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Mr Barry Donovan handing over the photo to HBHS Sports Captain and 1st XV player Devon Flanders

On Monday 29th June Old Boy (1956-60 – Prefect 1960) Mr Barry Donovan, presented the school with this photo which was taken in 1959 when the “British and Irish Lions” visited Hastings Boys’ High School. In the photo on the left are “Lions” prop Sid Millar and Breakaway Hayden Morgan. The HBHS 1st XV Captain D Elvidge on the left introduces them to 1st XV members J Tustin, J Thompson, B Donovan, G Alexander and R Pulford.

Mr Donovan also donated his 1st XV Cap from 1959 - 1960



Hastings Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Committee
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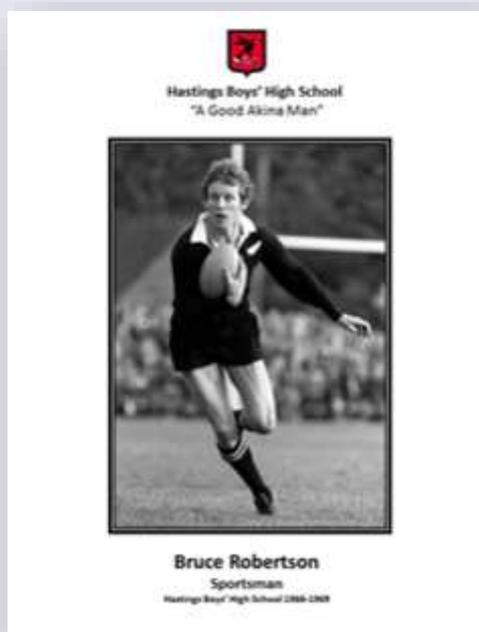
Back Row from left: Mr Greg Barclay, Dr Virgil Troy, Mr Graeme Barrett, Mr Quentin Crawford, Mr Jack Sanders, Mr Ross Pinkham

Sitting from left: Mrs Janie Field, Mr Barry Rosenberg (Chairman), Mr Rob Sturch (Headmaster), Mrs Anthea Bradley

Friday 18th August was our Inaugural Old Boys' Dinner in our school hall. Sir Gordon Tietjens was the speaker on the night and four of our Old Boys were inducted onto our Wall of Fame.

The event was very well supported with over 200 guests in a hall beautifully decorated in the theme "A Night in Paris" for the School Ball the next night.

Below are the speeches the Prefects made about each inductee.

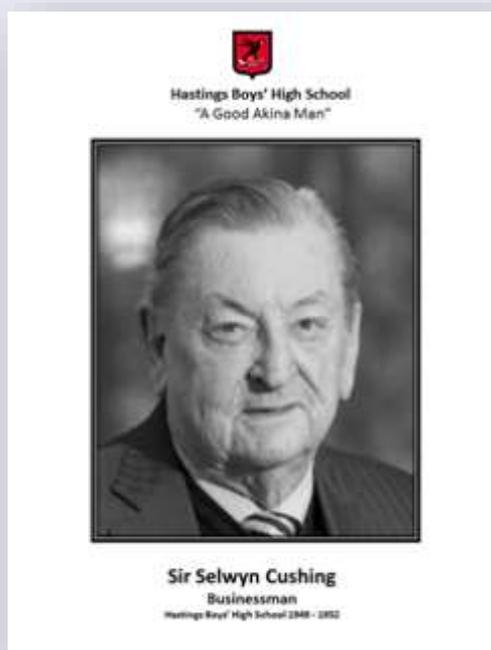


Good evening ladies and gentleman. My name is Latu Amani. It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you, our second inductee to the Hastings Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Wall of Fame - Mr Bruce Robertson. Bruce attended Hastings Boys' High School from 1966 – 1969. He played 8A rugby in year 9 progressing to the 1st XV in year 11 and 12. Bruce excelled at cricket, playing 1st XI Cricket as a very useful fast medium bowler. He received the Sutton Memorial Cup for the best fielder in the 1st XI, and a School Prefect in 1969.

Moving to Counties his rugby skills were quickly identified, as his pace, silky pass and swerve saw him tour with the All Blacks as a young 20 year old. His playing career saw him notch up 135 fames for Counties, playing 102 All Black matches, scoring a total of 34 tries. His debut game was in August 1972 against Australia, and his first test against Scotland in 1981. Bruce Robertson was also a man of conscience, declaring himself unavailable for the 1981 tour. Bruce is described as a quiet man but has stayed connected to rugby, with the Auckland Blues and as a Secondary Schools Co-ordinator for the Northland Rugby Union.

