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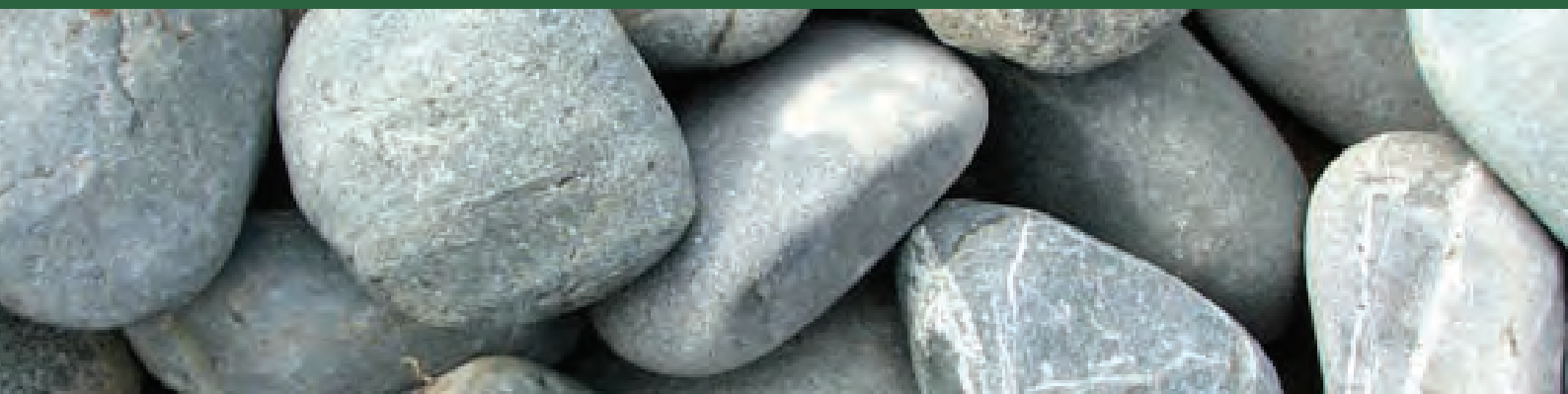
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JUBILEE YEAR 2014



Editorial

GRANT HARPER (1967-71)



High days, festivals, birthdays, holidays and celebrations of all kinds certainly add vitality and sunshine to our lives. They often make life worth living and provide memories to take forward into the future. It is often such memories which bolster us up in dark and uncertain times.

The College Jubilee not only furnished us with many fond memories of a happy and enjoyable weekend which enabled many old acquaintances to be revitalized, but it also enabled the College community to reflect, with some gratitude, upon the achievements of the past fifty years.

Rathkeale certainly dressed up for the weekend and it was a joy to be able to welcome back so many past staff, students and friends of Rathkeale! The skirl of the pipes, the thump of rock, the pop of corks, the strands of old songs and the buzz of conversation and laughter all hallmarked a very significant weekend.

The College remains grateful to those who brought the weekend to fruition following years of planning. It is also grateful to those who joined in celebrating the Jubilee, those who supported the Quad appeal and those who in diverse ways have placed their faith in the College going forward.

It was good to be able to celebrate fifty years of Rathkeale and good to walk forward with great memories.

Visitors gathering in the Jubilee Quad



Cover: Mrs Faye Norman and Mr Bruce Hamilton flanked by past and present Principals of the College



Rathkeale Old Boys' Association

ANDY SUTHERLAND (1969-71) - President



Andy Sutherland

What a great **Jubilee** weekend!

It was certainly worth all the effort and it was really great to see Old Boys again and to get around the piano on Friday night with Mrs Norman; she was fantastic! We have had some great feedback from Mrs Norman and many others including wives. If you missed out on the weekend, please make an effort to come to our regional get-togethers which are held throughout the year.

The **Rathkeale Old Boys' database** is now held by The Trinity Schools' Trust Board at Hadlow. As we get new addresses they will be updated there. First point of contact is still to be office@rathkeale.school.nz for changes of address etc.

Our focus is to get contacts for lost Old Boys. Some of you may have received lists of Old Boys in your leaving year for whom we have no details. Some have replied already - thanks so much. Could any others please try and help us with locating lost Old Boys.

The **ROBA AGM** was held at Turkey Red in Greytown on Tuesday 28 October at 5.30pm. We encourage you all to come to such events in the future.

Since the last Rock Runner we have had two functions at the St John's Bar in Wellington. We filled up the bar last year

and it was an enjoyable occasion in a great venue overlooking the harbour. However this year the numbers were down, so we again encourage you to attend these events and don't forget, partners are also welcome. This year we also had a function at Rathkeale after the Lindisfarne Winter Sports meet. On 21st October we had a function in Auckland at the Snapdragon Kitchen & Bar at the Viaduct Harbour and welcomed a good turnout of Old Boys.

Next winter we will again host Wanganui Collegiate Old Boys at Rathkeale for the Winter Sports exchange. Their Old Boys' President, Duncan Matthews, has promised to host us next time at Collegiate - a great opportunity for the Manawatu, Hawke's Bay and Wairarapa Old Boys to catch up.

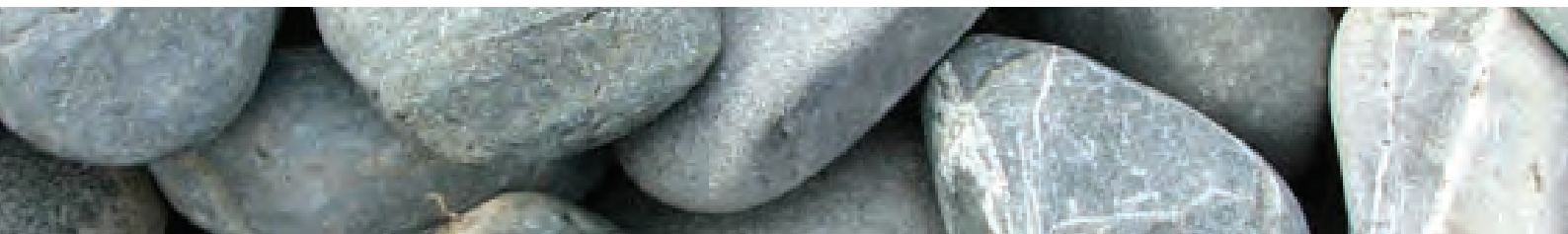
This year the Rock Runner is being emailed to the Rathkeale community in a PDF format. The magazine will be available in hard copy on request. Other schools are already doing this and it will be a great saving for us in printing and postage costs. Feedback on this decision is welcome.

Andy Sutherland and Jubilee Chair, Lisa Sims

Once again Willy and Grant have attended our functions and reported on Rathkeale's progress. The long-serving Board Chair and Old Boy, Andy Pottinger also enlightened us from the Board's perspective.

It has been a busy year at Rathkeale with the Jubilee. I would like to thank Lisa Sims, the Jubilee Chair, for all her efforts and also the committee members. Monthly meetings for over two years were involved!

Thanks also to Tim Martin who has done a lot for the Old Boys as Secretary/Treasurer and particularly with the database which has required a lot of time and effort.



Rathkeale BOT

ANDY POTTINGER (1968-72) - Chairman

Greetings to you all from the Rathkeale College Board of Trustees.

It is pleasing to report that Rathkeale is in great heart with the School moving ahead in leaps and bounds. Our roll next year on current predictions will exceed 315 boys, of whom just under 300 are New Zealand residents. This puts us about twenty below our Ministry-enforced roll cap which is a great achievement when you consider that seven years ago the roll was hovering in the mid-230s. The increase in numbers does, however, put us up to our maximum number of 155 day boys, so new parents are being encouraged to consider the option of boarding to secure a place for their sons at Rathkeale for 2015.

I am sure those of you who attended the 50th Jubilee celebrations in March will agree that the weekend was a great success. For me, the highlight would have to be the Saturday morning assembly where we were entertained for two hours by past and present Principals, and Mrs Norman. What an amazing presentation of stories and experiences of their times and tribulations at Rathkeale from each of these wonderful people. They all played their part in the development and history of Rathkeale College, and we thank them all for their contribution. I felt very inadequate summing up at the end of the Assembly! Another highlight of the weekend was the official opening of the Quad. This area of the School with the four pillars is becoming a focal point of Rathkeale and the pillars themselves are inscribed with the four statements which describe A Good Rathkeale Man. Thanks to all Old Boys who contributed to this project.

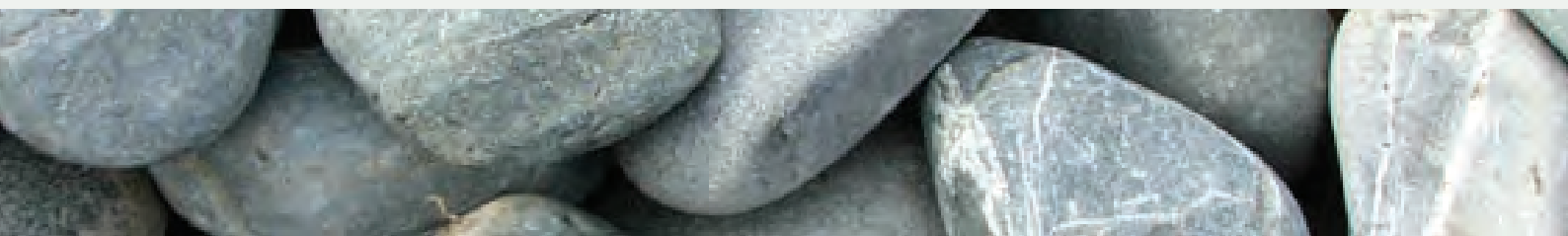
The Board of Trustees is at present working on Rathkeale's Strategic Plan, and this involves consultation with parents, students and staff. The finished result will be completed by the end of the year and available on the School website for those of you who are interested.



Andy Pottinger

We continue to get more Old Boys choosing Rathkeale for their sons' education, which is, I believe, an endorsement of what Rathkeale stands for in boys' education...keep this support up!

I look forward to catching up with those of you who are able to attend one of the Regional Old Boys' functions which continue throughout the year.



Principal's Report W KERSTEN

The Rathkeale College 50th Jubilee is now well past. The affirmations we received over the weekend provided an assurance that we are well placed to build on the traditions of the past and that we can proceed into the future knowing that we have the backing of our Old Boys. The College is in good heart.

The death of an Old Boy is always sad, but to have one so young, and his brother, leave us is tragic. Sam Donald left Rathkeale at the end of 2012 and his younger brother, Angus, was still with us in Year 11. Their funeral in the Term II holiday saw well over half the boys return to join a further 1,000 family members, Old Boys and friends. Their tributes acknowledged we had indeed lost two Good Rathkeale Men. Both were very keen shooters and just the week before, Angus had won the North Island Clay Target Shooting Championships thus adding to national titles he had previously won. "We are here to educate a man not just get a boy through an examination" (words of John Norman) continue to resonate. While some might lament too many activities beyond the classroom, events and successes there abound. The performance of the boys in sport, culture and service activities continues to astound me. All the while, our NCEA performances still exceed national averages by most measures of comparison.

Whether performing at scholarship level or needing learning support, young men proudly stand beside each other in house activities and other areas of wider school life. The Annual House Music competition is the cultural highlight of the year and this year it was a pleasure to have Faye Norman with us once again. After presenting the Faye Norman Cup to the winners, Blake House, she announced the inaugural winner of the Faye Norman Music Scholarship. The recipient was Isaac Johnston-Lundy and both he and the School thank those who have made this award possible. Choirs and bands, musical and drama casts, debaters and orators all performed well and enjoyed considerable success. Receiving a Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition national award has been a 2014 highlight.

