. I would like to mention and thank our committee members. Your efforts and hard work engaging old boy's and preserving the history of both colleges is greatly appreciated. It is a pleasure having worked with you all over the last five years. It was great to have

Luke Meredith and Ankit Bhasin join the committee after last year's AGM. Both are Town old boys and have increased the Town representative on the committee. They both bring a wealth of experience from the business world.

St Patrick's College Silverstream had a good 2024 with the college being joint winners of the O'Shea Shield public speaking competition. The rugby programme continues to grow stronger under the leadership of Tim Mannix. The 1st XI Football team also won the Trevor Rugby Football final beating Hutt International Boys School 3-2.

St Patrick's College Wellington have completed the Chanel block redevelopment which is a new modern learning facility which has improved the image of the college. With the revitalisation project entering the final stages, the college will be glad to see the end of building work that has been going on since 2012.

We will continue to support both colleges and are grateful for the support of the two rectors Mike Savali (Town) and Rob Ferreira (Stream). The association continues to offer scholarships to year 9 students and financially support the winter exchange between both colleges.

The Old Boy of the year recipient for 2023 was Stream Old Boy and Upper Hutt Mayor Wayne Guppy. A gathering of offriends, family and former Old Boys of the Year was held at St Patrick's College Silverstream in April 2024 to recognise Wayne's achievement. Previous winner Evan Bayly presented Wayne with the Felix Kane Cup. It was a great afternoon that was well catered for.

Finally, remember, to pay your fee.

Take Care and God Bless

**BRAD HUDSON**  
**SILVERSTREAM 2000-2004**

## Annual General Meeting Report 2024

The St Pats Old Boys AGM was held via Zoom on Wednesday 19th June.

We had a great turn out of Old Boys from all walks of life. Thirty-six old boys attended from all around the world, the furthest away was John Authers (Stream 1981-84) from Texas, the oldest old boy was Graeme Brittenden who attended Silverstream between 1950-53 & called in from Queensland and the youngest old boy was Noah Jefferson (2019-2023) who just finished St Pats Town last year.

We had great presentations from both colleges. Thanks to Mark Houghton, Assistant Rector of Stream & Stream Old Boy (1998-2002) and Business Manager of Town & Town old boy Matt Buck (1987-91), Heston Stanley, chair Town BOT (193-97), Shane Dinnan, Chair of Town's Proprietors & Stream old boy 1981-85 and Chair of Stream Foundation, Katrina Mannix.

Stream old boy Manuel Dalton (1990-93) was elected the new President of the St Pats Old Boy Association - Congratulations Manuel, Sectare Fidem brother!  
George Collins (Stream 1980-84) was re-elected as Secretary  
Sean Mahony (Stream 1981-85) was reelected as Treasurer.  
Brad Hudson (Stream 2000-04) is now the Immediate Past President.



### 2024/25 SPCOBA Executive Committee (from top left to right)

Sean Mahony (Stream 1981-85)  
Chris McCarthy (Town 1972-76)  
Luke Meredith (Town 1975-80)  
Ankit Bhasin (Town 1996-2000)  
Manuel Dalton (Stream 1990-93)  
Evan Bayly (Town 1970-74)  
George Collins (Stream 1980-84)  
Fr Peter Ewart (Town 1954-59)  
Brad Hudson (Stream 2000-04)

## Keeping Connected



In addition to the Patsman (our newsletter), we have our website [www.spcob.org.nz](http://www.spcob.org.nz), our Facebook page, group, and Instagram.

You can locate us on Facebook from a link in our website or within Facebook itself. It is a closed group so you must request to join the group, on the premise that you have attended either college or are a 'friend' of the college(s). Once your request is accepted you can also add your own Facebook friends who have attended either college. Editorial license is the right of the

Administrator.

We also have a "like" page. To view this please go to [www.facebook.com/spcobnz/](http://www.facebook.com/spcobnz/). Please visit this page and "like" it and please tell all your friends.

Those of you that have Instagram as your social media source, you can follow us @stpatrickscollegeold

Want to give us feedback, let us know changes to your details or want to keep us informed about old boys. Please email the Secretary at [secretary@spcob.org.nz](mailto:secretary@spcob.org.nz), or write to SPCOB Association, PO Box 1007, Wellington.

## Old Boy of The Year 2023 Wayne Guppy



Mayoral Forum

- A board member of Orongomai Marae in Upper Hutt
- President of the Wellington Racing club

The Guppy family have had a long association with St Patrick's College, Silverstream. Wayne was a student at the college between 1968-72, a prefect in 1972 and over the last 40 years, the Guppy name has been associated with Silverstream rugby. Wayne himself coached the First XV with Welsh International Robert Ackerman, Wayne's father, Colin, & brother Mark either coached or managed and Wayne played in the 1971-72 sides and Mark, in the unbeaten 1973 side.

Upper Hutt qualified as a city in 1965, and this status was officially conferred in 1966, with Upper Hutt becoming a city council. Over 57 years, Upper Hutt has had five Mayors. A St Pats Old Boy has led the city for 46 years; Rex Kirton (S 55-60) from 1977 to 2001 and then Wayne Guppy from 2001 until now - 22 years. Last year Wayne won his eighth term, a record that makes him one of New Zealand's longest serving Mayors.

The Felix Kane Cup for St Patrick's College Old Boy of the year is about promoting the service & betterment of all people. It is awarded annually.

Wayne Noel Guppy (Stream 1968-72) was awarded the Felix Kane Cup for Old Boy of The Year, 2023. Wayne has given a lifetime of service through his leadership and building of communities;

- Lecturer in Clinical pharmacy (and a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Nebraska Medical Centre)
- Chairman of the pharmacy practice department at the old CIT
- Local Pharmacist with his wife Sue

at Guppy's Dispensary, 53 Main Street Upper Hutt, serving the local community.

- Coach of the Swindale Shield winning Upper Hutt Rugby team.
- President of the Upper Hutt Rugby Club
- Coach of the Wellington Development Rugby Team
- Mayor of Upper Hutt
- Deputy Chair of the Capital Coast & Hutt Valley DHB
- Chair of the Wellington Region



**Wayne Guppy receiving the Felix Kane Trophy from 2022 Winner Evan Bayly.**





**Wayne's supporters from left to right: Paul Coles, Murray Tocker, Wayne Guppy, Tim Coles, Tony Sellars, Geoff Topp**



**Previous winners of the Felix Cane Cup from left to right: John Ryall, Grant Quinn, Wayne Guppy, Evan Bayly, Sir Patrick Mahoney**

## Fr David Dowling appointed Rector at Holy Cross Seminary Auckland

SOURCE: NZ CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER



Father David Dowling (Town 1979-82) has been appointed the new rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. The appointment has been confirmed by the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation. Fr David is at present the Human Formator at Holy Cross. He will take over the role in April. Holy Cross Seminary is the national seminary for the education and formation of diocesan priests for the Catholic Church in New Zealand.

Fr David is a priest of the Archdiocese of Wellington whose priestly journey began

when he entered Holy Cross in 2001 after an 18-year career as a Customs officer. A born Wellingtonian and proud supporter of the Hurricanes, he attended St Patrick's College, Wellington before his Customs career. He studied for the priesthood at Holy Cross from 2001 to 2007 and was ordained in Wellington on 1 September 2007 by Cardinal John Dew. He has a Bachelor of Theology degree from Sydney College of Divinity and a Graduate Diploma in Theology from Good Shepherd College.

Fr David says he is committed as Rector to following the example of Pope Francis in cultivating the joy of the Gospel with a sense of being part of God's people.

"I am inspired and encouraged by the teaching of Pope Francis, who sees priestly formation as service, not simply as the transmission of a body of teachings, but also

the art of concentrating on others, bringing out all their beauty and all the good that they carry within.

"As Francis has said, 'we can only be missionary disciples all together.' As a human formator at the seminary, I have endeavoured to encourage and challenge our seminarians to be fully human, mature, and capable of healthy relationships. We minister through our humanity and personality, opening ourselves to being transformed by the Spirit of Jesus.