Bruce Robertson is regarded as one of the best centres in New Zealand Rugby history and is recognised as one of the top 100 All Blacks and an inductee to the New Zealand Rugby Union Hall of Fame, and a worthy recipient to the Hastings Boys' High School Wall of Fame.

Ladies and gentleman – Mr Bruce Robertson. Could I ask Mr Robertson to come forward, to accept his Old Boys' tie.



Good evening ladies and gentleman. My name is Sam Black. It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you, our last inductee to the Hastings Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Wall of Fame – Sir Selwyn Cushing.

Sir Selwyn was educated at Hastings Boys' High School between 1949 and 1952. Sir Selwyn was a strong academic student achieving University Entrance Accredited and excelled at cricket representing the school's 1st XI in 1950, 1951 and 1952.

He was a Hastings chartered accountant before building a significant investment portfolio. Sir Selwyn has had a varied and broad ranging career with many of New Zealand's highest profile companies, including having served as Chairman of Air New Zealand Limited, Brierley Investments Limited, Carter Holt Harvey, Electricity Corporation of New Zealand Limited, Huttons Kiwi Limited and the Whitcoulls Group. He was a Director of Bank of New Zealand for seven years and was a Director of the original Skellerup Company in the 1980's. Sir Selwyn has also served as a government-appointed member of the Securities Commission and the New Zealand Apple and Pear Marketing Board. His other current directorships include New Zealand Rural Property Trust Limited and Rural Equities Limited.

Sir Selwyn was Chairman of Skellerup from December 2007 until January 2017. Sir Selwyn has had extensive experience in the rural sector and has been involved with public companies either as a Director or as a Chairman for over 50 years. He was knighted in 1999 the Service to Business, Sports and The Arts.

Ladies and Gentleman, we are proud to induct Sir Selwyn Cushing in to our Wall of Fame. Could I please ask that Sir Selwyn come forward to accept his Old Boys' tie.



Good evening ladies and gentleman. My name is Ben Stowe. It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you, our first inductee to the Hastings Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Wall of Fame - Mr George Lowe.

Mr Lowe was born in Hastings and attended Hastings Boys' High School from 1933-1943.

At school George represented the school in athletics, was a School Prefect, the Headquarters Platoon Sergeant in the Cadet Company, and a member of the 1st XV Rugby Team.

After leaving school and graduating from Wellington Teacher's College, George was given sole charge of a rural primary school.

In the summer he trained as a mountain guide, and it was in the Southern Alps that he meet Hillary. Their climbing skills and ability was quickly recognised as they were invited to be part of the British attempt at Everest. The rest is history as Ed Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Everest on the 29th of May 1953.

George Lowe played a crucial part in the party's success, displaying phenomenal strength and stamina to ferry kit up to the South Col, just shy of the peak, from where his fellow New Zealander and friend Edmund Hillary, with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, pushed on to the summit itself.

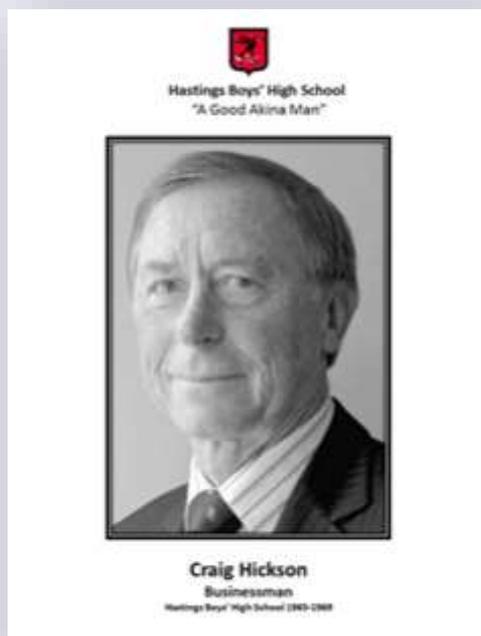
Spending day after day at altitudes of more than 23,000ft, Lowe often had to wade through waist-high snow to ensure everything was where it needed to be.

According to John Hunt, the expedition's leader, Lowe "put up a performance which will go down in the annals of mountaineering as an epic achievement of tenacity and skill." It was nothing less, Hunt added in his memoir 'The Ascent to Everest' (1953), than an "astonishing feat of endurance".

After his Antarctic Expedition in 1958, George settled in to education as a Principal of Grange School, Santiago, Chile and later in England as an Inspector of Schools. George Lowe was our guest speaker at our centenary in 2004.

Ladies and gentleman, the very first and very worthy recipient of our Wall of Fame - Mr George Lowe.