The 1st XI cricket team did not reach the lofty heights of 2013, but the Colts XI eliminated their Palmerston North Boys' High School counterparts from the Junior Gillette Cup this year. The 1st XV continued to compete well against traditional schools and this year had one of their own named in a New Zealand Secondary Schools' Barbarian team. The 1st XI

Hockey team are a Top Four Wellington side and almost reached the same status at the India Shield Tournament. The future of football looks very bright with a young team performing well this year. Athletics is strong and we look forward to the re-emergence of tennis. Having said that, the opportunities for sport in the Wairarapa are limited and we are forced to seek competition from further afield.

The Board of Trustees is reviewing its strategic intent and has established five goals focussed on the future. These include:

- **Student Engagement** - every student is actively engaged in school life and develops socially, spiritually, culturally and in sport
- **Student Achievement** - every student achieves success, realises his full potential and builds a foundation enabling a productive contribution to New Zealand society
- **Staff Development** - employ or develop highly professional staff, and empower them to deliver sound and effective education
- **Community Engagement** - promote engagement and build strong alliances with the School community
- **Finance, Property and Infrastructure** - deploy effective financial management, and invest wisely to enhance the unique and exceptional facilities that support all aspects of school life.

Underpinning these intents are the values encapsulated through the pillars of The Good Rathkeale Man. Their relevance is becoming more and more apparent as we do our best to advise, guide and support our young men through their formative years.

I thank the staff for their continued and, in some cases, remarkable efforts in allowing us to continue to punch above our weight. We do not favour gifted and talented students and apart from the openly advertised scholarships, we do not lure students through financial incentive. Every student in the school has, first and foremost, expressed a desire to be with us because of what we offer. The stronger we make our offering, the greater the attraction to Rathkeale as a school of first choice.

The omnipresent Andy Pottinger continues to lead a very supportive Board of Trustees. He, along with Grant Harper particularly, has also been instrumental in establishing the Rathkeale Foundation. Rising out of the somewhat recessive Trinity Foundation, we look forward to its growth and development.

Andy Sutherland and Tim Martin have been keen to see the activity of the Old Boys' Association increase. A key success factor has been to have a functional database established as an integral part of Old Boys' Association administration. The synergy we now have with



William Kersten striding out

the TSTB Development Office will ensure this is the case. The efforts of Chris Gane, who for many years worked tirelessly to obtain and maintain relevant information, must be acknowledged.

As we look to the future, ***Nil Mortalibus Ardui Est*** assures us that Rathkeale College will continue to grow and prosper.



THE BIG WEEKEND THAT REALLY CAME TOGETHER

SEVERAL YEARS of planning and a great deal of work over many months preceded the College's Jubilee weekend held in March. Jubilee Committee Chair, Mrs Lisa Sims, tirelessly led the organization of the event and the College community is grateful to her and her team for co-ordinating a wonderful celebration. Another significant contributor to the event's planning and success was Old Boy Christopher Gane, who, assisted by Jan Connor, spent countless hours working on the Old Boys' data base.

The Jubilee co-existed with the Centennial celebrations of St Matthew's and there was a significant level of integration over the weekend, especially in promotion, ticketing, sponsorship and the planning of the Ball.

The Big Weekend, as it was marketed, attracted generous support and sponsorship from Westpac, Holmes Construction, Marsh, Bayleys, Printcraft, Harcourts, Jet, Spencer Holmes, Rigg Zschokke, Tranzit, Wharekauhau, Programmed Property Services, Norwoods, Accent Architecture, McKenzies Carpet Court and Garwith Burridge. This support was greatly appreciated.

A full programme began with Friday evening's Bayleys Cocktail Party held in a marquee adjacent to the Dining Hall. This was a particularly well-supported event made all the more memorable as many sang popular old school songs alongside Mrs Faye Norman on the piano. Adding

to the evening was the later arrival of a good number of St Matthew's Old Girls. Not surprisingly the bar operated by the Friends' Association did very good business!

In traditional Rathkeale style a group of Old Boys opened Saturday's activities with a bout of rock running from the river to the new Centennial Quad. This provided some hilarity and evidence of the toll the years can take on our bodies. Later, thanks to Nick Humphries' enthusiasm, former members of the Pipe Band gathered on the main drive and under the command of Band Major, Andrew George, proceeded to lead Old Boys into the Auditorium for the Opening Assembly. So excited were they to be back together that they were loath to cease playing!

The Assembly provided some of the more memorable moments of the whole weekend. Speeches by Faye Norman, Bruce Hamilton, John Taylor, Rob Nethercote, Bruce Levick, Neville Duckmanton and William Kersten all thankfully went well over time and were hugely appreciated by the assembled crowd who earlier were welcomed by a College haka. During the assembly, Up from the River, written by Grant Harper with assistance from Linda Wells and Shay O'Gorman, was launched and once again Mrs Norman accompanied the 1964 'Originals' in the singing of favourite songs from fifty years ago.

Outside the Auditorium, the recently completed Jubilee Quad was the next focus. Walls carrying the names of every boy who has attended Rathkeale over the past fifty years are overlooked by the four pillars of a Good Rathkeale Man and surrounded by attractive seating, paving, lighting and planting. Donors and those who have enabled the quad project to succeed, were acknowledged before Old Boy Derek Daniell unveiled a commemorative plaque. Official photographs

secured historical images for archival use and they also remain available for individual purchase.

Another important facet of the day was a claybird shooting event on Saturday afternoon organized by Ed Wallace.

Five hundred ticket sales represented a sold-out Westpac Ball on Saturday evening. Glamorously attired attendees moved past the new St Matthew's Centennial sculpture by Virginia King before entering a spectacularly decorated marquee on the St Matthew's site. Every box was ticked as a memorable evening unfolded: Old Boy Richard Donworth MC, fine food, excellent music from the band Noodle, great company and an impressive bar selection.

A quieter group assembled for Chapel on Sunday. Past chaplains, Ralph Robertshawe, John Pinner, Tim Clarke and Ray Coates, assisted current chaplain Ben Arcus in creating another memorable Jubilee component.

Down on the Oval, cricket between Craig McBride's and Mike Fisher's XIs drew an impressive crowd including younger Old Boys and many of the College's best cricketers. The festival atmosphere and an opportunity to linger and chat with old acquaintances brought the weekend to an appropriately mellow conclusion.

Elsewhere in bars, restaurants and private homes the celebrations continued as groups continued to rekindle old memories and friendships. For its part, the College returned to familiar routines, fully aware that it can look forward to the next half century with confidence.

Jubilee Committee: Rob Blackett, George Callaghan, Jan Connor, Steve Foster, Grant Harper, Guy Lewis, Simon McKay, Willy Kersten, Lisa Sims, Andy Sutherland, Ed Wallace.



THE BIG WEEKEND



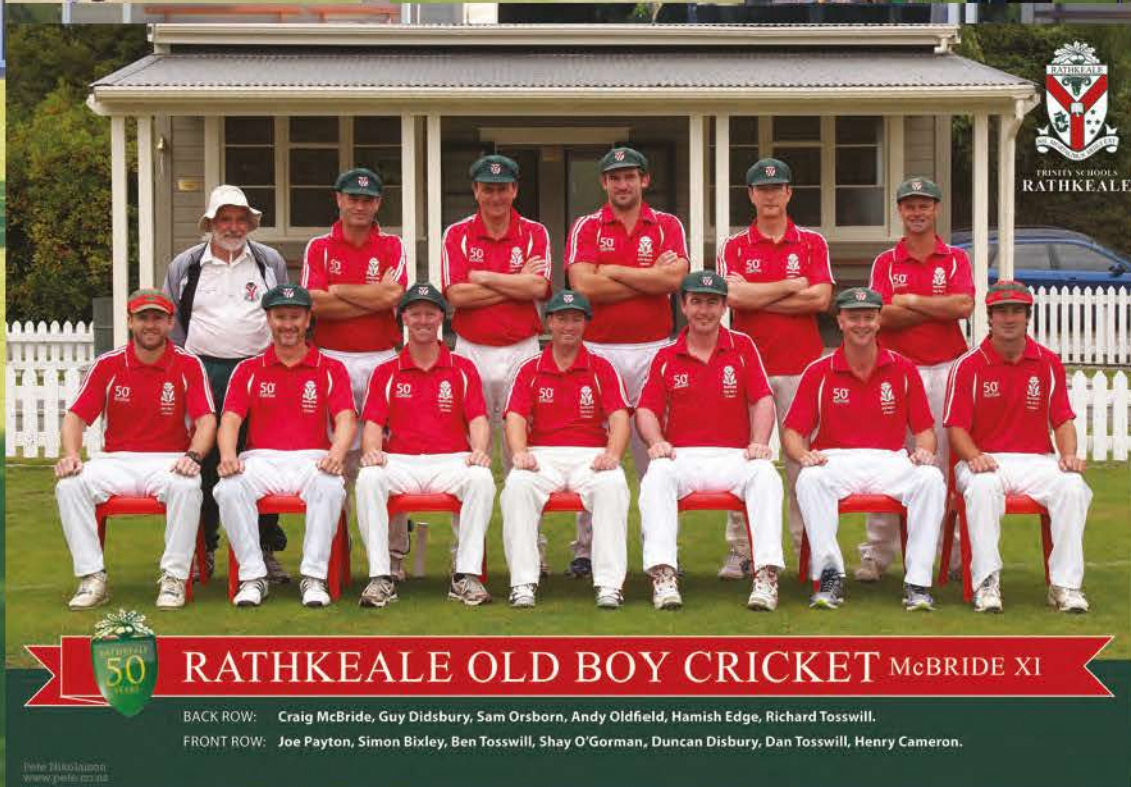


RATHKEALE OLD BOY CRICKET FISHER XI

BACK ROW: Michael Fisher, David Blundell, James O'Rourke, Richard Morris, Fergus Rutherford, Patrick O'Rourke, Scott Campbell.

FRONT ROW: Hamish Campbell, Malcolm Wyeth, Alistair Boyne, Richard Johnston, Matthew O'Rourke, Paul Lowes, Simon Wright

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RATHKEALE OLD BOY CRICKET McBRIDE XI

BACK ROW: Craig McBride, Guy Didsbury, Sam Orsborn, Andy Oldfield, Hamish Edge, Richard Tosswill.

FRONT ROW: Joe Payton, Simon Bixley, Ben Tosswill, Shay O'Gorman, Duncan Disbury, Dan Tosswill, Henry Cameron.

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The Fisher XI v The McBride XI

The build-up and the banter surrounding the Old Boys' Cricket had begun well before the Jubilee Weekend with plenty of talk from both camps.

Richard Johnston was chosen to lead the pre 1990 side and had a formidable line-up. Hosting three O'Rourke's (Patrick, Matthew & James) was enough to frighten any international side let alone a group thrown together over a few months!

Coached by MAF, the Fisher XI had members that had been instrumental in the successes of so many sides during the Fisher era: Paul Lowes, Malcolm Wyeth, David Blundell and the Campbell brothers.