"I hope to help form our seminarians to understand what it means to live 'generative service', which Pope Francis describes as 'the identity card' of Christ's ministers."



## Peter (Zeb) Mansell

It was great to catch up with Town old boy Peter (Zeb) Mansell (Town 1972-76) who was the guardian of the old Foxton Fizz factory in Foxton.

Peter was completing orders for Foxton Fizz as he prepared to close the factory doors for the final time.

He explained that the production of Foxton Fizz had moved to Tauranga. We reminisced about the factory's history and its link to the township.

Peter has been involved in the entertainment & music industry most of his working life. He continues to use that knowledge, telling the story of early audio technology as the board and building manager at the National Museum of Audio & Visual technology (MAVtech) in Foxton.

For more information on MAVtech, visit <https://mavtech.org.nz/>



## Boston Fuge boxing his way to success

Boston Fuge is a talented young athlete and coach at Naenae Boxing Academy. Over the past five years, Boston has developed his skills, becoming a competitive boxer in the last two years.

He is the current NZL Amateur Boxing Champion 2024 in the 75kgs Youth Male Division and proudly represents Wellington. His impressive achievements include winning titles such as the South Island Novice Champs, Golden Gloves, and the Wellington Hutt Valley Champs.

Boston, a Year 13 student at St. Patrick's College Silverstream, will be completing his studies in twoweeks. Outside of school and boxing, he works as a coach at Naenae Boxing Academy, mentoring both male and female members aged 9-15.

With aspirations to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games and the Olympics, Boston's journey in the sport is just beginning.



## 2022 Golf Day



Minute Silence for those who have passed in the last year. Thanks to Sponsors Countdown Supermarkets and Mana Pharmacy.

### Novety Prizes

Drive Nearest the centre line on 8.  
Bottle of wine - Frank Bury

Tee shot nearest the pin on 7.  
Bottle of wine - Steve Corkery

Second shot nearest the pin on 17.  
Bottle of wine - Steve Quinn

### Raffles

1. Bottle of Jim Beam Bourbon - John Kelly  
Rabbit & Eggs - John Duignan

2. Mana Pharmacy Gift Basket - Peter Atkinson  
Rabbit & Eggs - David Howie

**Ray Strickland Trophy** Bottle of wine, Rabbit and Eggs.  
Mick Thomson

**Stableford. 1st Fr Joe Cullen Cup** Big basket plus bottle of wine. Raki Tawhiwhirangi

**2nd - Mons Tom Duffy Cup** Small Basket plus bottle of wine.  
Frank Bury

**3rd - Hibernian Cup** Bottle of wine plus Rabbit Plus eggs.  
Paul Inwood

**4th - Jesse Kingan Cup** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit plus eggs.  
John Spence

**5th** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit. Tavita Filemoni

**6th** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit. Rowan Donoghue

**7th** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit. John Kelly

**8th** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit. Terry Bastion

**9th** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit. John Duignan

**10th** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit. David Crichton

**11th** A bottle of wine plus Rabbit. Murray Blackmor

## Annual Old Boys Rugby Game 2024 Winter Exchange Kilbirnie Park

The Town Old Boys were just too good for the Stream Old Boys this year when the two teams met on the morning of the winter exchange at Kilbirnie Park in Wellington.

Town won the game with arguably their best performance since the game's introduction in 2014, beating the Stream Old Boys 34-19 outscoring them by 6 tries to 3 & reclaiming the Bernard McMahon Cup and evening up the fixture 5 all.

The Town tries were scored by  
Mike Teofilo  
Julian Tupai (2)

Cam Garvie  
Tui Tuia  
Ben Tuia  
Sam Rasch kicked 2 conversions

The Stream tries were scored by  
Mike Kingsbeer  
Gary Lomax(2)  
Steven Anderson kicked 2 conversions.

Half time was 22-5 (Town)  
Full time was 34-19 (Town)



The game or event itself appears to be getting stronger, with new recruits appearing each year. We must thank those old boys from both colleges, who have made it such a success over the years and will ensure it's continued success in the future.

One old boy in particular stands out, Town's Mick Joyce who appeared in the inaugural match in 2014 has played in every game since then. When he was interviewed after the match, this year, he said, he maybe has one more game in him, but never say never!

**Stream Old Boys Rugby 2024**

**Players:**

Aaron Jones	Hori Thompson	Paul Fairbrother
Adam Sexton	Josh Hunt	Paul Nixon
Antonio Piliati	Kieran Bambry	Ilay Sio
Bedo Busby	Lance Collins	Scott Waldrom
Ben Fidow	Mani Malaekula	Simon Makoulu
Brook Cowan	Manuel Dalton	Simon McCarthy
Calom Sua	Maf Luamanu	Steven Anderson
Clay Masina	Matt Sayer	Tom Dixon
Damian Collins	Masi Sanele	Tui Hunt
Eli Hunt	Mike Kingsbeer	Vinnie Reid
Fizz Paulo	Mike McFarlane	
Gary Lomax	Nick McFarlane	
Glen Nixon		

**Management Team:**

Hamish Mundell
John Tavoi
Joe Tavite
Roynon Shaw

**Sponsors:** Empower Pacific, MIDNIGHTS, LOULING CASPER, HUNT, Hamish Blundell CK & Co Realty, blackpearl, Raranga, PRINCE OF WALES, BUILDING CORNER.

**St Pats Town Old Boys 2024**

**Coaches and Management:**

- Henry Fidow
- Nic Fitsemanu
- Dave Woods
- Quintin Halbert
- Festonu Fili
- Cataldo Iaccarino

**Players:**

Sam Rasch	Isaia Petelo	Iuliano Kapeli
Shaun Alaifea	Leitava Fili	Manu Heketa
Edwin Meachen	Dan Filemoni	Isiah Fulmaono
Martin Ito	Dustin Bouzaid	Tovio Apolo
Dan Kauraka	Julian Tupai	Nic Fitsemanu
Mick Joyce	Jaime Sherlock	Salmon Lomatoma
Fa'atiga Tolova'a	Faifili Levave	Kas Lealamanua
Brent Cutting	Ben Tuia	Cam Garvie
Mike Teofilo	Lima Fasavalu	Stephen Tavoi
Pena Fretton	David Isaia	Poasa Poasa
Tui Tuia	Matthew Apelu Alaifea	Fa'alu'i Alaimoana
Johnathan Fulmaono		

**Sponsors:** MOTOR DOCTORS, GROW AND LEARN, PRINCE OF WALES.

## Stream Old Boy Peter Lakai called into All Blacks

FINN MORTON, RUGBY PASS



In what has come as a concerning blow for the All Blacks ahead of their trip to Japan and Europe, three players have been ruled out of the first Test through injury. Ethan Blackadder, Luke Jacobson and Dalton Papali'i will not be available to travel with the squad.

Uncapped prospect Peter Lakai (Stream 2016 - 2020) is now in the mix to debut for the All Blacks after being called into the squad for the Japan Test along with lock Josh Lord. Lakai was sensational for the Hurricanes during Super Rugby Pacific and that form carried into the NPC with Wellington.

But, this news does come as another blow for Blackadder, whose absence

from the Test arena will extend into a fourth Test. Blackadder was one of the best on ground in the tense loss to the Springboks in Johannesburg, but the backrower has mostly been kept on the sidelines since then. Blackadder was named to start at No. 8 for Tasman in last weekend's NPC quarter-final against Canterbury in Nelson, but the All Black was withdrawn just before kick-off. The Mako went on to lose by a staggering 48 points to their arch-rivals.

"This is hugely disappointing for Ethan, Luke and Dalton, but we know they will be working on recovering well and with a view to making themselves available again as soon as possible," coach Scott Robertson said in a statement.

"This opens up opportunities for some other players though. We are excited to be welcoming Josh back into the group and giving Peter Lakai his chance to wear the All Blacks jersey."

