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Highlights



Front Cover: Students' Club President for 2017
Jack Jamieson with the Wyvern on Open Day
(aka David Bitmanis, Vice President KCSC)



FROM THE MASTER

Gregory C Eddy
Master and Chief Executive

There are so many memorable moments in every year at King's. The theme for this end of year magazine is "Highlights" as we endeavour to capture some of the special times of 2017 and explain why they were so significant.

Personally, the 105th Anniversary Ball held at the RNA Ballroom was my highlight in 2017. I well remember the Centenary Ball in 2012 with about 1000 current Kingsmen, Old Collegians, parents and friends of the College celebrating the major milestone that is a centenary. It was in the afterglow of that celebration that we all agreed that everyone should come together every five years to celebrate the next major anniversary.

Before we all knew it, five years had passed and we turned our attention to the 105th Anniversary Ball. 900 people attended this year and again it was a brilliant collection of current Kingsmen,

Old Collegians, parents and friends who celebrated in style. The annual King's Ball is always special but the 100th and then this year's 105th were particularly so. This celebration reflected the depth of the King's College community with so many generations represented and gathered together. It was a truly memorable experience. I very much look forward to the 110th!!

The College has enjoyed another successful year and everyone here joins with me in wishing you the blessings of Christmas. May 2018 bring you happiness and good health.



Save
the
Date

The King's College
Foundation
celebrates **30 years**

at the 30 year
Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 21 July 2018



FROM THE DEPUTY MASTER

First year highlights as Deputy Master of King's



Throughout the last 21 years I've been fortunate to be a member of a number of residential college communities and knew what it was like to be the 'new guy' in a well-established community. So the family and I were quite touched by the very warm welcome we received and the speed with which we were accepted into the King's community.

Among all the highlights of this year that warm welcome is perhaps the most enduring and special memory. However, the Student Leadership Team so graciously joining me for morning PT sessions during P Week comes a close second.

As I got to know the community, what struck me about King's was the camaraderie and caring was present in every Kingsman. They might be a little shy about admitting it but our young men not only strive to succeed academically, socially, culturally and in sporting contexts, they also show tremendous caring for their fellow Kingsmen. The result is that for everyone at King's, support is never far away and this is so important in helping people navigate the ups and downs of their tertiary studies. As the father of three boys, it is a real privilege to have such a large number of role models for them to look up to.

Having previously studied Physical Education, joining a community with a passion for sport is a real joy. For our young men to have interests that get them active and give them time away from the pressures of study is particularly important in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and King's makes that easy for them all. I've enjoyed watching all the guys give it their all on the field. However the major sporting highlight must be the grit and determination shown by our Open Men's team in overcoming a motivated St Leo's team in their Centenary Year to retain the Francis and Kassulke Cup.

Facing off against St Leo's in the finals of the ICC Chess competition was a cultural highlight and we were unfortunately beaten on the night. I was amazed by the talent of our band during the ICC Bandfest competition but perhaps my favourite cultural experience this year was witnessing the King's ICC Dancefest entry. Our third placing was well deserved and watching Max Richardson perform a solo country hoedown in a dress is a sight I won't soon forget!

To be a little clichéd, there have been so many outstanding highlights this year that I could not do justice to them all in the small amount of space available. Obviously the ICC sporting and cultural competitions are significant events on the King's calendar, along with our fantastic social events like the ball. However I do want to mention some of the smaller comings and goings that made this year great. It's been a pleasure watching the various quad based sports and activities, seeing our guys head out to train on the river in the mornings, hanging out in the pool, watching my mad dog get excited when someone pays him attention or kicks him a ball, and simply chatting to you all in the Dining Hall over a meal. I'm looking forward to doing it all again next year!

Peter Walker

On behalf of the King's
College Community

Wishing you and your
family a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.





FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

2017 has been a year of many highlights for members of Council. Very early in the year, Council spent considerable time in planning for the College's next Strategic Plan.

The next plan spans three years from 2018-2020, which reflects Council's views of the impact of constant change in a College environment today. The Plan also takes into account the serious competition which the College faces over the next three years and how best King's can meet that challenge and respond positively to it.