Could I ask that a representative from Mr Lowe's family come forward and accept his Old Boys' tie.



Good evening ladies and gentleman. My name is Lam Tran. It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you our third inductee to the Hastings Boys' High School Old Boys Association Wall of Fame.

Mr Craig Hickson

Mr Hickson attended Hastings Boys' High school in 1963-1969. In 1966 he played in 8A rugby, 7A rugby captain in 1967 and in 1969 appointed a school prefect. He played 2nd XI Cricket 1st XV rugby as well as achieving a University Bursary and first in Biology. He also played the crucial part of a Peruvian Chieftan in the Drama Club's production "The Royal Hunt of the Sun".

Enrolling in a Science Degree at Massey University, a grant from the Hawke's Bay Farmers Meat Company changed his focus to food technology.

After graduating from Massey University with a Degree in Food Technology he worked for the New Zealand Meat Producers Board expanding his knowledge and giving him a fuller perspective of the meat industry. To complement his food engineering qualification Mr Hickson achieved a BA in Marketing and Economics. Mr Hickson and his wife, Penny launched Progressive Meats. Through smart financing

Today it is an integrated business involved in venison, lamb and beef farming, procurement, slaughter, processing, value adding and export. The associated companies for which Mr Hickson is a significant stockholder employs over 2000 people. 100% of its production is bound for markets in France, the United Kingdom, China, Japan, the EU, Saudi Arabia, Russia, India and Hong Kong.

In 2012 Mr Hickson was awarded the Agribusiness Person of the Year for his outstanding contribution to the Industry and in 2015 was named Entrepreneur of the Year where the judging panel chairman reported that Mr Hickson had demonstrated a level of innovation and entrepreneurship that was unusual and exceptional in a traditional industry. Mr Hickson is heavily involved in community sponsorship, as a major sponsor of Havelock North Rugby Club, Art Deco Weekend, a principal sponsor of the Hawkes Bay Magpies and recently providing University Scholarship for Hastings Boys' High School students moving onto a tertiary education in the Primary Sector. Ladies and Gentlemen we are honoured to present Mr Craig Hickson as an inductee to our Wall of Fame and ask him to come forward and accept his Old Boy's tie.

Merchandise is available through the school

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Fairway Polo – Navy/White
Sizes: S – 5XL
\$80.00 NZD



Training T Shirt – Navy/Red
Sizes: S – 5XL
\$45.00 NZD



Pullover Hoodie – Navy
Sizes: S – 5XL
\$50.00 NZD



Training Tank – Navy/Red
Sizes: S – 5XL
\$35.00 NZD



Side Line Jacket – Navy/White
Sizes: S – 5XL
\$185.00 NZD



Tempest Jacket – Navy/White
Sizes: S – 5XL
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Association Lapel Badge
\$10.00 NZD



HBHSOB Association Tie
\$30.00 NZD



Status Ballpoint Pen - Silver
In a gift presentation box
\$15.00 NZD



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\$15.00 NZD



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Silver
\$20.00 NZD



HBHSOB Association Gift Box
2017 Limited Reserve
\$50.00 NZD





Were you at school in 1967? You might recognise some of these autographs. Recently an Old Boy donated all his Heretaungan Magazines to the school and they were very much appreciated for our archives.



1st XV 1951

FIRST FIFTEEN
 Standing: B. McK. Kerr, B. A. Single, R. K. H. Marsh, A. P. Lemmon, T. L. Wilson, J. Ayrill, P. J. McCosachie, G. N. Munro.
 Sitting: M. A. Collins, O. Funnell, M. P. Apperly, G. Kaman, T. J. (Greig) (Capt.), N. F. Hape, N. B. Church, B. A. Turlina, P. P. Edwards.

Photos from the Inaugural Dinner



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Address to Hastings Boys High School Old Boys Dinner – Friday 18th August 2017—Mr Barry Rosenberg HBHSOBA Chairman

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen good evening. It's my pleasure to warmly welcome you to this historic occasion in the proud history of our great school. Almost to the day this school began 113 years ago.

It has also been my pleasure over the past 50 years, firstly to many many times ride my bike through the front gates of the school for the 5 years I was a student here from 1968 to 1972 (although there were days that I doubted the pleasurable-ness of it). To be part of the school's 'family' over all these years, to serve on the Board of Trustees for 13 years in to 1990's and 2000's; the last 3 as Chairman, to attend annually the school's senior prize-giving which is a fantastic occasion, and to have witnessed the fine young men that are a product of the education, leadership, cultural and academic programmes implemented here at Hastings Boys' High School. So you could say I've had my fair share of enjoyment out of this very special place over a long period of time.