"We will assess the status of Ethan, Luke and Dalton's injuries prior to travelling to England, to determine whether we are going to require that additional injury cover."

Seven members of the All Blacks XV squad will also travel to Japan as training cover. Bradley Slater, George Bower, Fabian Holland, Christian Lio-Willie, and Oliver Haig are the five

forwards, while the two backs at Harry Plummer and AJ Lam.

In a win for the provincial game, none of these players represent teams who are set to play in the semi-finals this weekend. All Blacks XV coach Clayton McMillan confirmed last week that squad members would otherwise be free to play in the semis and final.

After their time in Japan, these players will then fly to Ireland where they'll link up with the rest of the All Blacks XV squad. However, one final call-up is possible to fill the 36th spot in the All Blacks XV squad for the remainder of their Northern Tour.

## Town Old Boy Billy Proctor celebrate All Blacks call up six years after brother Matt

MARK GEENTY, THE POST



Billy Proctor (Town 2012-16) and his family sat on the edge of their seats, crammed into the living room of parents Phil and Sandra's Wellington home on Monday night.

The wait was interminable, as Dame Patsy Reddy read out the 32 names in the first All Blacks squad of 2024, in alphabetical order."

We were all around the TV... it came to the Ps and it was Papali'i, Perenara, Perofeta... it took a while and I was hoping Billy's name would come up. Then the house just went crazy," Phil Proctor told The Post.

There it was. The 25-year-old Hurricanes centre was officially an All Black for the first time, in coach Scott Robertson's squad to face England.

Among the shrieks of joy, tears and hugs, Proctor's older brothers James and Matt were close by with a congratulatory embrace. Matt Proctor knew the feeling; he was named in the All Blacks tour squad in 2018 and played his solitary test against Japan that year.

It means when Billy receives his first black jersey, the Proctors will become

the 48th set of brothers to play for the All Blacks. Both emerged from St Pat's Town whose previous All Black was the late Jerry Collins.

"Very proud, crikey, to have one All Black was fantastic and to have another boy named, we're very, very lucky," said Phil Proctor, a tough front-rower and Junior All Black in 1984 who played 66 matches for Wellington across a decade.

"You get choked up. It's just a relief I suppose, it's all over and you finally know what's happening. We're very excited to see the next part of his journey and where that leads to."

Phil Proctor coached Petone, Western Suburbs and Oriental-Rongotai to Jubilee Cup titles and also coached young Billy in the St Pat's first XV. But he took little credit for his son's rise, or his speed which was clearly due to his mother, the former prop said with a laugh.

"His brothers were very good rugby players too and he's picked up the best of both of them."

For Billy Proctor, Monday night was a moment he will never forget. His partner

Briar was there, as was Matt's partner Mahi, and a young niece and nephew as three generations celebrated.

"I heard my name called out and there were a few screams from the parents, a few teary eyes, a cool moment," Proctor said. "Probably Mum (was the loudest)... letting out a few cheers."

And his Dad? "We had a bit of a hug. It was just cool to see their reactions and how proud they were. He'll be stoked to say that two of his boys are All Blacks." Proctor snr was in the crowd at the All Blacks' new NZCIS base in Upper Hutt on Wednesday morning when it all became real at the official season launch and first gathering of the full squad.

First there was the fit-out, a highlight for any new All Black when boxes of new boots and shoes, and piles of casual clothes are dishied out. Proctor said it was a kid in a candy store moment as players emerged with several suitcases of gear.

"I've just been working towards playing my best for the Hurricanes and putting my best foot forward and trying to get better every week. I felt like it's gone quite well this year but I didn't put too much on being named in the All Blacks."

Hurricanes team-mate Jordie Barrett, who could well combine with Proctor in the All Blacks midfield against England in Dunedin on Saturday week, said his callup was hugely deserved.

"For sure, some guys have put him in the same breath as the way Conrad [Smith] used to play. Billy's so busy, he's so tough, he's also so athletic as well.

"He was sprinting champion at St Pats Town when he was younger, so there's talent there. He's a great young man, I'm just super-excited for him and his family that he gets an opportunity here, particularly after Matty got a cap as well. It's a cool time for the Proctor family."





# “That game” - Memories of the 1963 Town vs Stream 1st XV game

ROSS WALL, LEONARD LEE

On the evening of Monday, September 23rd, in the quiet suburb of Prospect, Adelaide, a pair of aging men met for the first time, to share a home-cooked dinner. A meaningful meeting because both men shared vivid memories of an extraordinary schoolboy rugby match they played against each other in New Zealand, some 61-years ago. 'Of all of the games played between the First XV's of St Patrick's College Wellington and Silverstream there has never been one quite like it.

The Chairman of New Zealand Rugby, Mr Tom Sullivan, predicted that the game would be etched in memory for years to come while the Evening Post captured the essence of the memorable encounter, highlighting the enduring impact it would have on the players of both teams:

'Long after they have forgotten their Latin and mathematics members of the first XV's of the St Patrick's Colleges of Silverstream and Wellington will remember their rugby match played in pouring rain with water over the boot tops at Silverstream yesterday.'

Originally scheduled to be played at Athletic Park, the game was relocated to Silverstream due to the horrendous weather that hit Wellington that day. While the 'Stream team no doubt relished the opportunity to play on their home turf, the Town boys embarked on a desolate bus journey to Upper Hutt, where they were met with a waterlogged rugby field resembling more of a lake than a traditional rugby ground.

Despite the near freezing temperatures and lake-like conditions Silverstream emerged victorious with a score of 9-6 scoring three tries to two. The result was a testament to grit and determination of both teams, yet the absence of any conversion or penalty underscored the unforgiving nature of the waterlogged battleground they played on. Among the try scorers was Leonard Lee, the formidable No 8 for Silverstream, while Ross Wall showcased his skills on the winger for Town.

## Ross Wall's reflection:

'Now over sixty years later I find myself on a flight from Sydney to Adelaide to meet for the first time Leonard Lee one of Silverstream's try scorers. Leonard and I had never met before with only a twist of fate bringing us in contact earlier this year. I chose this day as it was his 78th birthday and I had invited myself to his place for dinner. To the victor come the spoils so I have with me a birthday present being a current Silverstream scarf I had obtained with the generous assistance of the Silverstream uniform shop.'



All of these years later we have occasional reunions and talk often drifts back to that waterlogged field out at Silverstream.' The records show that I was one of Town's try scorers, but I certainly don't remember having done so. Years later our vice-captain, Dave Benton, would later stake his claim to the try, and I'm sure he's right. Mea culpa, Dave, for the truth has been revealed.

In the history of our First XV's shared experiences, this game serves as a testament to the resilience and camaraderie that defined us as a team.

## Leonard Lee's reflection:

If mad dogs and equally mad Englishmen went out in the midday sun, what would Noel Coward have made of the utter insanity of a game of college rugby played under bleak, awful skies at St Pat's Silverstream in the afternoon of August 7, 1963?

It will be known in perpetuity by those who played in it, many now wearing incontinence pads hobbling around on their walking frames, others resting for eternity underground, as 'THAT GAME.'

In their highly questionable wisdom, the coaches decided to transfer the game out to Silverstream where conditions were equally appalling: our No 1 ground was entirely under water. In fact, if an ark with sheep, cattle and the odd scarfed giraffe on board suddenly manifested near the halfway line (if you could see it), none of us would have been THAT surprised.

And cold; dear God it was cold, near freezing, blowing a chill, howling gale so

cold it could have rendered a brass monkey immediately neutered. I recall seeing ice over the sheets of water on the morning of the game. During it, I am certain there was swirling sleet.

I have often looked back on that decision (to play) by the coaches of both teams. Ordinarily these were sound-of-mind, good and pious men - priests - but that day it seems they both were simultaneously smote by a rare mental disorder: cerebrum flatulentus.

The game should never have been played. In hindsight, it should have been declared a draw and everyone could have gone home to get warm again.