To give you all some sense of the College's Plan for 2018-2020:

Vision – King's College will be Australia's pre-eminent College

Mission – Consistent with its Uniting Church heritage, King's College offers an outstanding collegiate experience that supports each student to learn, develop and excel.

Core Values – Kingsmen champion and act with integrity. We are loyal to the College while:

- a. Respecting ourselves, the community and environment;
- b. Having courage to own our mistakes and to stand up for what is right;
- c. Having the humility to accept that no one is perfect, yet we strive to improve.

Strategic Themes – There are four themes which will determine the direction of the College in the next three years:

- a. Learning
- b. Student Engagement and Support
- c. External Engagement and Marketing
- d. Governance and Management

In the context of this Strategic Plan, Council has broadened the responsibilities of the Master for the next three years. Greg will have an increasingly external focus – national and international, while the Deputy Master will have a predominantly internal focus and greater responsibility for the daily leadership of the College. This is a deliberate attempt by the College to engage regularly with our wider community and to focus on the need for philanthropic support to:

- 1. Secure our numbers in the face of serious competition from private providers;
- 2. Pay down existing debt;
- 3. Work towards implementing the Master Plan;
- 4. Award more and larger scholarships for those who are worthy and those who are financially constrained;
- 5. Advance the culture of philanthropy;

- 6. Differentiate King's clearly from our competition by virtue of the additional opportunities given to Kingsmen and ensure King's is viewed as the premier College at UQ and "Australia's pre-eminent College".

During the year, Council farewelled Tom O'Donnell and welcomed Kathleen Newcombe and Brad De Luca. Tom has been a member of Council for many years (2006-2013) but more recently from July 2015-July 2017. Tom's significant contribution to the life of the College is, as always, greatly appreciated, remembering of course that he is a former President of the KOCA, Vice-President of the College Council and Fellow of the College.

I am pleased to welcome Kathleen and Brad to Council. Kathleen is the CEO of the Sarina Russo Group and brings significant executive leadership experience to Council, while Brad replaces Tom as one of the KOCA's nominees to College Council.

I take this opportunity to thank Greg, his entire management team and all members of the Council for their significant support of the College during 2017.

Dr Brett Robinson
President, King's College Council

New Council Members



Kathleen Newcombe



Brad De Luca

Vice Chancellor's Alumni Excellence AWARDS

Recognising the significant contributions made by University of Queensland alumni in their local communities and beyond.

The College was delighted to receive news that the nomination of Kingsman Malcolm Broomhead (King's 1970-73) for the Vice Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Awards was successful. With an extensive portfolio of management positions, Malcolm is currently the Chair of Orica and a non-executive director of BHP Billiton Ltd and BHP Billiton PLC. Contributing considerable amounts of time to mentoring programs at both peer to peer and student level, Malcolm focuses on the importance of intrinsic motivation in career success.

"The highlight of my experience working as a CEO has been discovering the power of getting the right culture in an organisation – it is culture that excites, motivates and excels us"

The Master, Greg Eddy hosted a morning tea the day after the awards inviting students, staff and guests from Malcolm's years King's.

- 1. Malcolm with the Chancellor & Vice-Chancellor.
- 2. James Barrett (2017 King's Medal winner) no doubt receiving some words of wisdom from Malcolm Broomhead.
- 3. Malcolm receives a gift from Greg Eddy on behalf of the College.



Malcolm Broomhead
(King's 1970 – 1973)

Bachelor Of Engineering (Civil) 1975;
Master of Business Administration 1984





The 2017 Henley Royal Regatta will no doubt be etched on the memories of the King's crewmen as... 'an experience of a life time.'

Henley Royal Regatta

Early in the year the campaign to compete at the Henley Regatta was looking unlikely. It was through the determination and persistence of our Boat Captain, Lachlan Beil and fellow rower, Blake DeZwart, that the tour did come to fruition. A financial donation from the Watson family and stories of the 2015 Henley crew, would also prove to be motivating factors. Mike Partridge was enlisted in 2016 as Boat Club coach and Mike's knowledge, experience and rowing connections, particularly in the UK, proved to be invaluable. Training went to a new level of intensity and by April it was announced the College would be registering a crew at Henley.