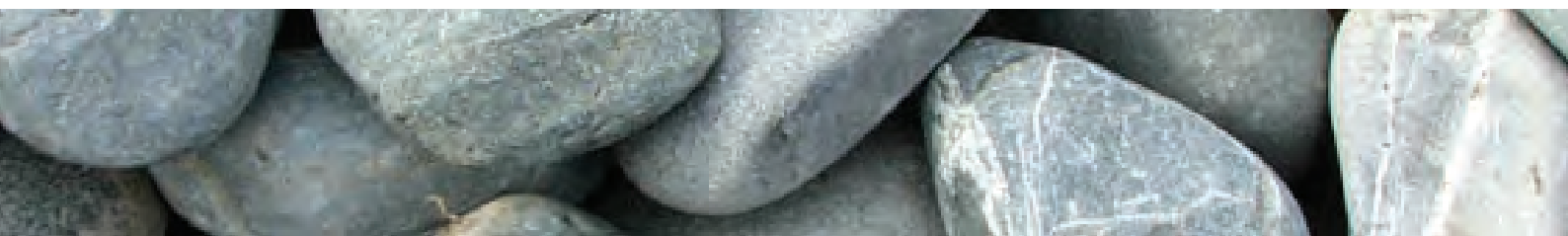
The McBride XI, consisting of players from throughout the CAM era, was captained by Shay O'Gorman. Three Tosswills and two Didsburys were to play in the side as well as Joe Payton and Simon Bixley; both legends during their time at school.

The game started with the Fisher XI waiting for the Campbell brothers, who had to be retrieved from the aftermath of the Ball the night before and Hamish Blundell who arrived closely behind them. Sleep deprivation had ensured maximum social time! Once under-way, the Fisher XI started well with a 53 run partnership between Captain Johnston (26) and Malcolm Wyeth (21). Once that was broken the Fisher XI stumbled along with no one else really getting going. A total of 145 from their 26 overs was still a good effort. All the bowlers did well for the CAM XI with Captain O'Gorman and Dan Tosswill getting two wickets each.

The McBride XI then went about chasing it down and started with a roar. Simon Bixley (51*) and Guy Didsbury (24*) put on 81 for the first wicket in good time, and effectively killed off the game, before they both retired. While wickets were to tumble after this, the McBride XI always looked in

control and won the game with 5.1 overs remaining with Richard Tosswill (20*) guiding them home. It was a pleasure to see Patrick O'Rourke charging in from the top end with Alistair Boyne being the unlikely best bowler for the MAF XI, claiming two wickets.

This was an amazing game with a bunch of some of the finest cricketers representing more than forty years of Rathkeale cricket. It was to end a great Jubilee weekend with speeches and drinks ending the fixture and chat of another game in two years time. We will wait and see if the bodies will allow that to happen.....



THE JUBILEE QUAD



Derek Daniell unveils

In the earliest days of the College, a landscape plan was drawn up in an attempt to rationalise the placement of buildings. Five boarding houses faced onto the ring road and were backed by playing fields. Classrooms were clustered in the centre of the campus and an open space, The Close, reserved as a central green space. Although not followed faithfully, the plan's influence is still tangible.

With the completion of the Trust House Theatre in 2001 and the remodelling of the Dining Hall exterior several years later, a new significant space emerged, which possessed qualities that could make it the social and physical heart of the campus, one which could assume quad-like characteristics.

In 2010 Hamish Moorhead (Rathkeale 1986-90) created a concept plan for the area and since then, the College has moved steadily towards creating an attractive central school quad. Year by year new paths, paving, lighting, seating and planting have transformed the area which has drawn much favourable comment from all and sundry.

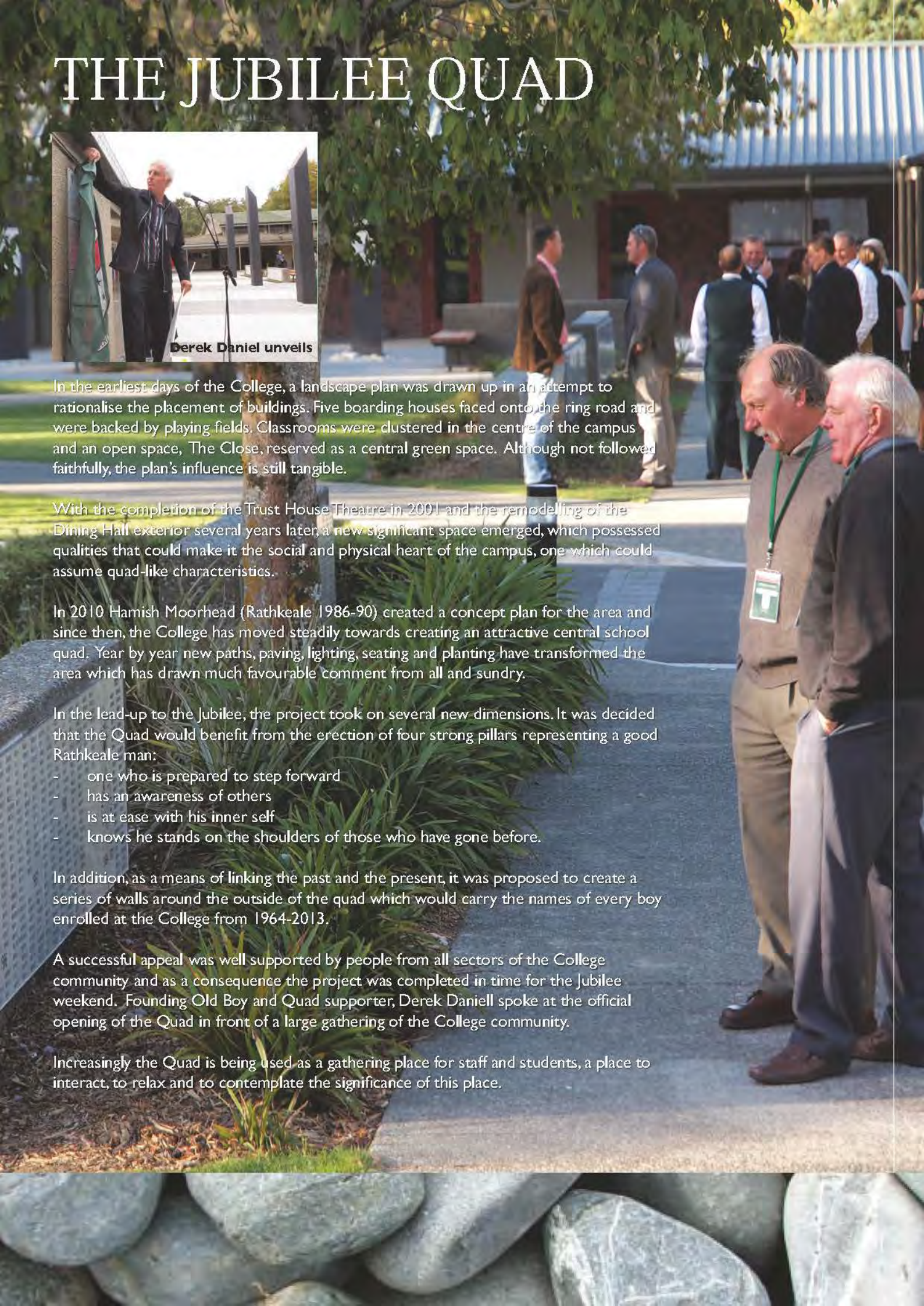
In the lead-up to the Jubilee, the project took on several new dimensions. It was decided that the Quad would benefit from the erection of four strong pillars representing a good Rathkeale man:

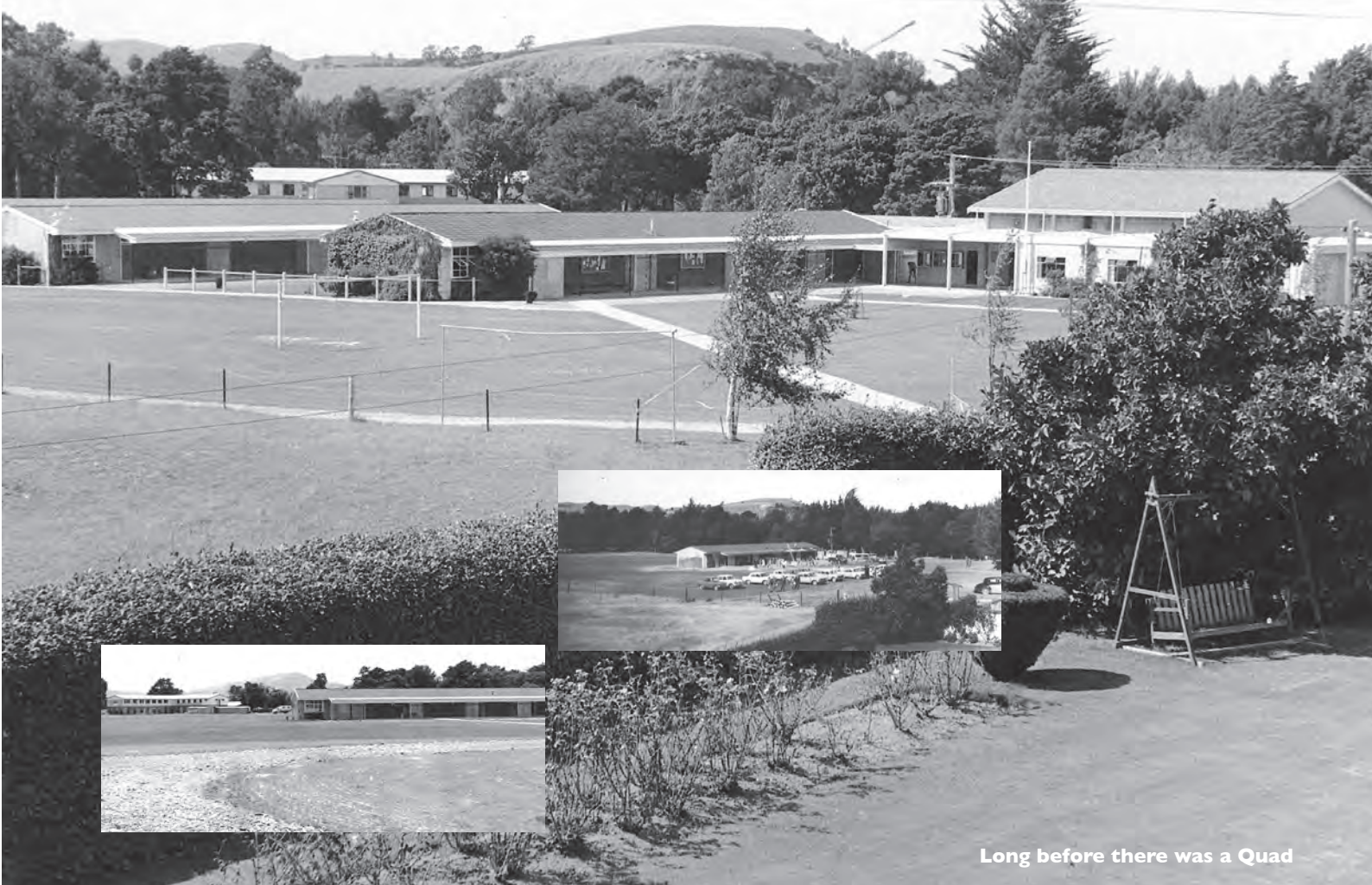
- one who is prepared to step forward
- has an awareness of others
- is at ease with his inner self
- knows he stands on the shoulders of those who have gone before.