Thus we 30 young St Pat's men were ordered into mortal combat. It was never a game of rugby: 'sloshball' might be a better description. Back play was nigh impossible; the ball was more like an oval-shaped chunk of impossibly wet soap. It was as though the game had been cynically devolved by the mischievous football gods into its original form: soccer.

But more than anything it was a nightmarish endurance test which I quietly suspect that was prime among the reasons the game was green-lit by our priestly coaches: character building, serious health risks notwithstanding. I recall at least one Silverstream player, tough-as-nails Victor Criscillo, being carted off and admitted to the college's infirmary suffering hypothermia.

There were two particular young men running around in opposing teams that memorably horrible day: winger Ross

Wall the wonderful, huge hearted schoolboy track star whom I had seen - admired - competing at an intercollege sports meet at Athletic Park earlier in '63 and a certain shivering loosie, myself Leonard Lee, whom I had known since birth.

Despite running on the same athletics track and playing against each other Ross and I never actually met although both of us scored rare tries. Somehow, Silverstream won 9-6.

**The scarf...**

He appeared on the footpath leading to my front door: Ross Wall. He had barely changed from that young man I first became aware of those many years ago

- I'd have recognised him in a thick soup. Strangest feeling, meeting a man you well knew of but had never met. Yet, we were immediately comfortable with each as though we were old friends catching up. That he had made the effort to fly all the way down from Sydney just to be with me for my birthday . . . words fail me, really.

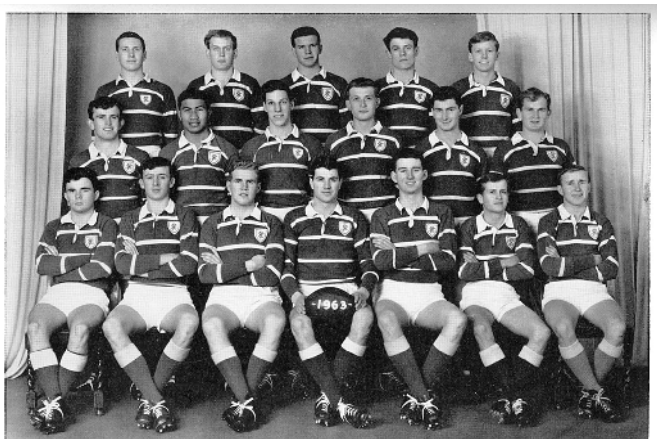
Ross brought two bottles of fine wine - a red and a white - to go with the slow-cooked lamb shanks I'd been treating all afternoon on my Weber smoker. A short time and a couple of wines later he presented me with, of all things, his pièce de resistance a quality pure merino wool Silverstream scarf! I nearly fell over; it could not have been a

more perfect and meaning-filled gift. It is one I will treasure for the test of my dwindling days - and beyond (into my grave actually).

We met again the following evening, first on the step of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and spent a few moments inside in quiet contemplation then onto a splendid dinner at Osteria Oggi, an upmarket restaurant in the Adelaide CBD.

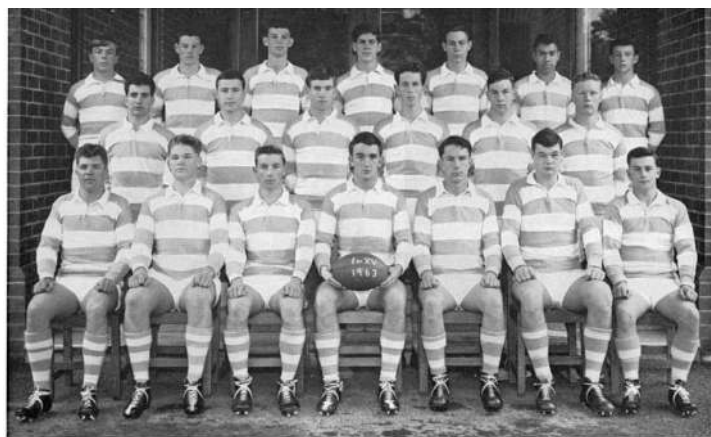
48-hours in all. Two old guys, both still young at heart. Of common heritage. Together.

St Pat's men.



**FIRST FIFTEEN:** Back row: H. J. Stephen, P. J. Duffin, M. G. Morrison, J. J. Sullivan, B. H. Thompson, Second row: J. Fitzpatrick, M. Gault, P. W. Smith, J. J. Sullivan, R. F. Reynolds, J. Wilson, Front: J. G. O'Grady, P. F. Fitzpatrick, D. M. Branton (Wing), J. R. O'Leary (Captain), R. F. McKinlay, A. F. MacLachlan, R. C. Wall. —Frank Thompson, Crown Studio.

**Town 1st XV 1963**



**FIRST FIFTEEN:** Back Row: D. B. Sill, J. Basil-Jones, M. J. Scully, F. Sheehan, J. A. Stratford, J. M. Takarangi, J. H. Lyons, Middle Row: V. J. Crispin, J. J. Lee, A. J. Wain, M. G. Mathers, K. J. Turner, P. W. Kemore, Seated: J. M. Henwood, A. E. Henwood, J. D. Sison, M. B. Beveridge (Captain), E. J. Long, C. D. Bishop, M. A. Gaultier.

**Stream 1st XV 1963**



**Stream Old Boys celebrating Riley Higgins debut for the Hurricanes in 2022.**



**Three town old boys playing for the All Whites celebrated by the Flying Kiwis support crew. The crew is run by Town old boy Matt Fejos who is in the crowd fist pumping.**





**Old boys in the All Whites**  
 Top left Liberato Cacace (Town),  
 Marko Stamenic (Stream),  
 bottom left Kosta Barbarouses  
 (Town) and Clayton Lewis (Town).

## Old Boys Gatherings



**Earle Kirton (S53-57) &  
 Peter Biggs (S70-74)**  
 comparing scarves



**Stream Old Boys from the 80s: James Collins (81-84),  
 Chris Gamboni (81-84), Stephen King (80-84),  
 Rodney Lavery (81-85), Wayne Radovich (81-85),  
 Sean Mahony (81-85), George Collins (80-84)**



**Scott Waldrom (S94-98)  
 Mike Kingsbeer (S98-02)  
 Manuel Dalton (S90-93)  
 Thomas Waldrom (S96-00)**



**Town Old Boys from the 80s-90s: Tom Mahony  
 (87-91), Ged Mahony (88-92), Nic Fitismanu  
 (92-96), Quintan Halbert (92-96) and  
 Gerrard Fasavulu (95-99)**





Town boys from 1970-74 catching up for a beer left to right ascending: Graham Slade, Matt O'Byrne, Mark McGuinness, Evan Bayly, Nick O'Neill, John Ryan, Chris O'Connor and Joe Romanos



Caleb Rosamond celebrating his 21st left to right: Jack Oram, Zane Snaith, Liam Zammit, Liam Carson, Damian Gee, Sam Brown, Hayden McCluski, Bryce (not an old boy), Caleb Rosamond, Jesse Odea, Paul (not an old boy)



Vincent Ward (S69-71)  
George Collins (S80-84)



Stream boys in Texas  
Chris Dunne (78-81), John "Kiwi"  
Arthers (81-84), Anthony McGhie (85-87)



Photo above: Stream Old Boys 1980-84  
top row left to right:  
Terry Lynch, Simon Shepherd, Jonty Mills,  
Stephen Hewson, Tom O'Rourke.  
Middle row: Guy Nunns, Gordon Noble  
Campbell, Blake Finnigan, Tim Walsh,  
George Collins, Guy Moroney, Tim Bennett.  
Richard Blair (kneeling), Phil Reeves,  
Tony Egan,  
Seated: Paul Jeffries, Sean Hayes.