A testimony to the school's great tradition and values is the fact that our current Headmaster Mr Rob Sturch is only the 6th in the school's 113 year history. We are here tonight to celebrate outstanding success achieved at the highest level by the first 4 inductees into our Hastings Boys' High School Wall of Fame. Sir Peter Blake New Zealand's great ocean yachtsman didn't say "we knocked the bastard off" when he won the Americas Cup back in 1995 as Sir Ed said when he conquered Mount Everest in 1953, he had these words to say when it comes to success, "never take no for an answer and never give up. If you really believe in what you are doing and you are really keen, then you will succeed, it's as simple as that". Tonight's 4 Wall of Fame inductees; Old Boys of the school have demonstrated extraordinary ability which has given them competitive advantages that has enabled them to make inspirational impacts in their chosen fields. Their feats have given them all distinguished reputations in New Zealand and abroad.

Whilst obviously all of our inductees tonight are individuals, I am sure that all of them would acknowledge that without the great support of a team of people around them they could not have achieved what they have. Nobody can achieve great heights without a team of quality people around them. In life all individuals, families, organisations and businesses face their challenging and adverse times, but in the end, quality values, consistency, intensity of performance, a strong team culture, a determined positive attitude and self-belief ensures ultimate success. Not surprisingly, all of these very characteristics are what makes this a great school. Wonderfully lead by Mr Rob Sturch, the staff and supporters of the school ensure Hastings Boys' High School is at the leading edge consistently in academic achievement, cultural achievement and sporting achievement in the New Zealand Secondary Schools environment.

Whilst it would be wrong to define a school on its sporting achievement because this is not the primary goal of a school, I would like to make special brief mention of our current 1st XV rugby team. Right now (and I acknowledge the 2017 season is not yet complete) the school's 1st XV is ranked the best 1st XV in New Zealand. The 2004 team was also outstanding winning all of their super 8 games and were Super 8 Champions. They narrowly lost to Christchurch Boys High School in the semi-final of the National Knock-Out competition in Christchurch that year. The current team however in the past 2 seasons have played 36 games, won 34, lost 1, and drawn 1. This season they have scored nearly 1000 points for, and conceded just on 70 ! In the first 6 of 7 Super 8 games this season they conceded just 1 penalty goal!

My question to you is this.....over a 2 year period has any 1st XV ever had a record to match this in the history of New Zealand Secondary Schools 1st XV Rugby? This is an amazing achievement considering the size of our school compared with so many other boys' high schools in New Zealand. We only have half the numbers of some of the bigger boys Secondary schools. In true Hastings Boys' High school fashion the boys in this team have been given the 'tools' by their superb coaching staff to enable them to buy into a style of play that empowers each and every one of them to express themselves as individuals and be the best they can be. This has converted into an outstanding, extraordinary team we should all be very, very proud of. And so it is this philosophy that also applies to academia and cultural activities in this school. The teachers under Mr Sturch's direction are fantastic. They all have a passion for the school - a virtue that anyone who undertakes anything must have to succeed.

A solitary gap has been identified in the fabric of the school. This is a gap between the school and its Old Boys or Alumni. A committee was formed and before I could say 'no,' Mr Quentin Crawford had me Chairman of this Committee (known now as the Hastings Boys' High School Old Boys' Association). Quentin Crawford, he is someone you do not want to decline unless you are physically some distance from him - I wasn't. I view it as a privilege to lead this committee of fine people who share a determined vision to close this gap in the school's fabric, and it all begins officially tonight.

I would personally like to thank from the school Mr Sturch, Mr Crawford, Mrs Anthea Bradley, Mrs Janie Field and Mrs Kelsey Caney for the many hours of planning work they've put into this Association even before we met for the first time at 11.00am on Saturday the 10th June before the 1st XV's first Super 8 game against Palmerston North BHS and for the huge amount of preparation hours they have put into tonight's function in particular. Events like this just don't happen you know. To my fellow committee members Mr Greg Barclay and Mr Graeme Barrett (both teachers of the school) Dr Virgil Troy, Mr Craig Thomas, Mr Jack Sanders and Mr Ross Pinkham thank you for your input to date also. It's greatly appreciated.

And lastly, to you all for coming tonight...thank you so much for being here and showing your support to this special event and to the School. Please get involved with the school, tell others about our school's great story and history, and continue to support us continually into the future. We need you ! It is our intention to make this event an annual one along with one or two others. We'll inform you about these well in advance so that you can diary note them and plan well ahead.

Have a great night.