In addition, as a means of linking the past and the present, it was proposed to create a series of walls around the outside of the quad which would carry the names of every boy enrolled at the College from 1964-2013.

A successful appeal was well supported by people from all sectors of the College community and as a consequence the project was completed in time for the Jubilee weekend. Founding Old Boy and Quad supporter, Derek Daniell spoke at the official opening of the Quad in front of a large gathering of the College community.

Increasingly the Quad is being used as a gathering place for staff and students, a place to interact, to relax and to contemplate the significance of this place.





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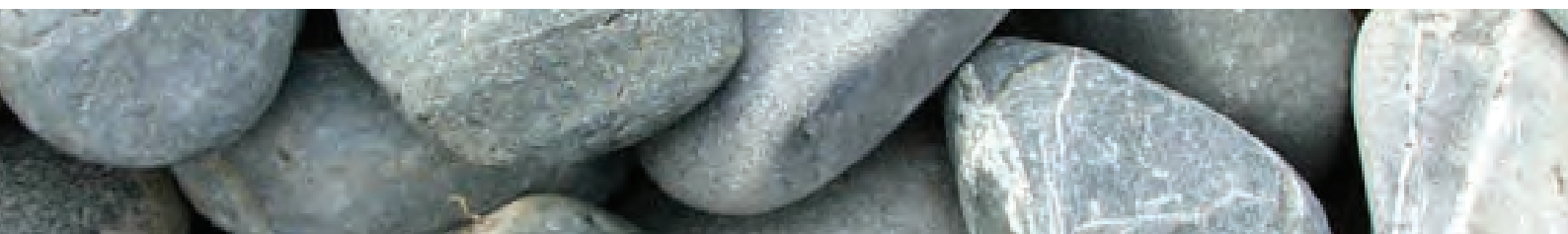
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Towards Rangitumau ~ a Jubilee Gift to the College



Artist Jane Sinclair with her painting in its early stages

*Ko Rangitumau te maunga
Ko Ruamahanga te awa
Ko Rathkeale te iwi*

*Rangitumau is the mountain
Ruamahanga is the river
Rathkeale is the tribe*

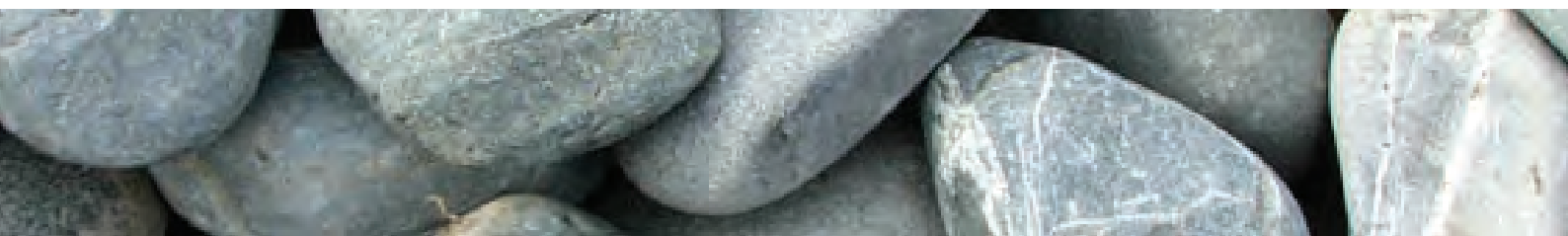
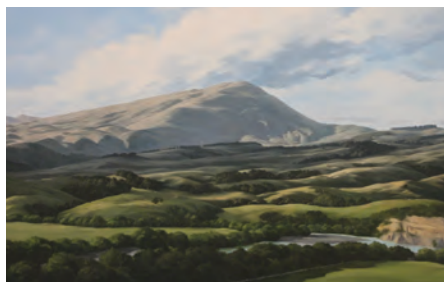
Over the years supporters of the College have generously donated works of art. These include a number by Old Boy Greg Whitecliffe along with works by Rei Hammond, Simon Payton, Sandy Adsett, Phyl Perry, Don Neilson, Kathleen Allom, Colin Allan, Evan Jones and Keith Hunt, amongst others. They add an undoubted

ambience to the College interiors. Following the Jubilee, the Jubilee Committee resolved to commission another large work for the College.

Jane Sinclair is a well-known Wairarapa artist and art tutor, painting predominantly landscapes and New Zealand birds in oils and watercolours. Her art career evolved from an architectural degree, leading to commercial illustrative design work, commissioned paintings, exhibitions, and teaching art to adults. She has held numerous solo exhibitions and group shows at such venues as the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art and History. In addition, she recently completed her

Secondary Teaching training, part of which was in the art department at Rathkeale. Residing on Black Rock Road, across the river from the College, has given Jane first-hand experience of the local landscape and made her a natural choice for the commissioning of a work to include aspects of Rangitumau, the Ruamahanga, Matapihi (Maori Hill) and part of the Cricket Oval; all landmarks very familiar to Rathkeale boys.

The work is well underway, and when completed will be unveiled at the Rathkeale Prizegiving before being hung prominently as a permanent reminder of the Jubilee year.



Close to the Earth

GROUNDESMEN CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

Few people leave a greater legacy at Rathkeale than those who tend the grounds. Figures vary as to the actual size of the campus but everyone agrees that it is an expansive area - perhaps 120 acres, give or take a bit of swamp, bush and river frontage.

From 1964, when Ron Pyne was appointed as first groundsman, a remarkably small and committed group have taken the campus from untamed countryside surrounding the Homestead garden, to the current park-like expanse we enjoy today. Ken Welch, Brian Page, David Bowie, Colin O'Connell, Alan Thomas, R Muir, Ian Olivier, Ross Sutherland, John Hurley, Brian Montgomery, Brian James and Jamie Clinton-Baker have from time to time been joined by others including the current gardens' staff of Sue Dalziell, Julie Musgrove and Fiona Vallance.

Initially much was expected of the boys and many Old Boys are able to claim paths, trees and other structures as theirs. Horticulture classes propagated, planted, mulched and pruned. Sunday job squads raked, swept, mowed and weeded. Others were responsible for eradicating noxious weeds from the bush areas. Obviously there had to be a staff presence in all of this and the College has been fortunate to have some keen horticulturalists within the staff ranks who have happily supported the ground staff.



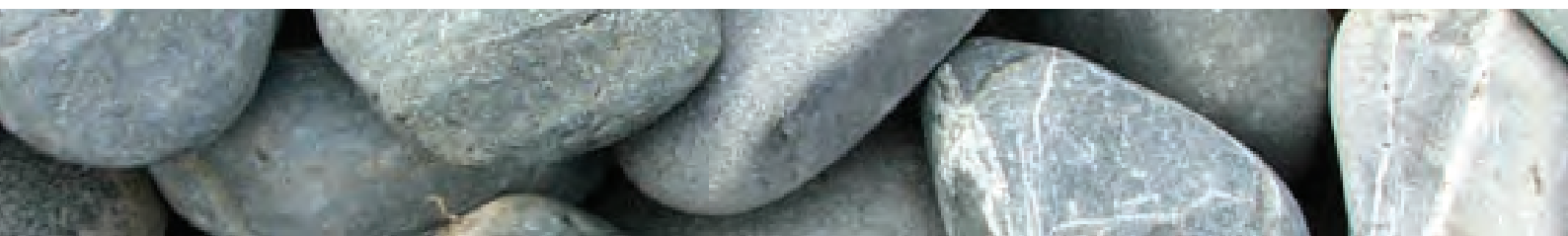
Ground staff and maintenance staff, 1990

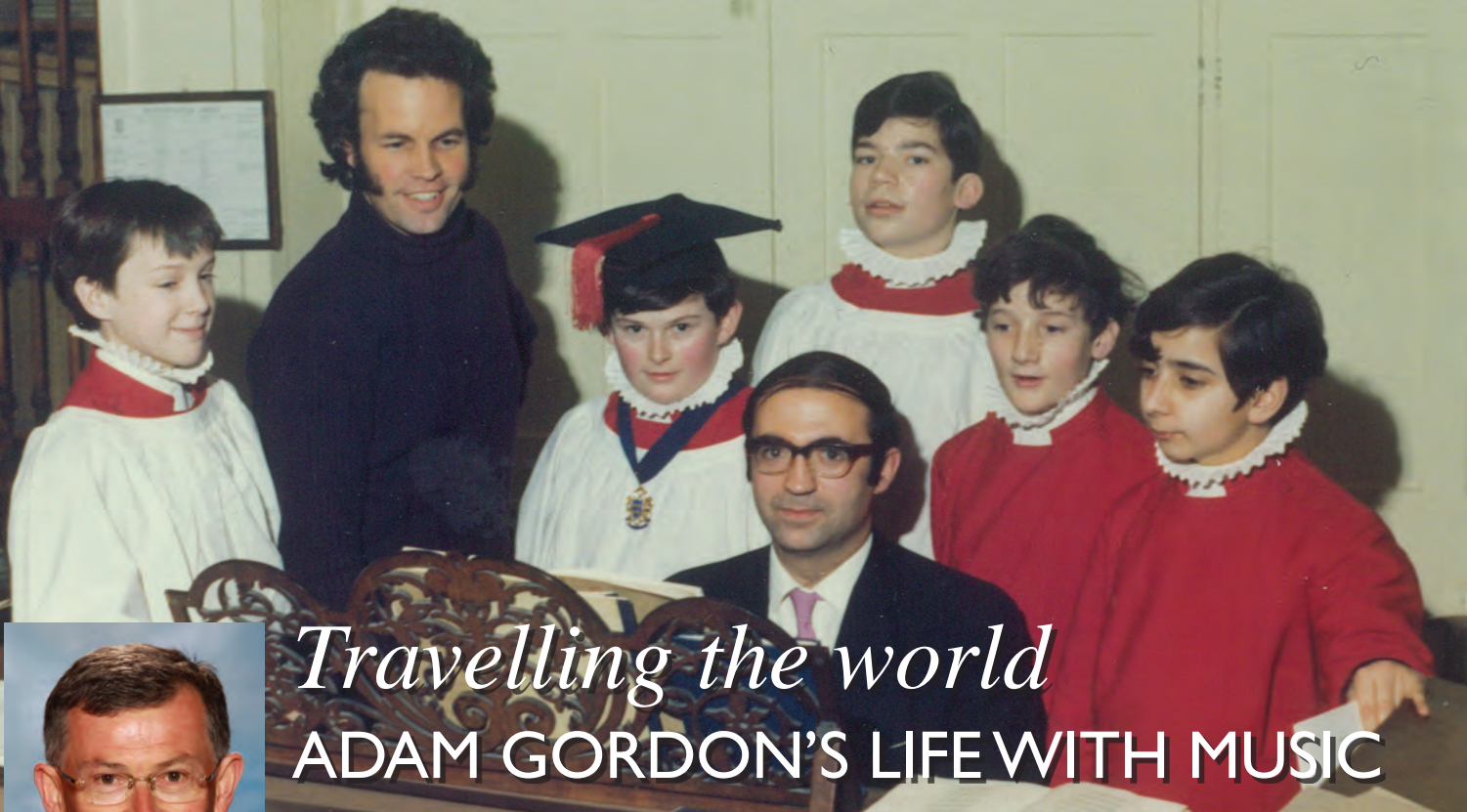
Some groundsmen have left more tangible marks than others. David Bowie and Ross Sutherland were passionate about native plants; Ian Olivier was an enthusiastic gardener who propagated constantly and kept everyone provided with bunches of flowers. Others have been turf men or maintained a special interest in landscaping. Combined, they have done a wonderful job.