Town boys 1970-74 outside St Marys of the Angels:  
Mark McGuinness, Matt O'Byrne, Evan Bayly,  
Nick O'Neill, John Ryan



Stream old boys from 1978-82: Conor English,  
Frank Cole, Phil Quinn, Matt Coles,  
Mark Debney, Eddie Carson



# Brothers of St Pats



**The Sainsbury Brothers left to right:  
Bede (S63-66), John (S65-69), Paul (S67-69), Mark (S70-74),  
Noel (S73-77) and Peter (S76-80)**



**Phil Quinn (S78-82), Greg Quinn (S72-76),  
Brian Quinn (S70-74), Mike Quinn (S69-72),  
Anthony Quinn (S79-83) and Des Quinn (S66-70).  
Absent: Simon Quinn (S81-85)**



**The Coles brothers looking forward to summer:  
Gerard (S70-74), Tim (S67-71), Pat (S75-78),  
Matt (S78-82) and Paul (S69-73)**



**The Kelly Brothers left to right:  
Chris (S66-70), Greg (S69-73), Martin (S71-75),  
Adrian (S75-79) and David (S74-78)**



**The Meredith family: Dad Luke (T75-80),  
Ethan (T), Gabriel (T),  
Rhueben (T) and Solomon (T)**



**The Tocker brothers left to right:  
Ken (S69), Dennis (S78-82)  
and Murray (S69-74)**





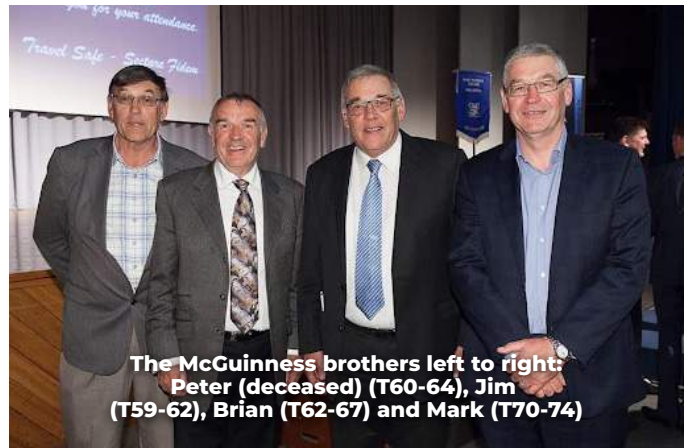
**The Fili brothers left to right:  
Faatonu (T95-99), Ioelu (T89-93),  
Leituvaa (T88-92) and Pailate (T87-91)**



**Three generations of Meachens:  
Edwin (T93-97), Daniel (T21-Current)  
and Tony (T66-71)**



**The Collins brothers:  
Paul (S70-72), George (S80-84), Tony  
(S74-76) and James (S81-84)**



**The McGuinness brothers left to right:  
Peter (deceased) (T60-64), Jim  
(T59-62), Brian (T62-67) and Mark (T70-74)**

## Radio legend & Town Old Boy Phil O'Brien can't ditch his Wellington roots

PIER FULLER, THE POST



With almost 50 years on the airwaves, Matinee Idle host Phil O'Brien's (Town 1966-68) sonorous voice is familiar to RNZ listeners but he also has decades of experience on commercial radio in Wellington and Australia. He's lived in Greytown for the past 20 years but is a Wellingtonian at heart.

**I live in ...** Greytown, South Wairarapa with wife Gayle Page in a house on Main Street at the north end of town.

**What's the best thing about living there?** I know it sounds clichéd and corny but it's that small town thing. When we got Covid, I did a Facebook post asking if anyone in Greytown could possibly drop off a cup of milk' cause we could murder a cup of tea, [Martin] Bosley dropped it off for us. Someone said 'only in Greytown would you get an internationally award-winning chef dropping off your milk for you'.

**How do you get to work?** I drive in [to Wellington]. I don't have any other choice, there's no other way. I do two days' work, and I've got a studio at home so I do all my prep at home.

**Your go-to for a mid morning coffee/tea?** This [The French Baker] is my office. We're not short of cafes in Greytown and do go to others occasionally. This is part of my routine. I come down here, have a couple of coffees, and walk back home and say 'right, let's get started for the day'.

**Best place to get away from it all?** I don't feel the need to get away from it all. I have the best of both worlds. The thick of it is being in Wellington. I've got a daughter in Melbourne, I've got a son about to move there. A couple of times a year I go to Melbourne that's my 'getting away from it all'. I've spent a lot of time working there so it's probably my favourite city, I absolutely love the place, alongside Wellington. My late Dad was a city councillor and journo in Wellington so I've got this big Wellington thing.



I feel comfortable in Wellington.

#### Wairarapa could do with more of?

Decent public transport. That's the biggest issue and it's been that since we moved here. When I was producing [RNZ's] Nine to Noon for a while, I couldn't risk taking the train in because I didn't know if it would get there on time. Quite often it didn't and I'd be late.

#### Where can we find you in the week-end?

In town. By the time Saturday morning comes around my wife is

like, 'go, just go'. I get into town and go see my brother and catch up with a few people in Wellington. I get into work two or three hours early because I love the studio environment and I've got the place to myself and I set everything up for my show.

#### Last meal out?

Que Club in Melbourne ... it was the best restaurant I have probably ever been to. The meal before that would be Aperitif, that's my local here. I love that place.

**Who is an inspiration to me?** My brother Dennis. He's built that record shop [Slow Boat Records] up to be the longest running independent record store in the country. He encouraged people to just come in and talk to the staff and look around. You don't have to buy anything. It's not phony, that stuff.

He's my inspiration because he built a successful business that he's now walked away from and he's happy and life is great. What more could you want. - as told to Piers Fuller.

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## In Loving Memory... Fr Denis O'Hagan SM (Town) 1944 - 2024

SOURCE: EULOGY BY TIM GORDON AT DENIS' FUNERAL,  
ABBREVIATED BY THE PATSMAN



**Denis with Irish  
Ambassador to NZ**

"E ngā iwi  
E ngā mana  
E ngā hau e wha

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou  
katoa

I was born out of love  
I am sustained by love  
I will return into love"

"Many of us would have heard Denis say these words. They were his mantra – words that made sense of life. They hung framed in his room - cross-stitched by his niece Jane.

Denis O'Hagan was born in Island Bay in 1944 to John and Molly, (who was a Stempa) – being from Strong Irish and Polish Stock may explain something of Denis' stubborn nature. He was the youngest of six children. Very much the baby of the family.

He was ordained in 1969 and taught for 10 years at St Patrick's College Wellington. One of his legacies was the retreat and Outdoor Ed facilities in the Wairarapa. Living in Wellington allowed him to care for his Mum in her last years.

In the early eighties, Denis was appointed to Chanel College, Moamoa Samoa where he spent seven years – these years were not only the happiest years of his ministry they also the most formative – he wrote to me. He returned to New Zealand appointed to Hato Paora College and then worked in the nearby parish of Feilding.

In 1997 Denis began a period working full-time in the provincial administration and bursar. Denis was elected head of the Marists in Aotearoa, and had a focus on financial control, a big push into youth ministry with lay partners and more honest and open Community Life.

He loved the Natural world and as a Scientist with a bachelor's degree in biology he understood it better than many. He embraced new technology as a means of communicating and administering more efficiently. In his later years Fr Denis was involved in setting up Cath News, an online publication for a Kiwi audience of Catholic news from around the world. Fr Denis set about learning new skills to prepare himself to be the inaugural editor of CathNews and served the publication for nine years"

"Denis was no saint, but he strove to live a good life

This mantra has been on his wall forever and was his guiding principle

I shall not fear anyone on Earth.  
I shall fear only God.  
I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.  
I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.  
I shall conquer untruth by truth.  
And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.  
Who knew that Ghandi was Marist "

"This morning Denis' many and varied worlds collide – He used the word family to describe all the various groups he was part of, be he your spiritual director, a team member of the Compassion Soup

Kitchen, your chaplain, your mentor, your confrere, your friend, your brother, your uncle - he moved seamlessly between us all.