The crew and College are immensely grateful for the wonderful hospitality of Bronwyn and Dan Cooper, parents of Tom (coxswain) who made this trip possible. The Coopers' home, adorned with Aussie flags and a few boxing kangaroos, became the base camp for the squad for the duration of the stay including pre-regattas at Marlow and Reading. We're still unsure if Bronwyn has recovered from the onslaught of extras in their house, let alone the consumption of food! Also thank you to parent Monica Lethbridge (George) whose company MEDIAMIX assisted with the apparel requirements.

Determined to make it past day one of competition, King's had a convincing win over the Bath University crew. On day two, the College was beaten by the might of Yale University.

King's is very grateful to UQ for their support, but special thanks go to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Joanne Wright.

As per the College's Strategic Plan... our sights are set on making it past day two in 2019.



Dancefest

A fleeting moment on the podium and then a final placing of third on the night was a highlight for the King's entourage in this year's ICC Dancefest Competition. Rated as a highly entertaining performance and one not to be forgotten! Well done Kingsmen.

Highlights from the Learning Centre

The King's academic program is a critical component of its offering to members and associate members of the College. It is often said to be a major contributing factor for those in the process of deciding on a place to live when attending a Brisbane university.

The College continues to grow the academic program offered to students through the College's Learning Centre. 2017 has been quite an exceptional year culminating in several significant highlights, such as:

- Close to **ninety (90) tutorials** are offered each week on a broad subject range. The semester one cumulative College GPA was the highest in many years.
- Nine students (eight being Freshers) achieved a **GPA of 7.0** in semester one – the highest in the College's history.
- Ten UQ students achieved **UQ Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence** (GPA of 6.6 and above) in semester one.
- Three students achieved **QUT Dean's List** (GPA of 6.5 and above) in semester one.

Recognising and celebrating the efforts of these individuals is important to the College. As is done each semester, the Master hosted a lunch for the academic high achievers for the semester prior. The fact that student numbers are increasing at every lunch, highlights the efforts being made to support our Kingsmen in their academic pursuits.

Supporting students in their future professions also continued in its development this year. The Cooper Foote Society, proudly named after two Old Collegians, was established in 2014 to assist law students to connect, network and learn from those in the profession. Two new societies (also named after Old Collegians) held inaugural events in 2017.

These are the Broomhead Feros Society for Finance & Business and the Watson Miles Society for engineering students. Feedback was positive from those who attended, with advice readily available after the events.

Dean's List – Semester One 2017

Jaewook Ahn B Science	UQ	7.00
Jacques Burns B Science	UQ	7.00
Dean Kalejs B Economics	UQ	7.00
Cale Kalinowski B Advanced Finance & Economics (Honours)	UQ	7.00
Graham Kelly B Mathematics/ B Economics	UQ	7.00
Samuel Lawless B Advanced Science (Honours)	UQ	7.00
Brenton Lin B Science	UQ	7.00
Kannan Subapriyan B Biomedical Science	UQ	7.00
Jayden Grogan B Fine Arts	QUT	6.75
Connor Malone B Engineering (Honours)	QUT	6.75
Julian Ebert B Engineering (Honours)/ B Business Management	UQ	6.75
James Rafter B Mathematics/ B Commerce	UQ	6.75
Michael Pacheco B Science/ B Laws (Honours)	QUT	6.50

Further highlights in the 2017 academic year included:

Renowned finance expert and author Noel Whittaker AM was our special guest at a seminar attended by students and Old Collegians.

Law students were invited to a dinner with Hon John Jerrard, Hon Justice Martin Daubney & Mr Ian Skinner.

Personalised business cards were introduced for third and fourth year students, proving to be a valuable tool when networking.



Academic High Achievers with the Master, Deputy Master, Director of Learning & Academic Consultant

Annual Williams Dinner

Early in Semester II, we were fortunate that fellow ARU board member Elizabeth Broderick AO accepted Dr Brett Robinson's invitation to address the College at this year's Annual Williams Dinner.