This year we farewelled John Hurley who was appointed by Rob Nethercote in 1990. A hard-working man for all seasons and a talented tennis player in earlier days, John was never happier than when on a ride-on keeping courts, lawns and

fields immaculate. He has been replaced by Peter Sigvertsen. Impressive as John's tenure has been, Colin O'Connell carries the distinction of being Rathkeale's longest serving staff member. Appointed by John Taylor in 1979, Colin's love of this place, of the trees, open spaces and all that constitutes the campus, is unparalleled. After thirty-five years here, he knows every corner of the place intimately and continues to offer total commitment to a physically demanding job.

To groundsmen past and present, we owe a significant debt of gratitude.





Travelling the world ADAM GORDON'S LIFE WITH MUSIC



Adam Gordon (left) and third from left (above) as a Westminister Abbey Choir Boy

September 2014 marks thirty years in the classroom for Adam Gordon, currently Rathkeale's Head of Music and Dean of Year 11. Originally from England, Adam has been lucky enough to enjoy a career which has allowed him to teach in England, Indonesia and New Zealand.

Adam's musical training began at the age of four, when he started to learn the piano. It was suggested a few years later that he might like to sing in the local parish church choir and from there his parents were encouraged to take him to an audition for the choir of Westminister Abbey in London. From the age of eight until he was thirteen, Adam boarded at Westminister Abbey Choir School (total roll 34) and sang as a chorister in the Abbey Choir. This unique experience had many memorable moments as every Head of Government on a state visit to the UK visited the Abbey to lay a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier - and the Choir was always in attendance. State services, state funerals, memorial services as well as the daily round of 'ordinary' services seven days a week were part of the job. However, perhaps being a member of the Choir at the wedding of Princess Anne to Captain Mark Phillips was amongst the most memorable highlights.

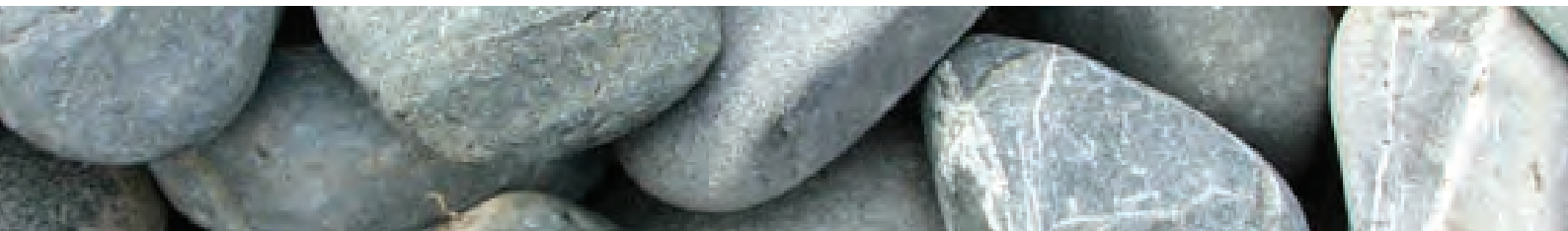
Secondary school followed at Ardingly College, deep in the Sussex countryside and here Adam was encouraged to pursue his developing passion as an organist, although he also played the piano and the clarinet. A scholarship followed to New College, Oxford University ('New' College, founded in 1379!), and it was during this time that Adam made the decision to teach. This planned career path could perhaps have taken a unforeseen turn, had he not declined an invitation from Ian Hislop, English satirist and editor of Private Eye to write the music for a review at the Edinburgh Festival.....! Whilst in Oxford, Adam was lucky enough to receive organ lessons from several eminent players, including Dame Gillian Weir in particular. Originally from Wanganui, Gillian Weir has a reputation in the organ world of similar stature to Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. At that time, the seed of travelling to New Zealand must have been subconsciously sown.

Teaching positions followed in England and Wanganui, where he met his wife, Barrie, an Old Girl of St. Matthew's. They returned to England where both children were born, back to New Zealand for stints at Scots College and Wanganui Collegiate School, and then an extended time of nearly nine years working at a large International School in Jakarta, Indonesia. While both children, Jessica and Tim, had the bulk of their education in Indonesia, both also consider New

Zealand to be 'home'. Jessica is in her third year of study at Otago University. Tim is an old boy of Rathkeale, having completed Years 12 and 13 here, and is now in his second year of a Hotel Management course at PIHMS in New Plymouth.

There have been countless highlights in a career spanning as long as this. Working with many talented students and highly committed and skilled teachers has helped; the opportunity for a great deal of travel has been a significant bonus, especially to countries all around the Asia-Pacific region while based in Indonesia. Broadcasts on television and radio while in Oxford were always an enjoyable challenge, especially when for live broadcast on the BBC.

Adam's time at Rathkeale seems to have gone quickly so far. The thoroughly enjoyable annual musical production and inter-house Music Competition are an inevitable focus for the whole community. The day to day job of encouraging talented students to practise harder and set higher standards continues. The finest view from any office in the school is the bonus of being based in School House.....and yes, locking up School House every night, especially in the winter, is a special experience. Adam has wondered a couple of times why that light in the corridor he definitely switched off before locking up is on again first thing the next morning.?!



Following the Path Less Travelled

HUMPHREY COBBOLD (TUTOR 1982) ON LIFE AFTER RATHKEALE

I came to New Zealand in 1982 and spent a year at Rathkeale as a tutor between my school days at Bromsgrove School in the English Midlands and university at Cambridge. This time at Rathkeale was, as I reflect on it, a phenomenally important stage in my life. For the first time I stepped into the unknown and followed the path less travelled rather than the normal step of going straight to 'Varsity'. I still remember vividly the combination of panic and excitement as I flew out of the UK to New Zealand – 12,000 miles away and a country where I knew just two people. I now actively seek out steps into the unknown in both my personal and professional life and I am convinced that my life has been enriched by this approach that has its origins in my trip to NZ.

I had the most wonderful year in New Zealand – and it is telling that so much of it is still so very clear in my memory. Sessions tutoring physics and Maths for school cert; teaching 4D Maths and 4th Form Social Science lessons; the U14C rugby team's epic end of season victory against Kuranui; trekking out of Takapau; jugs of beer at The Horseshoe; parties in woolsheds; the visit of The British Lions. I could go on and on just about the things that happened within and around the school to say nothing of experience from cutting scrub in Hawke's Bay, hunting in the South Island, skiing on Ruapehu and much more besides. It really was the most amazing time and experience and, reflecting on it with the benefit of thirty years of elapsed time, I realize it played a fundamental role in shaping who I am as a person.

So what has the rest of life brought me? Well, I count myself as a very, very lucky person with the life I have enjoyed. I spent three great years at Cambridge University studying Natural Sciences, rowing, playing rugby and hockey and socializing – aggressively. I met my wife, Nicola there and Cambridge is still a city that we both enjoy greatly.

I left Cambridge and decided against being a teacher - my 4D Maths set will breathe a sigh of relief for humanity! - and stumbled into business with a large firm of management consultants, McKinsey & Company. But, before starting work properly at McKinsey after university I thought I needed a different challenge and headed off to France for a year to learn French and experience a new culture. As I reflect on this, the courage of independent self-determination from that time in New Zealand is writ large in the decision to take off again somewhat against the flow of normal behaviour. So, as most of my friends headed into normal jobs, I headed to France and eventually Strasbourg to teach English, learn French and become, as it turned out, a life-long committed Francophile.

Eventually, I made it back to London for a couple of years of proper work, as my father called it, at McKinsey and had a great time. I applied to business schools and having been accepted for Harvard and Stanford with a Fulbright Scholarship decided to go to neither! My eye had been caught by a couple of friends who had bought a small business in the North of England making flat-packed kitchen cabinets. This was as unglamorous as it

sounds but the guys were willing to give me some real management responsibility at a young age and I thought I would learn a lot. So rather than heading glamorously to the USA, I took the path less travelled once more along the M1 to Yorkshire. A great two years in Halifax was followed by a decision to attend business school and get my MBA at a wonderful place just South of Paris called Insead in a rather fine old Royal City called Fontainebleau.

Nicola and I got married after I graduated from Insead and - you guessed it - took the path less travelled... we suspended our jobs and took a six month honeymoon. On that trip Nicola and I agreed to go nowhere we had been before, except we came to New Zealand because I was so keen that we should and she had heard so much about it. One of the most joyous times was coming back to Rathkeale and meeting some old friends again, and especially meeting the Harpers' growing brood of children. It is one of life's wonderful circles that we now know all three of Grant and Vicki's children quite well, and some of their grand kids! The world is much smaller than it used to be.

We were back in London in the mid-90s and life was very good: our first son, Jack, was born and we were settling into that family period. However, it did not feel quite right. I was back working with McKinsey and the opportunity to travel to South Africa to help set up McKinsey's practice there came up. We leapt at it and were gone within a month. Again, we found ourselves truly on the edge of the unknown, and that unknown was on the edge of Africa, the Dark Continent itself. Four years there was eye-opening in the extreme. We arrived with one child and left with three and a whole hatful of amazing experiences and memories.

Since leaving McKinsey in 2003, a couple of years after we came back from South Africa, we have lived largely in and around London. Our kids have grown up a lot (they are now 20, 17 and 15 which is pretty scary) and we have continued to pursue what most of our friends regard as unusual paths. Nicola has ended up closely involved in running an NGO in Israel and Palestine while I have published newspapers, launched websites, invested in oil & gas companies and most recently been a retailer of bicycle parts, clothing and gear. None of this has any defined set pattern or regime to it – and that eclectic experience-set is one of the



Humphrey relaxing in the Dead Sea, 2013

greatest joys in life as far as I am concerned.

So where does that leave me in terms of looking to the future? Well, simply asking for the good health to enjoy more of the same – variety in people, experiences, countries and cultures will do me fine. New Zealand and Rathkeale were at the very origin of my enjoyment of such variety and I will always be grateful for the chance that led Grant and Vicki Harper to being teachers at Bromsgrove School in my penultimate year there. My life would have been quite different, and not as much fun or fulfilling, without it.



The Cobbold family with Grant and Vicky Harper, Israel 2013



Proud parents Lloyd and Jo with Josh and Luke

A UNIQUE FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

The McKays

an exceptional College career that culminated in his becoming Head Boy in 2013. A fine all-round student, Josh's achievements at College were many and varied. He developed as a talented academic, was the recipient of Academic colours and of numerous Principal's Certificates for Excellence. He also attended the Gifted & Talented Education Academy Conference.

Sport was another forte. He captained the 1st XI Hockey team, received Sports colours and a Magnum Honorum tie for 100 matches, was a Hockey coach and was also captain of the Wairarapa U18 squad.

As Head Boy, he chaired the Student Forum, was a Peer Support Leader and at the end of the year received a Lincoln University Young Leaders' Scholarship.

During 2014, Josh has been at Lincoln University studying for a Bachelor of Agricultural Commerce.

Younger brother, Luke arrived at the College at the start of Year 9 in 2010 only one year behind his high achieving brother, but not in his shadow. Luke is also a remarkable young man and succeeded Josh as Head Boy in 2014. The McKays join the Sutherlands and Edges as the only three Rathkeale families to produce two brothers as Head Prefects. They are the only family to produce two heads in two years.