The Marist Spirit suited Denis' innate compassion, humility and call to service....."

"One of my favourite last memories of Denis is him leading a Funeral for a family friend recently, the final Recessional song was from Monty Python's Life of Brian and there was Denis, alb half open, eyes twinkling, hobbling down the aisle after the coffin like a jiggling leprechaun, clapping his hands along with the Congregation and joyfully singing with them. Always look on the bright side of life. He embraced life, he embraced his own illness and death with the same optimism."

"When my mum had died at the Mary Potter Hospice, Denis came over kissed her and said quietly to her, "thank you for all you've done for me."

"Denis,  
You were born out of love  
You were sustained by love



**Denis with family  
and friends.**

## Willie Leota (Town) 1977 - 2024

SOURCES: REPRODUCED FROM WELCOM AUG 2024 BY MICHAEL FITZSIMONS,  
EULOGY BY WILLIE'S NIECE KAMILA ABBREVIATED BY THE PATSMAN

"A huge gathering assembled at St Patrick's College Wellington Assembly Hall last month to farewell much-loved and respected First XV rugby coach, Willie Leota. At the funeral, many speakers paid tribute to Willie as a much-loved family man who gave generously to his community, a man of great mana, a natural leader and a loyal

friend. The very large gathering was a testament to the many communities he belonged to and the multitude of lives he has influenced. The 46-year-old had a long affiliation with St Pat's, having been an old boy of the college before going on to help the school's sporting staff with his involvement in rugby. College spokesman Matt Buck said that there

had been an 'outpouring of grief' when the news broke that Willie had died suddenly of a heart attack. v'It's been a massive shock – not to just lose the First XV coach, but to lose an old boy of the college and someone who spent half his life as part of our community. He had a huge impact on the team.'





Willie passed away during the mid-year school holidays. St Pat's opened the school to allow the school community to come together and grieve. Several days before the funeral, the school held a service to mourn Willie's passing, with students and alumni gathering to recognise his legacy. Rector Mike Savali spoke at the service, recognising Willie for his 'loyalty and dedication to service, not just to our community but to the wider community. He always wanted the best to improve the skills of our young men, but more importantly, he wanted them to be good men.' Willie's wife, Frances, told the students that St Pat's was 'one of his many homes'.

His long hours working and coaching had meant he missed dinners at home, but the family didn't mind because they knew the joy that coaching brought to him, she said. 'We knew he was spending time meaningfully with friends, with brothers...He loved seeing the light in your eyes.' She asked the students, going forward, 'to honour him with the values he's tried to pass on'. He leaves behind four children – Moana, Mollie, Billie-Rose and Solomon and a large extended family"

#### **Kamila delivering her uncles' eulogy:**

"The story of Willie begins with the love story of his parents, who met in Samoa - Matamoana Te'o fell in love with the rugged, handsome, charming but very naughty Romeo that was To'omata Solomona Leota, they ran away together

got married and had the 3 eldest kids. Willie's mother Moana went to Teacher's college in Samoa and became a highly respected educator. In the 1950s she was one of the first to be awarded a teaching scholarship in NZ and it was here in Wellington, Newtown, the family of new migrants settled. William Robin Lui Leota was born in Welington Hospital, the youngest of the twins by 5 minutes, named after his mother's sister Vaoita's husband"

"Willie remained a product of Wellington, his twin brother Malaga only a baby was sent back to Samoa to be raised by the grandparents Leota and Fusi, they reunited later in life when they were of college age. Raised and educated in the Eastern suburbs, Willie was his mother's shadow. Following her wherever she served in the community, church, school, family"

"Willie's family were members of PIC church in Newtown before his mother Moana pioneered the first Aoga Amata and Sunday school at St Annes Newtown and here the family followed and sustained their spiritual journey before their dad took them to AOG (Assembly of God) Berhampore when the children were older.

"When his mother reunited with her long-lost girl guide bestie Aunty Tapaeru they were part of many movements that advanced women and Pasifika in the Wellington region. So, as you can see

Willie's qualities of service and community were inherited from his mother, his love of rugby from his father. He comes from a family that paved the way for first generation Pasifika, he comes from lineage of faifeau, educators, scholars and public servants"

"But as the migrant story goes the challenges of cultural assimilation and modern life, Moana was working 3 jobs – teaching during the week, cleaning at night and at the post office outside of those hours this while trying to balance her many roles within the community, and do the kids, it took a toll and it was in 1982 Moana tragically passed leaving behind 5 young children, Barbara the oldest was only 9 and Willie the baby, just turned 5 only 3 days before her death"

"Willie, they say ; was a quiet person, extremely shy and utterly vulnerable from the deep loss of his mum. His dad was a hard man but the love from Willie for his father was unwavering, despite what people may understand or think they understand of a father navigating grief while raising his 5 kids on his own – the old man never let go of his kids and in turn throughout their lives the kids never let go of their dad"

"When I think of my uncle – I sum it down to simply say– he was THE MAN – in the way that he carried himself, in the way he treated people, the best friend and husband he was to Aunty Frances, the absolutely doting father he was to his children. He coached players to be leaders, and he was a leader of men. You know the measure of a man not by what he says but in the quiet actions that he shows and if you know Willie he is quiet but always showing"

"Willie's net was cast wide and although each relationship unique, it mirrors the mana that Willie had, that we should feel so deeply and that the deep grief should resonate with so many people. That was Willie's superpower – making people feel important. Which is an amazing power to have, despite the early challenges of his life. This is what makes Uncle Willies achievements, professional and personal life so incredible. Willie, you make our family so proud"

"Goodnight and God bless you Uncle Willie.... until that glorious morning"



## Key NZ figure in rise of global rugby dies Steve Hinds (Town 1969-1973)

RADIO NEW ZEALAND SPORT

The rugby community is mourning the death of long-serving New Zealand administrator Steve Hinds, who had risen to a key role in the global game.



Hinds died following a short illness, prompting tributes from World Rugby, where he was the organisation's first full-time Citing Commissioner Manager.

Hinds was a citing commissioner at three successive men's World Cups in 2007, 2011 and 2015 before joining World Rugby in 2017 where he oversaw the team of citing commissioners at the three subsequent World Cups, including the 2023 edition in France.

On the playing field, Hinds was an influential lock forward for Wellington in the late 1970s and early '80s.

He also represented the New Zealand Combined Services and New Zealand Police and played international matches against the British and Irish Lions, France, Scotland and Fiji.

A policeman by profession, Hinds attained the rank of superintendent and served three terms as president of the Police Association. World Rugby Chairman Sir Bill Beau-

mont led his organisation's tributes.

"Steve's dedication, professionalism, and passion for the sport were second to none and his impact should not be underestimated," Beaumont said.

"As World Rugby's first full-time Citing Commissioner Manager he was instrumental in modernising the game's citing processes, achieving new levels of alignment and unity across competitions because of his wonderful ability to bring people together, to solve issues and unite around a common cause.

"Steve's passing leaves a huge void, not just within World Rugby, but across the entire rugby family."

## Mayor Wayne Guppy pays respect to former Mayor Rex Kirton

WAYNE GUPPY, UPPER HUTT CITY COUNCIL

It is with great sadness that I share the passing of former Upper Hutt Mayor Rex Kirton (Stream 1955-1960).



Rex was first elected to council in 1974.

After three years as a councillor, he announced he would stand for mayor and held the position from 1977 to 2001. In the 1997 New Year's Honours, Rex was awarded a Queen's Service Order for public services. He announced his



retirement from the mayoralty on August 14, 2001, and was then elected to the regional council as Upper Hutt representative, a position he held until 2010.

Rex was also chairman of the regional council's parks, forests and utilities committee. Kirton Drive, of Riverstone Terrace, is named after him.

Rex's contribution to our city will be fondly remembered by our communities. Our thoughts are with his family during this time.