One of the country's most powerful and influential leaders in the fight for gender equality, in 2016 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for her work in gender equality and human rights. Elizabeth has dedicated her career to advocating for improvements in gender equality, and as Australia's longest serving Sex Discrimination Commissioner (2007-2015) she worked tirelessly to break down structural and social barriers to promote gender equality. She has worked with the Australian Federal Police to increase women's representation in the AFP, was appointed an Independent Expert on the issue of discrimination against women in law and practice by the United Nations Human Rights Council, and has established a globally recognised strategy called 'Male Champions of Change' which addresses the under-representation of women at decision-making level in businesses.

Elizabeth spoke to the Kingsmen and the wider community about how important it is for students to understand their role in creating a College and University community culture that is respectful, inclusive, safe and supportive for all students.

"I believe in the capacity of young men to create safe and fulfilling environments, not just for men, but also for women. So tonight I would want to encourage you to be bold, to be daring, to step up, to look history fiercely in the eye and tell it that we turn our heads to the future. Because some traditions need to change, and they won't go quietly by themselves. It will take courageous men, men like the men here at King's College to lead through strong action. You will be the ones that history remembers- the ones who didn't just pass through these halls, but stood up and chose differently, who created a new living tradition that became part of something celebrated, part of something so much greater than has ever been before."

- Elizabeth Broderick AO



Open Day 2017

Hosted by students for future students, Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight and showcase all aspects of life at King's. Stunning weather always helps and this year was no exception.

If you have a family member or friend considering a Brisbane based university, King's College welcomes visitors all year round. Simply contact the College and let us know when we can provide a personal tour at a time that suits you. **Call us on +61 3871 9600.**



KING'S COLLEGE 105th ANNIVERSARY BALL

HOMEBAH PTY LTD ... PROUD SPONSOR

Homebah Pty Ltd a multiple AIV franchise owner were proud sponsors of the 105th King's College Anniversary Ball.

"We congratulate King's College on their 105th Anniversary and look forward to continuing our relationship for many years to come."

Our company, Homebah Pty Ltd, owns three AIV franchises. Australia Independent Vendors (AIV) is a foodservice delivery business with access to the full catalogue of Bidfood products including: chilled, frozen and dry foods, seafood, packaging, chemicals and cleaning products. We service customers within an area bounded by Milton, Mt Coot-tha, Moggill and Corinda. Our core customers are small to medium businesses including cafes, takeaways, motels, bakeries, butchers and residential colleges. We provide exceptional customer service coupled with access to the largest foodservice range in Australia. Homebah P/L has been supplying King's College for almost four years, and in that time, has become one of its largest suppliers. We work closely with the Catering Manager and Head Chef to meet their foodservice needs. In doing so, we develop a relationship with our customers and become more of a trusted colleague than a regular supplier. Homebah P/L has been supplying The Women's College and Grace College within the University of Qld for the last fourteen years. With eighteen years as a family-run business, we are well placed to meet our client's needs into the future. We congratulate King's College on their 105th Anniversary and look forward to continuing our relationship for many years to come."



3RD YEAR OR LATER DINNER



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 VALEDICTORIANS



KING'S IN PINK

FUN RUN & WALK

*Kingsmen supporting
women's cancers*



Not even the weather was going to keep the hardened away from the inaugural 2017 King's In Pink Fun Run and Walk! KIP began in 2008 – it was an initiative of Thérèse Eddy, wife of the Master, Greg Eddy; employed at the time as the Foundation and Events Coordinator. Thérèse (now KIP Patron) saw an opportunity to influence the culture, invite women to the College and raise funds for breast cancer, a disease that had undoubtedly touched students in the College.

With a target of \$25,000, the College and UQ communities were encouraged to register, purchase a KIP running singlet and raise donations for breast cancer research at the School Pharmacy UQ. Despite the rain the vibe was positive as participants gathered in the Chapel pre-run/walk to learn firsthand from UQ's Prof Greg Monteith (also a participant) as he spoke of the work they are undertaking to help combat the loss of 17,000 Australian women's lives annually to breast cancer. Many commented on how lucky we were to be able to get out of bed in the first place and be part of something that will make a difference.