Whilst at Rathkeale, Luke has been to the fore as an academic and is the recipient of Academic colours. He, too, is no stranger to excellence.

A successful sportsman, he has distinguished himself on the hockey field, captained the 1st XI, has been awarded colours and, as a Wairarapa Representative player, was named Most Valuable Player in the 2014 Nunweek Tournament.

Luke leads by example in all that he does and enjoys widespread respect from people of all ages. He, too, has secured a Lincoln University Young Leaders' Scholarship. This will enable him to head south next year to begin studies for an Agricultural Business & Food Marketing degree.

The contribution that the McKay Family has made to Rathkeale has been truly remarkable and something of which the family can feel justly proud.

Lloyd McKay (1982-1985) was a dayboy at Rathkeale during the halcyon days of the early eighties. John Taylor was in full flight as Headmaster and Lloyd retains vivid memories of his College years.

It was a time of personal achievements and life-long friendships. He was influenced by strong role models during these formative years, not only in the classroom, but on the rugby field and athletics track. These included John Taylor, Bruce Levick, Grant Harper and Ron Laurence, the Athletics coach. Senior Students/Prefects such as Pete Smith, Paul Goodwin and the O'Rourke brothers also had an influential impact on him. The school environment was second to none and the camaraderie amongst those in the small College was very special.

It seemed natural for Lloyd and Jo's sons to follow in their father's College footsteps after primary schooling at Master-ton Intermediate School.

Joshua began at Rathkeale as a Year 9 dayboy in February 2009, thus beginning



2014 Head Boy, Luke McKay



Trinity Schools' Business Services Manager

Recently returned to Masterton, Rob Blackett, has become an integral part of the Trinity Schools group in his role as the Business Services Manager.

Attending Rathkeale as a boarder, he was initially in School House before transferring to Rugby House for three years and then back to School House in his final year as Head Prefect. After leaving school, he completed a Bachelor of Commerce at Canterbury University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Commerce at Lincoln University, before accepting a role as an auditor with PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) in Christchurch.

In 1991 he met his wife Rose and they have two children, Tim (19) and Sophie (17).

Rob vividly recalls his experience of the February 2011 Christchurch earthquake from twelve floors up in the CBD, the top of the building reportedly swaying four metres! Following the earthquake, he was involved in the establishment of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority in a project-management role.

With the children's schools closed, Rose phoned the Principals at Rathkeale and St Matthew's to see if they had room for two Christchurch 'refugee' children. Both happily obliged and a week later Sophie and Tim were boarding in Masterton. They both enjoyed their new schools so Rose and Rob relocated to Masterton and escaped the remaining aftershocks although some in Masterton blame Rob for the recent Wairarapa quakes.

ROB BLACKETT
(1983-1987)

During a brief foray into farm accounting in Masterton, Rob also became involved in the Rathkeale Jubilee Committee and the Rathkeale Old Boys' Association. The role of Trinity Schools' Business Services Manager was advertised and Rob was appointed in September 2013. Rob's wife Rose is on the Board of Trustees at St Matthew's.



Rob with fellow Old Boy, Richard Norman (1965-67)

Rob recently provided the following observations on Rathkeale and the Trinity Schools:

- The majority of boarders are now weekly (five day) boarders, so week-end life at the schools is much less busy than in his school days
- The Senior College approach to co-education in Years 12 & 13 remains, although the girls now out-number the boys
- Principals and teachers are passionate about the school and committed to delivering an all-round education to all those who attend
- Some staff still remain at the school from Rob's time, including Grant Harper, Greg Baillie, Cliff Bouton and Liz Eaton.
- School House is no longer a boarding house and has been converted to offices and music rooms, perhaps in memory of the after-school bagpipe practices many of us endured!
- The House Music Competition remains as competitive as ever and a fantastic evening to attend in the school auditorium
- The demise of caning has also meant the end of the 'slipper' but detentions remain
- The old computer room has given way to modern communication, anywhere, anytime. 'Cows' have recently been seen on campus (computers on wheels)
- Increasing numbers of Old Boys are visible at the Trinity Schools, mostly as parents of current students. Just from Rob's year he mentioned Blair McLaren, Edward Cox, George Callaghan, Simon McKay, and Matthew Basset amongst others
- Boarding at Rathkeale and St Matthew's is a cheaper option for parents than attendance as a day pupil at many of the big city secondary schools.

A Trinity Institution

ARLENE DU CANN

Arlene was born in Liverpool in the United Kingdom and later attended the University of Wales in Bangor where she studied Pure Mathematics, Physics and Electronic Engineering. She was also involved in the early days of computing, doing binary code programming during her University holidays. However, it was not just as case of academics only as she also raced Fireflies (14 foot dinghies) for the University team

After completing a post graduate diploma in teaching and teaching for a year at an all girls' school in Cheshire, she decided to move abroad and took up a teaching post in Bermuda, which is where she remained for the next nine years and during which time she met her husband, married and had a daughter. The family then decided to return to England, one of the highlights of the trip being sailing from New York to the UK on the QEII. Once back in the UK they settled in Rutland and Arlene's husband joined with another couple and bought a wine bar, in which



Arlene alongside the new Chapel window

she used to work during weekends and school holidays. However, the thought of adventure took over and seven years later they decided to take a year off and travel round the world.

One of the reasons that they chose to visit New Zealand was that her father and step-mother lived here. While on holiday they decided that they liked New Zealand and would stay. Arlene saw two posts advertised in the Christchurch Press, applied for both, really just to see how the system worked here, and was offered both. So, in 1984 Arlene du Cann took up a post as a teacher at St Matthew's and has now become an institution in the Trinity system,

having been associated with St Matthew's, the Senior College and Rathkeale for the past thirty years.

Four years after beginning at St Matthew's Arlene was appointed, in 1988, together with Mr Liam O'Gorman, as a Senior College Dean.

Things were very different in those days: the staffroom, with far fewer staff, occupied what is now the Graphics Room, until the new Administration building was built in 2001. The Senior study centre was an old army barracks close to where the chapel is now located and conditions were, by modern standards, far more

Arlene Du Cann continued

primitive. Arlene feels that the development of the grounds over the years, especially the new quad project, has made for a really welcoming appearance and set the tone for the school.

Asked about education during her time at Rathkeale she commented that most things are cyclical. The education authorities throw out what is a tried and tested method, used world-wide, such as percentages for tests and exams, change to grades (the old NCEA speak), only to decide that they need more differentiation and so introduce a 9 point scale – and we're almost back to where we were.

As an Assistant Principal at Rathkeale, Arlene was the epitome of efficiency. She ran all things to do with examinations and made sure that they ran smoothly – woe betide anyone who did not do things correctly! Timetabling was her other forte and the end of the school year tended to see her shut up in her office grappling with the difficulties of trying to construct a student-centred timetable. Her other great characteristic was her ability to analyse concepts and ideas and see some of the pitfalls which might occur down the track – an invaluable asset for those on the senior management team.

Arlene was also deeply involved with the spiritual dimension of the College and when she was offered a long service function upon reaching twenty five years in the Trinity system, decided that she would prefer the College to take the money they would have spent on her and use it towards a commemorative window in the chapel. The Anzac Window, subtitled 'Memories of Gallipoli' is a beautiful piece of art and will remain as part of Arlene's legacy in the years to come.

We wish her well in her retirement, knowing that she will have plenty to keep her busy, including her young grandson who will be coming to New Zealand with his parents in a year or so.

Those Magnificent Men and their Flying Machines

ANOTHER OLD BOY FLIES HIGH. JULIAN REMFRY (2006-10)



Julian Remfry

Having profiled several young pilots in last year's Rock Runner, another has come to the fore.

Julian Remfry left College in 2010 after five years' boarding and with a life-long desire to become a pilot. It was this desire that drove him south to Invercargill's Southern Wings Aviation College. Southern Wings operates the Air NZ Aviation Institute training as one of five special partner schools around the country.

After a rigorous selection process which included an interview with Air New Zealand, Julian was accepted into the Diploma Course. Two years later that Diploma in Aviation and an Instructor's rating have been completed. He has also received his Pilot's Licence. The final part of the Diploma included an intensive month's training with Air New Zealand on the new Airline Integration Course (AIC), learning about

the multi-crew environment, the Company itself and flying the ATR Turboprop Simulator. The Course also included instruction in confidence-boosting aerobatics.

Once the Southern Wings training was completed, Julian's aim was to secure a teaching appointment or another commercial position. This would enable him to increase his flying hours and make him eligible for a post with Air New Zealand should such a post become available.

It was, therefore, fortuitous when in 2014 Southern Wings opened an Auckland-based flying school at Ardmore and sent Julian there in July, along with a senior instructor, to start the operation. This represents a fantastic opportunity for him to learn business skills, to achieve more flying hours and to continue to follow that high-flying dream of commanding airliners of the future.

From Lancashire to the Wairarapa

PAUL GREENWOOD'S JOURNEY ACROSS THE WORLD



Paul Greenwood.

The son of a truck driver, born on a council estate in a mill town in eastern Lancashire, Paul Greenwood was the fourth of five children. Perhaps because of his poor eyesight – he wore glasses from the age of eighteen months – he was never a sportsman. He was simply not able to see anything until it was right in front of him so ball games were impossible. He, therefore, became a somewhat bookish lad fascinated with science and anything mechanical.

His father had decreed that there would not be a television in the house until all his children had left school. Not a difficult threat to sustain as there was no money to buy a television anyway. With an older

brother and an older sister at grammar school the evening meal was a time for conversation. After the evening meal, Paul would listen intrigued by the questions back and forth between his older sister and brother about their homework. 'What is the formula for the period of a pendulum?', 'What is the square root of ten to four decimal places?', 'What is the past historic of ...?', 'What is the valence of calcium?'. He could not wait to get to grammar school himself.

Those years came and went very rapidly. Having watched a brother and sister go off to university there seemed to be no choice other than to follow in their academic footsteps. He entered the University of Keele in 1965 intent on reading physics and chemistry. A first year of study included Russian, psychology, computer science and law. It was during this year that he decided that the sciences no longer held the appeal that they had. He decided that he would change his major subjects to psychology and law, and graduated with a joint honours degree in those subjects in 1969. A highlight of the years at university was being elected President of the University Law Society which necessitated hosting famous legal dignitaries at monthly Law Society meetings and dinners.

In those wonderful days university study was fully funded by State scholarships but additional money was earned during vacations. Christmas time always brought the opportunity of mail delivery. The volume of mail that had to be delivered had traditionally involved students trudging through rain, hail, wind and snow. Summer jobs were very varied and always interesting in their different ways. Warehouse work in a sanitary goods factory, drayman at a brewery, engineering in a small factory.