**Photo on left:  
Mayor Rex Kirton with his brother  
and former All Black Earle  
Kirton, 1992.**

## RIP Thomas Cardinal Williams 1930 - 2023

CHURCH IN NZ, 22 DEC 2023

Cardinal Tom Williams, ONZ, Archbishop Emeritus of Wellington (Town 1942-1945) has died, aged 93.

Cardinal Williams became Archbishop of Wellington on 20 December 1979 – the 20th anniversary of his priestly ordination – following the death of Cardinal Reginald Delargey. He was created a cardinal by Pope John Paul II on 2 February 1983.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of New Zealand, New Zealand's highest civilian honour, in the 2000 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Only 20 living people can hold this honour at any one time. He is pictured on next page with Pope John Paul II at the plenary meeting of cardinals in Rome in 1994.

Thomas Stafford Williams was born on 20 March 1930 in Wellington. He attended Saints Peter and Paul School, Lower

Hutt; St Patrick's College, Wellington; and St Kevin's College, Oamaru; before studying for a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Victoria University, Wellington, then working as an accountant for several years.

He was deeply involved in the Catholic Youth Movement and for a while worked full-time for it. "It gave me my vocation," he said in a 2020 interview. "I wouldn't have become a priest if had I not had





the background in the formation in the Catholic Youth Movement.”

He began studying for the priesthood in 1954 at the National Seminary, Holy Cross College in Dunedin, and in 1956 went to the Pontifical Urban University in Rome where he gained a licentiate in theology. He was ordained a priest in Rome on 20 December 1959. He then attended University College, Dublin and received a degree in social sciences.

Returning to Wellington, he was assistant director at the Catholic Enquiry Centre, which to the present day continues to bring the light of faith to many non-Catholics and Catholics alike. He was parish priest at St Patrick's in Palmerston North for two years, a priest in Samoa for five years, and from late-1975 parish priest at Holy Family Parish, Porirua East, one of the archdiocese's most multi-cultural parishes. Four years later, he was named Archbishop of Wellington.

“Above all, I thank God for giving me a share in the priesthood of his son, Jesus Christ, as I thank God for those in earlier years who formed me, and prepared me to respond to his call to priestly ministry,” Cardinal Tom said in December 2019 in a homily marking his 40th anniversary as a bishop and his 50th as a priest.

In that homily, he expressed gratitude to his parents, Thomas and Lillian, “who made huge sacrifices in nurturing my faith”, to the Mercy and Marist Sisters

and the Marist Fathers, to the Catholic Youth Movement chaplains as well as his brother bishops, “especially Cardinal John Dew, who supported me and tolerated my eccentricities and enthusiasms.”

In an article on Cardinal Williams, the Vatican reporter for the American National Catholic Reporter, John Allen Jr, wrote: “Despite his modest style, Cardinal Williams is nobody’s fool. He has thought long and hard over a quarter-century about the distinctive contribution of Catholicism in Oceania, by which Williams has in mind not just people like himself, but also indigenous populations such as New Zealand’s Māori, as well as the cultures of Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Fiji. All this makes Williams a passionate advocate for his local church, which has sometimes meant defending it when he believes Rome hasn’t sufficiently grasped its challenges and its promise.”

In a 2019 interview with NZ Catholic, Cardinal Williams said he’d seen considerable changes in the Church: “The degree to which New Zealand has become very, very secular is quite alarming. I’m very grateful to God that, while all the Churches have declining membership, that the Catholic Church, which has now become the largest minority in New Zealand, has not declined to the same extent.”

That reflected an essay he wrote in 2004,

where he said: “We have rejected the moral sustenance of the past, and are attempting to live on junk food provided by a bankrupt liberalism.” He warned that while today’s barbarians “may be soberly suited and stylishly presented,” their impact was still ruin. Also in 2019, Cardinal Williams said that, having ordained 40 men to the priesthood, he had always emphasised in his ordination homilies “that priesthood has nothing to do with power and privilege, but everything to do with sacrifice and service, seeking nothing for the priest himself but striving to please God, imitate Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, and commit himself unreservedly to his pastoral responsibilities.”

Cardinal Williams “heartily disliked” the different forms of address for prelates, such as ‘My Lord’, ‘Your Grace’ and ‘Your Eminence’: “I hope they have been consigned to the domain of [the] historian and archivists.”

Looking back over the years, Cardinal Williams noted some of highlights in his life: his two ordination ceremonies, his five years in Samoa, the 1981 Springbok Tour, the 1986 papal visit, the archdiocesan synods of 1988 and 1998, the 1998 Oceania Synod in Rome, the Church Leaders Social Justice Initiative, the consistories, the funeral of Pope St John Paul II, the election of Pope Benedict XVI, and the Launch Out Programme for forming lay pastoral leaders.

Cardinal Williams lived in retirement in Waikanae, where for many years he celebrated daily Mass for fellow residents at the Charles Fleming Retirement Village. He died there at 2.30am today.

Asked by NZ Catholic how he would like to be remembered, Cardinal Williams hesitated before saying, “I don’t expect to be greatly remembered but . . . I would like to be remembered as a dedicated servant.” On the final page of his 2014 memoir, *A Kiwi Cardinal's Chronicles*, Cardinal Williams wrote that he had made mistakes aplenty in his life and had much to atone for.

“In planning my funeral – I have reached the age when it is prudent to do so – I have expressed one wish which I have to accept may be ignored. It is that my eulogy and homily be reduce to just eight words: He was a sinner. Please pray for him.”

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## In Memoriam

We remember in our prayers Old Boys and former staff  
who have passed away since our last publication.

### Former Staff

WEIR, Fr John Edward SM (staff 1969,1976, Rector  
1977-1983)  
DEE, Graeme Alexander Peter, Rector 1991-1996  
O'CONNOR, Fr Barry John SM 1964-1975  
CURTAIN, Fr Michael Vincent (Vince) SM1978-1980  
McCANN, Fr Patrick (John) SM 1954-1955, 1959-1975  
GUIDERA, Margaret Anne 1987-2013  
followed by relieving until 2021  
HUTCHISON, Patricia (Pat) 1971-1983  
SMYTH, Christopher John 1950-1954  
ROTHMAN, Dr Marvin 1982-1998  
LEOTA, William Lui Robin 1991-1996  
O'HAGAN, Fr Denis SM1956 – 1960 –Staff from 1970  
CUMMINGS, Fr Brian SM 1988-1990  
LAGAN, Sister Frances Marie SMSM 1973-2010

### Town Old Boys

WILLIAMS, Cardinal Thomas Stafford 1942-1945  
ELLER, David Max 1945-1947  
BETHAM, Clinton Joe 1997-2001  
SWEENEY, John Joseph 1960-1964  
COMAN, William Francis 1946-1949  
BURNS, William James 1952-1954  
McLUSKIE, Kevin Michael 1943-1946  
PICKUP, Terence 1955-1957  
CROCKER, John William 1958-1962  
HOSKINS, Gerard Rolland 1951-1955  
WARD, Samuel Simon 1998-2000  
O'CONNOR, John Michael 1946-1947  
PERKINSON, John Leo 1948-1950  
O'DONOVAN, Carroll Joseph 1940-1943  
LAMBERT, Brian Spencer George (Bill) 1947  
DORIZAC, Leslie Francis 1949-1950  
NOWAK, Julian Jan 1947-1949  
GREALLY, Fr Patrick Dermot 1950-1954  
JONES, Philip Barry (Barry) 1956-1957  
BELL, Andrew Melvin 1942-1943  
WEAKLEY, Bernard David (Bernie) 1958-1961  
McGRUDDY, Kerry Michael 1971  
LEAMY, Terence Norman James (Terry) 1979-1982  
ANNANDALE-STONE, Stanley Kooti 2007-2008  
HOFFMAN, Nigel John 1947-1951  
CROWHURST, Mark Adam 1982-1985  
MOORE, Michael Joseph 1965-1970  
O'HAGAN, Michael Anthony 1964-1967  
DEVLIN, Allan James 1937-1940  
CARR, Errol Philip 1951-1956  
O'SULLIVAN, Michael Vincent 1949-1950  
KIELY, Peter John 1946  
GALLAGHER, Charles Robert Francis (Bob) 1953-57  
DUNN, Lawrence Clarence 1961-1962  
TYNAN, John Christopher (Jack) 1939  
MUOLLO, John Giovanni 1982-1985  
DELLABARCA, John Joseph (Giovanni Giuseppe)  
1954-1958  
REDZIEWSKI/REID, Anton 1953-55  
RADOVICH, Robert "Bob" 1946-1947  
MUOLLO, Antonio (Tony) 1957-58  
GREALLY, Dermot Patrick 1956 – 1959  
REIDY, Xavier Benjamin 2015-2019  
MARSHALL, Robert Edward (Bob) 1941-1943  
KELLY, Daniel Joseph 1941-1945  
KERSHAW, James (Fr Jim) 1950-1954  
CHRISTOPHER, Mervyn Stephen 1943-1944