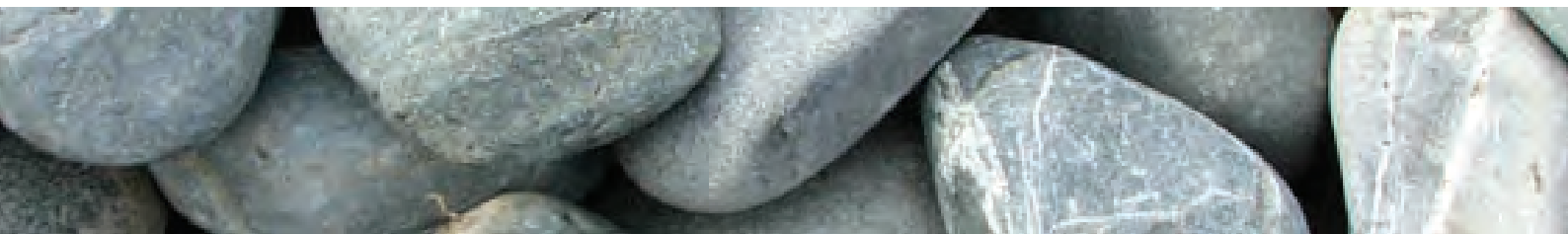
After graduation came the need for a job. The ideal choice would have been to become a lawyer but breaking into the

legal profession was not easy. After failing to secure a position as manager of a Nigerian timber mill and as a tour guide for a Tibetan holiday trekking company, a position as a management trainee in an international corporation was accepted. A fascinating two years followed, based in Sidcup, Kent with travel to sites throughout the South East of England measuring work flows and designing new systems.

After two years a desire to travel burgeoned and resulted in a move to New Zealand to teach. Rutherford High School, Te Atatu, Bream Bay College, Ruakaka, Edgecumbe College, Bay of Plenty, Stratford High School, Taranaki; all steps on the way. Whilst at Stratford High School an opportunity arose to work in industry and a position was accepted at the methanol plant in Waitara. Initially in human resources the position involved hiring all the staff required for the operation of the newly built plant. Later as the company acquired its own computer system he became responsible for all business systems computing. The company was absorbed by a larger organisation in 1993 with many redundancies.

So the move to the Wairarapa. First as HOD Computing at Makoura College and five years later as Director of Information Technology at Rathkeale College appointed by Kris Brewin. The fifteen years since then have flashed by with many involvements: managing a football team, coaching the debating team for several years, acting in the staff play directed by Chris Luman, creating scoring and recording systems for Matharapa, School Swimming, School Athletics and, of course, teaching. He has also been the staff representative on the Board of Trustees.

In essence Paul has contributed enormously to Rathkeale and he is wished many happy years of retirement as he and his wife, Lynn, move to Wanganui.



Liam O’Gorman

AN ENDURING IRISH MEMORY

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Liam attended the Catholic CBS school. His sister reports that he was an intelligent boy who passed all his examinations with flying colours and without having to study. It has also been said that he inherited his thespian father’s charm and acting ability which enabled him to speak naturally and with confidence. From his mother, a teacher, came the ease to relate to teenagers and adults and also the ability to do particularly difficult crosswords. He graduated from University College, Dublin before commencing PhD studies in Sheffield in 1963. Later a Research Fellowship took him to Dikemark Sentrallaboratoriet Asker, Norway. This was followed by independent research at Hammersmith Hospital prior to setting up a private business.

Lured south to New Zealand by a Solway Old Girl, Margaret Fergus from Pongaroa, whom he married in 1973, he joined the Rathkeale staff in 1974 and began a remarkable association with the College which endured until his retirement from teaching in 1996 and beyond.

Very quickly Liam integrated himself with all facets of life at Rathkeale and by the end of his first year was teaching Chemistry, Biology, Science and Maths throughout the school, coaching Athletics and the Soccer XI and running Hillary Club. The Record also reveals that he ran a good 50 yards for the staff relay team and was regularly found on the golf course at 6.00pm.

As the years unfolded, Liam became quite a legend at Rathkeale. He was readily acknowledged as an outstanding teacher; intelligent, passionate and with a real affinity for those in his classroom.

As a coach, his performance was no less impressive and the bonds between 20 years of 1st XI members and their coach have stood the test of time. They were demonstrated by a recent 1st XI reunion and were evident both at the Jubilee and at Liam’s funeral in early November.

Once appointed Housemaster of Cranleigh House in 1975, he embarked on another remarkable contribution to Rathkeale. John Taylor, Head Master at the time, has described him as a first class, if very likably idiosyncratic Housemaster; one especially famous for his integration techniques, his caning ability and possibly for the bar installed in his living room!

A true Irishman, Liam loved life, people and a good party. Certainly his Irish ancestry gave him charm and a great sense of humour. This was appreciated by staff and students alike and was to the fore when he became Year 13 Dean in 1985 and of the Senior College once that was established in 1988. He was pivotal to the Senior College’s immediate success.



Liam O’Gorman

Many will remember the manner in which he compared the Arts

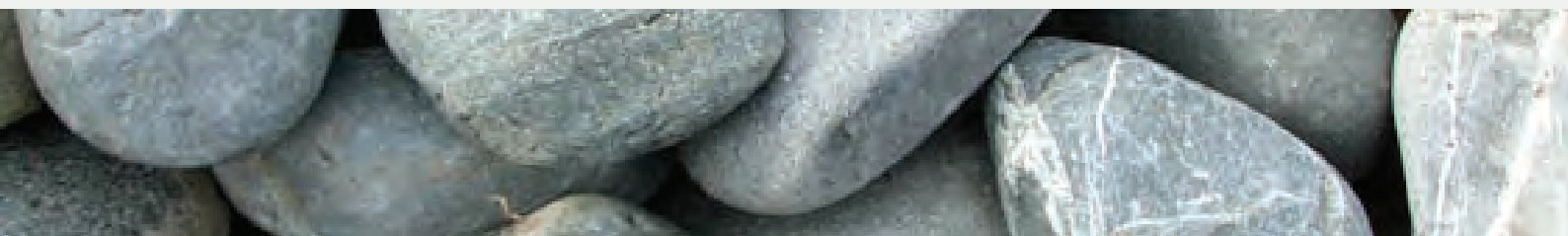
Festivals of the eighties, linking items with rare wit and panache. It was all part of his unique contribution to Rathkeale and part of the reason we were sorry to see him go at the end of 1996.

A spell working with concrete products followed with lots of time for snooker, racing and living the good life.

Come the turn of the century and Liam was again back in the classroom, teaching first at Wanganui’s St Augustine’s College and then at Cullinane College. Once again he became popular for his charisma, charm and remarkable knowledge. It was here that the last chapter of a very colourful and extraordinary life ended, following a sudden heart attack. We share the grief experienced by the staff and students of Cullinane and of Liam’s family around the world.

There will never be anyone quite like Liam...

*“It’s no nay never
No nay never no more
Will ye play the Wild Rover
No never no more”*



‘Miraka – Nurturing our World’

RICHARD WYETH (1992-1998) MAKES NATIONAL HEADLINES

Richard started boarding in Rugby House, and then moved to Winchester as a day boy. From there he moved to Repton when the day boys were integrated into the boarding houses. He was a school prefect in his last year and played in the school first eight tennis for two seasons and the first fifteen in his last year.

Richard has fond memories of his time at Rathkeale and would not change a lot, 'We had a reasonably small year group with, from memory, under fifty boys, which meant we got to know everyone. We had a lot of fun and I still keep in touch with a number of my friends from school'.

The University of Canterbury was then the choice for his tertiary education where he started out doing a law degree combined with an arts degree.

After two years of law he moved into commerce. Richard says: 'I was never really cut out to be a lawyer and I was only doing law because it was a profession and the mother of one of my friends at school suggested it would be a good idea. I am passionate about business and the one thing I learnt from time at university is to find something you love doing.'

While in Christchurch Richard managed the social grade rugby competition for two years, which involved twenty social rugby teams every Saturday during the winter. In his final year at university he managed the Senior A rugby team. While managing the University of Canterbury seniors he also completed an extramural Post Graduate Diploma in Sport Management through Massey University.

Richard commenced his career on a graduate scheme run by Benchmark building supplies, now owned by Bunnings. This lasted twelve months before

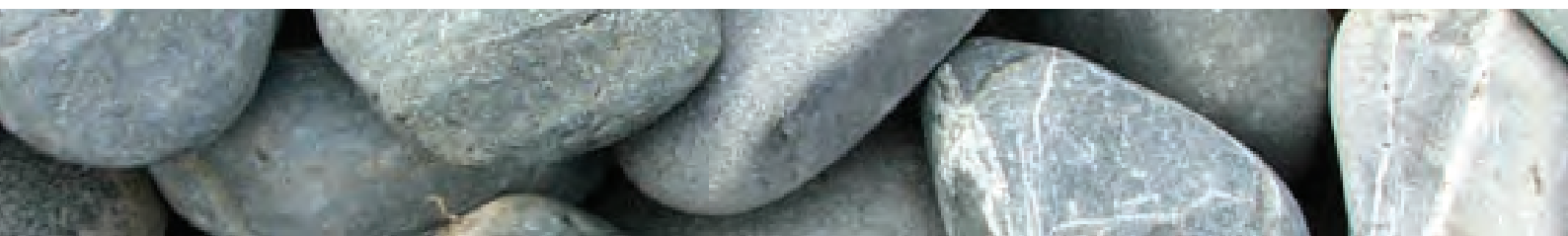


Sarah and Richard Wyeth

he went and worked for his relations running a trucking company and then to DB Breweries and Coca-cola Amatil, before moving back into Agri business with roles at Rissington Breedline, followed by his break into dairy. It was one of the stories where networks help. 'I got a call from a friend of mine from university who knew of a job going in Wellington with a bus company that wanted a commercial manager. It was good money but I just couldn't get excited about buses. I called my friend to thank him for the suggestion and he said he had another role in mind that might work for me. That's how I ended up at Open Country Cheese, a business started by Wyatt Creech, former Wairarapa MP and Deputy Prime Minister'. After three years there, Richard got a call about a possible new start-up dairy company based in Taupo. Fortuitously he accepted the challenge.

Miraka is a small, dynamic milk-powder processing operation at Mokai, west of Taupo, formed by a unique alliance of Maori trusts and incorporations. Miraka – Maori for milk – is the result of a vision shared by a group of Maori trusts and incorporations with land and dairy holdings in the Central Plateau looking to add value to their farming enterprises beyond the farm gate. Since starting milk-powder manufacturing three years ago, Miraka has gone from

Taupo's Miraka facility





Richard flanked by the Prime Minister and Steven Joyce

strength to strength, meeting and surpassing all of its targets and expanding its export base around Asia. The Company's state-of-the-art \$90 million dollar milk-powder factory (WMP) on nine hectares of land at Mokai has been operating at capacity for the past three seasons producing 37,000 tonnes of milk-powder for overseas markets with committed overseas orders for all of its product. A supply contract signed with Chinese company Shanghai Pengxin in February 2013 to produce 250 kg Ultra Heat Treatment (UHT) milk packs for the Chinese market has also seen expansion plans brought forward. The new \$25 million UHT facility on the Mokai site adjacent to the milk-powder factory marks the Company's first foray into the production of retail long-life milk products. The new factory has been fully funded by Miraka shareholders. "We have established our core business on whole milk-powder and are now looking to add more value to the milk we collect," Richard (Chief Executive Officer) says.

While commercial success and production of a top quality product for the world market are a given, the commitment to whanau (family) and environmental values have also won Miraka accolades.

Miraka runs a tight ship. A team of six executives – headed by Richard – and five administrative staff work out of offices in Taupo. At the Mokai site, commissioning of the new UHT facility will see the number of factory staff increase from around twenty-eight to seventy working around the clock.

The Company has also taken over management of its port warehouse facility in Tauranga, where it employs three staff. While Miraka has forged ahead commercially, it remains committed to the core values that are a cornerstone of operations.

In the early days of development, Miraka went to its shareholders rather than a commercial agency to develop a brand and logo. Chief Executive Richard says the branding that evolved, Miraka – Nurturing Our World – truly reflects the aspirations of everyone, from board members and shareholders to suppliers and staff members. That includes a commitment to whanau (family) and environmental values, sustainable business practices and production of a top quality product for the world market.

Richard received a Prime Minister's business scholarship to study offshore during 2014. He chose to attend INSEAD - the business school for the world, where he completed the Advanced Management Programme. The course was held in Singapore for the month of March. There were thirty-six participants from eighteen different countries. Richard says it was a once in a lifetime experience and he was very grateful for the opportunity. He feels studying outside New Zealand broadens one's horizons and makes one appreciate what there is at home.

He has support from his fantastic wife Sarah, who is a St Matthews Old Girl. They have two children, George (10) and Sophie (8), who love living on the Central Plateau and making the most of the great outdoors.

A NEW HOME FOR OLD

THE COLLEGE ARCHIVE RELOCATES

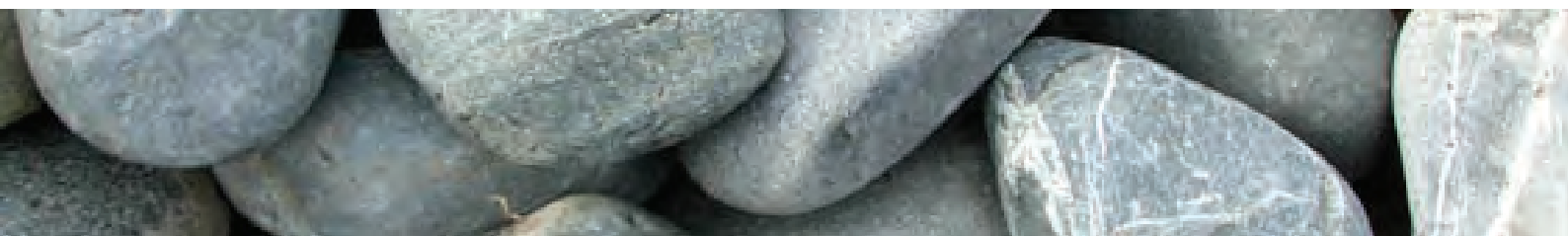


Linda Wells, Librarian and Archivist

It was fortuitous that the College's founding Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster were enthusiastic historians and that, from day one of the College, records and photographs were preserved. Thanks to Bruce Hamilton these were formalized and organized as he worked towards the publication of his book, Rathkeale 1964-1988. This collection of reports, interviews, minutes, photographs, magazines, videos and uniform items has been cramped securely in the School House safe for over a quarter of a century.

As the vision of the Jubilee arose on the horizon eight years ago, it was deemed important to adopt a more professional approach to College archiving. It was no longer seen as appropriate to dump another bag of sports photographs into the safe. Fortunately Librarian Linda Wells agreed to work with the material held by the School. After attending relevant archivists' professional development courses, she went on to spend countless hours sorting, naming, cataloguing and preserving items of College history – a history that desperately needed a new home.

Linda, amongst others, is therefore delighted that the Board has, at last, acknowledged the need and provided a new Archives Store Room adjacent to the Library foyer. With the building, painting and carpeting now complete, quotes for special archival mobile shelving are being considered before the big move of the collection across from School House to the custom-built facility. Old Boys will be pleased to know that their past is being well preserved.



High up the Sporting Ladder

RATHKEALE'S TOP REGIONAL SPORTSMEN



Sam leads the 2014 XV towards another inter school fixture

Wairarapa Secondary Schools' Sports Awards



Over the years the College has boasted a growing number of top sportsmen. Names readily spring to mind of talented players in all codes; boys who have represented the region, reached national level and the elite few who have performed internationally. They have come from the traditional sporting codes as well as sports such as orienteering, pistol shooting, boxing, croquet and motor cross.

Left: Gerard Hickey, Junior Sportsman of the Year with Sam Tufuga, Senior Sportsman of the Year.

Every year Sport Wairarapa hosts the Secondary Schools' Sports Awards and enables colleges to nominate their star performers. This year Rathkeale was pleased to nominate Gerard Hickey (Athletics Junior Sportsman category) and Sam Tufuga-Piopa (Rugby Senior Sportsman category).

Gerard is a Year 9 day boy who competed in three events at the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships, gaining second place in the Junior High Jump and fourth place in the 1500 metres. Being named Junior Wairarapa Sportsman of the Year was a very fitting recognition for a versatile and talented young man.

Sam Tufuga-Piopa, is a Year 13 boarder in Repton House, a School Prefect and Captain of the 1st XV. During 2014 he has been a member of the NZ Secondary

Schools' Barbarians team which defeated both Australia and Fiji in recent tests. He has been part of the Hurricane's Secondary Schools' team, the Under 18 Wairarapa Bush side and has been named Wairarapa Bush College Player of the Year. The announcement that Sam had been chosen as both Senior Sportsman of the Year and also Overall Sportsman of the Year was a proud and well-deserved moment for a rising star.

The College is delighted to bask in the reflected glory of these two exceptional sportsmen.

Top right: Sir Brian Lochore presents Sam Tufuga with his Magnum Honorem tie.

Inset: Sam Tufuga with Phil Rutene from Sport Wairarapa



A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

AN ACCOLADE OF WHICH TO BE PROUD

Rudyard Kipling's (1865-1936) poem *If* is a part of childhood memories for young men the world over. It confidently projects the qualities which he saw as the characteristics of a man. Whilst written in a very different era from our own at a time when the British Empire was at its zenith, it confirms what we know to be a universal truth: that character maketh the man.

The New Zealand Foundation for Character Education would support Kipling's views. It seeks to celebrate and promote the development of Character and annually names a small number of schools who are seen to be excelling in this regard. This year Rathkeale was named by the Foundation as a winner of a National School of Character Award alongside Otago Girls' High School, Hato Paora College, Hamilton Boys' High School and

Malfroy Primary School. The award was presented to the College by Sir Brian Lochore during a special assembly in late October. A plaque was accompanied by a generous cheque which will be used to bring future inspiring speakers to the College.

The College was pleased to be honoured in this way and sees it as an endorsement of the good work being done with the

Good Rathkeale Man Project, in Chapel and Assemblies and via the Tu Tangata and Kahikatea programmes.

Rathkeale can promote itself as a National School of Character for the next four years but hopefully will continue to strive to encourage strength of character long after that.

Sir Brian Lochore.



Our faith is central to our special character



OBITUARIES

Our sympathy is extended to the families of those who have died during the course of the past year.



NICK WEVERS
(1968-1972)

Nick Wevers was at Rathkeale in its earliest days. He was in Winchester House and was a School Prefect in his final year. Nick played hockey and very effective golf, and was a talented shot-putter, setting a junior record that lasted for more than twenty years.

Nick left school to join the RNZAF as an officer cadet based at Wigram; a life-long dream. He was devastated when an old medical condition flared up forcing him to leave. That was a huge disappointment, but, undeterred, he set out to plot a new life-course. He joined Dalgetys in Matamata. The company supported him to study at Lincoln University and he graduated in agricultural economics and business. After further time with Dalgetys in the Waikato and Timaru, Nick embarked on a career in the finance sector; spending time with a range of companies, including NZI Bank, and Marac Finance in Christchurch. Nick moved to Wellington to become Chief Executive of Government Property Services Ltd, the former state-owned enterprise that managed the Crown's property portfolio. He managed the Company towards its successful sharemarket float as Capital Properties NZ Ltd in 1998.

After more than ten successful years in the capital, Nick moved to Auckland with his family in 2004 to take up new responsibilities in the finance and property sectors.

Nick and Ingrid married in March 1980, and had three daughters, Celia, Madeleine and Victoria. A loving father and family man, Nick was thrilled when Celia and Francis produced a grandson, Xavier, in 2010. He was an outdoors man, and loved duckshooting, big game fishing, and camping with the family. Nick continued to play golf all his life and also took up rally driving with gusto. Nick will be remembered as a convivial friend and professional colleague; always there for his friends and family, and someone who brought much to those who knew him.



HAMISH WALLIS
(1980-1984)

Hamish attended Hadlow and went on to Rathkeale as a day pupil in 1980. He was a boarder for his last two years. Hamish was a House Prefect in School House, head librarian and a senior

member of the Pipe Band. To further his education Hamish attended Massey University, where he gained an Accounting and Business Management degree. Having worked for a time in Auckland, he left for England to seek other opportunities in London. He found little job satisfaction as an accountant, and in 1993 he enrolled at the Newcastle University, where he gained a Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree in Physiotherapy. He worked at Guys Hospital and St Thomas's Hospital in London before taking a managerial position at the large Redhill Hospital in Kent, where he became the Associate Director of the Surgical Division.

Following Hamish's untimely death after a short illness, his funeral was held in the Parish Church in Westerham, Kent, where he lived. A moving tribute was given by a friend who piped him from the church. Hamish is sadly missed by family, friends and many colleagues.



JOHN TRAVERS
(1981-1984)

John was a boarder in Rugby House in the early 1980s. It was with great regret that the College and the Old Boys' Association heard of his death in Australia on 24 April 2014. We extend our sympathy to John's family.



BRADLEY JEFFS
(1999-2003)

Bradley was born in 1985 at Mangatangi on a sheep & beef farm. He went to Mangatangi Primary School, followed by five years boarding at Rathkeale. At College he took part in soccer, rugby, scouts, judo, piano, cricket, harriers, drums, and long distance running. His greatest achievement was when he came second in the 84k Molesworth run.

After school he completed one year's work in a timber mill, then a year in Cork, Ireland, as merchandising manager in Dicksons. At twenty-one he was home again and went to Canterbury University for first year Engineering. A couple more jobs found him working as foreman for Matt Ford Contracting in the Canterbury region where he worked for five years before his untimely death.

A talented wordsmith; Bradley was a joke maker, fiercely loyal, sensitive, kind-hearted and humble. He was also meticulous and responsible. He will be forever missed by friends and family.



SAM DONALD
(2009-2012)

Sam died tragically in a car crash while taking his younger brother Angus fishing for the afternoon.

Sam will be remembered for being lively and outgoing with a cheeky sense of humour. Sam was pursuing a career in the shotgun sales industry and was a competitive shooter like his younger brother. Both staff and fellow students at Rathkeale remember him fondly, and in particular those who boarded in Repton house with him. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



ANDREW SCOTT
(Rathkeale 2011-2012)

The news of Andrew Scott's death in October was received with considerable sadness. Andrew was

a boarder at Rathkeale for just two years and left at the end of Year 10 in order to be closer to both his parents who had moved to Auckland. In class he was attentive, enquiring and prepared to help others. He had a methodical approach to practical work and problem solving.

Andrew was as integral as any young man who has ever attended Rathkeale and while he may not have left a legacy on the sports field, on the stage or on the academic honours boards, he has left his mark in the minds of many.



ANGUS DONALD
(2012-2014)

Angus died tragically in a car crash with older brother Sam, whilst in Year 11 at Rathkeale College. 'Gus' was

a quiet student with a wry sense of humour. He was an excellent shooter, having won the national title for shooting. The funeral for Angus and older brother Sam was held at Rathkeale and was packed with well over a thousand mourners, spilling out of the Trust House Theatre and onto the outside steps. Gus's sudden death rocked the Rathkeale community and will leave a lasting gap in his year group, particularly those in Repton boarding house. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Rock Runners of the 21st Century





Another Rathkeale history lesson



Nil mortalibus ardui est

“nothing is impossible for mortal man.”