GASKIN, Kevin John 1961-1965  
CODY, Kerry Damien 1958-1959  
CONNOLLY, Patrick Anthony (Pat) 1980-1982  
FLANAGAN, Leo John 1954-1957  
BUTLER, Laurence Thomas (Laurie) 1961-1962  
STRICKLAND, Raymond Francis 1956-1962  
CARLYLE, Mark Peter 1967-1970  
NOBLE-CAMPBELL, Bernard Francis (Bernie)  
1948-1952  
SCULLY, Bernard Francis (Barney) 1943-1946  
BASALAJ, Alexander 1947-1948  
ROBBERS, Michael Patrick (Mick) 1960-1965  
REYNER, Stefan Adrian 2001-2005  
COOLEY, Martin Joseph 1947 – 1950  
McCABE, Philip Thomas 1959-1963  
DI LEVA, Gino Antonio 1976-1979  
SHERRY, Philip James 1947-1948  
CROUDIS, John Patrick 1950-1951  
GUIDERA, Paul Thomas 1993-1995  
CREWDSON, Mark Thomas 1966-1969  
WALSH, Tom 2016-2020  
McGUCKIAN, Francis J (Frank) 1954-1956  
LOWE, Kevin John 1962-1964  
GILMORE, Brendan Aloysius 1944-1946  
BLOCKLEY, Donald Peter (Peter) 1943-1946  
DELLABARCA, Patrick (Paddy) 1949  
JONES, Dennis Anthony Gerard 1967-1970  
MUOLLO, Raffaele Mario 1955-1956  
O'SULLIVAN, Edward Herbert  
1964-1969 LEMOW, Bronislaw (Brian) 1949  
RATCLIFFE, Stephen John 1957-1961  
FAHEY, Martin Anthony  
1946-1947 MEATES, Michael George 1957-1962  
MILLER, Brian David 1954-1960  
STEVENSON-WRIGHT, Bryan John 1968-1969  
SZYMANIK, Andrzej (Andrew) 1950-1953  
RUSH, John Ambrose 1955-1959  
TAYLOR, John Edward 1959-1962  
HEWSON, David Henry 1948-1951  
KEENAN, Jeffrey William 1955-1958  
SHERIDAN, Patrick Garth 1959-1962  
CARROLL, Brian Francis John 1950-1951  
CUMMINGS, Fr Brian Gerard SM 1967-1971  
LEAMY, Brian William 1944-1947  
O'DONNELL, Paul Thomas Hugh 1982-1986  
FLEMING, Colin Alan 1941-1944  
JOWETT, Terrence Michael Patrick (Terry)  
1953- 1954  
SCULLIN, Patrick Raymond 1956  
BELL, Maurice Anthony 1946-1950  
SCHOLLUM, Kevin George 1957-1959  
GITTINGS, Gerard Francis 1976  
BETHAM, Paul Ronald 1968-1969  
BUTLER, Maxwell Donald (Max) 1956-1960  
CHARTERS, Richard Thomas Whakaue  
1958-1962  
CRISCILLO, Vincent Benny (Ben) 1954-1955  
SKWARKO, Dr Stanislaw K 1947-1951  
SZADKOWSKI, Zygmunt (Zygy) 1954-1956  
JOHNSON, Esmond Thomas (Johnny) 1933-1938  
COMPTON, Anthony Charles (Tony) 1959-1962  
GIFFORD, John Brian (Johnny) 1972, 1974-1975  
SMITH, William Arthur (Bill) 1955-1957  
O'SHAUGHNESSY, Simon John 1985-1989  
WHEELER, Paul Frederick 1948  
WILKINSON, Philip John 1952-1954



FINUCANE, Peter James 1942-1944  
 JACOBSEN, Paul Desmond (Budgie) 1958-1959  
 BENNETT, Godfrey William 1945-1948  
 WILSON, Christopher Patrick 1970-1973  
 DALY, Peter Michael Christopher 1946-1949  
 BOWLER, George Patrick Michael 1992-1996  
 PORTER, Mark Gerard 1974-1978  
 WONG, Nicholas Chiu Lun 1992-1996  
 KELLY, Conrad Michael 1972-1976  
 CLEGG, Brian Samuel 1955-1959  
 HOSKINS, Desmond 1946-1950  
 McGUINNESS, Peter Lawrence (Pete) 1960-1964  
 BLACKWELL, Leslie Peter 1979-1981  
 MILLS, Alan Francis 1949-1951  
 Del ROSARIO, Justin Quizon 2009-2013  
 SCHMIDT-UILI, PAUL (Paul Uili) 1986-1987  
 SPILLER, Anthony John (Tony) 1953-1957  
 D'ATH, James Fitzgerald (Jim) 1943-1946  
 CARRINGTON, Jason Christopher 1992-1996  
 JEFFRIES, David Lynskey 1952-1957  
 EMERSON, Harvey Lewis 1947-1951  
 FEENEY, Patrick Pearse (Jack) 1951-1953  
 HINDS, Stephen (Steve) Philip 1969-1973  
 FRANCIS, Bernard 1967-1971  
 RILEY, Stephen T1983-1987  
 HICKEY, Patrick John 1940-1944  
 MORIARTY, John Francis Joeseph 1959-1963  
 MEACHEN, James Francis (Jim) 1949-1951  
 OLSEN, John Sverre (Snow Jack) 1942  
 SINNOTT, Gary Thomas 1953-1957

### Stream Old Boys

KINGSBEER, Brendan (Dan) Stream Old Boy & a member of the Stream 1st XV of 1966  
 PLECIAK, Victor John aged 86 Stream 1952 1955  
 KRUSES, Colin 1941-42  
 TROTMAN, Christopher Lionel 1963-1966  
 COLES, Terry Lawrence DOD 7 Sept 2022  
 HOPE, Nathan DOD 28 Aug 2024  
 CHRISTENSEN, Max, DOD 2021  
 MENZIES, Jay DOD May 2024  
 LUONI, George Chris DOD June 2020  
 MICKLESON, Leo, DOD 19th July 2023  
 CLANCY, Aaron 1997-2000 DOD 12th October 2023  
 BEGLEY, Douglas Guerin 1945-1949 DOD 30th June 2023  
 NICOLLE, Mark 1962-1964  
 PETERS, Damian 1993-1997  
 MONKS, David 1987 - 1991  
 LINDSAY, Paul 1960-1964  
 COLE, Gilbert, 1944-1945 DOD 20th March 2022  
 PONNAPA, Sanjay 1980 DOD 26th November 2021  
 WALKINSHAW, Ross 1997-2001 DOD 21st September 2021  
 BARBONO, Aaron 1992-1995  
 RODGERS, John Gilmore 1981-1984 DOD 13th July 2021  
 BRUNNER, Aarron 1986-1989 DOD 13th May 2021  
 KIRTON, Rex DOD 4th June 2024  
 ZAMMIT, Andrew 1982-1984 DOD 27th March 2024



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*The Patsman*