Thank you to Kerry Cutting, Manager, UQ Advancement for all her wonderful assistance. Also thanks to UQ Security and of course Greg, Sarah and colleagues at the School of Pharmacy, Kingsmen, families and friends, including those from other Colleges.

**Well done King's Community –
see you for King's In Pink 2018!**





Old Collegians IN NEW YORK

In early November, Greg and Thérèse Eddy hosted a table at the UQ Rugby Benefit Dinner in New York. Now in its fourth year the dinner acknowledges the best school rugby player by awarding them a scholarship to UQ and to live at King's. The student is awarded the Mark Loane Medal. The College is proud to be part of this initiative and we relish the opportunity to work closely with the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law and the UQ Rugby Football Club. The Master also visited various US universities while there and attended other UQ functions held during the week.

Not surprisingly, such events always provide a great opportunity to bring Old Collegians together and it seems a given, that this event was a highlight for them as well as the College. See some reflections which follow:

"I'm always amazed at the weird and bizarre situations in which my association with King's College has popped up since leaving. Whether it's been during a job interview, winning a prospective client or in a social setting, my connection with King's (and the associated pride that comes with it) has always served me well. The day I received a LinkedIn message from Greg on the 19th October was no different: "I'm in New York on November 2nd for a UQ Dinner – just checking to see if you're free to join me at the King's table? Greg."

Let's not forget, I left King's in 2007 (10 years ago!), coupled with the fact I am living in Toronto, Canada. I didn't hesitate for a second. The opportunity to reconnect with fellow Kingsmen, let alone in New York, was something I could not pass up. It had also been a few years since I'd touched base with Greg and Thérèse, so what better place to reunite than the Big Apple!

In classic King's fashion, the night was a huge success. College war stories were exchanged, plenty of laughs were had, and by the end of the night, friendships had formed between old boys whose attendance at King's spanned decades. That's pretty incredible if you ask me. It also speaks to how significant and meaningful your time at King's will be, both now, and years to come. I ask that you treasure each and every moment. The culture, the mateship, the parties, the pride are all so special. Your connection with the College doesn't end when you graduate. If anything, it's at this moment you start to realize that the Wyvern will follow you through all walks of life. Whether you're still spending your Sundays at the RE, or living on the other side of the world, the pride you feel for the College will always be there. " **Billy Hughes (King's 2005-07)**

"I was fortunate enough to attend the UQ Rugby Benefit Dinner for The University of Queensland in America, Inc. Sitting with Greg, Thérèse, and King's Old Collegians, I knew it was going to be an entertaining night. Listening to former Australian greats such as Tim Horan and Brendan Nasser talk about the legacy of Australian Rugby and the future of rugby in the United States was informative and encouraging to see such prominent figures establish a league in North America. I must admit however the highlight of the evening was sitting with King's College table. It was great to catch up with Jack Rotticci and meeting Billy Hughes and being able to talk about our experiences at the College and what's changed (and what hasn't), talking about our careers, and what the future holds. I must thank Greg for the invitation, and in addition, the College. King's College has opened up doors for me that I never would have expected, and I am very thankful for it." **Stephen Kakoniktis (King's 2011-13)**

"As the daughter of a proud Kingsman, (John Miles 1959-1962) it was an honour to represent my dad for the evening at the UQ Rugby Dinner in New York. A trifecta of establishments: King's College, The University of Queensland and Rugby Union; all of which epitomise the very essence of my father. I felt right at home.

An evening to celebrate the winner of the Mark Loane Medal, sit at the King's College table, and to listen to an incredibly entertaining panel of Wallabies was a night out in New York hard to beat. (And it's a competitive market here - especially in the heart of Times Square.) Personally, I also managed to garner some bragging rights by getting selfies with the likes of Tim Horan, Nick Farr-Jones and the other esteemed players on the panel, as well as win mum-of-the-year by taking home autographed Wallabies shirts for my two young sons, both avid rugby players with Manhattan Rugby Club. What a privilege it was for my husband and I to sit at the King's College table. Thank you!" **Maricha Miles**

It was a real pleasure for Lois and I to attend the New York City UQ Rugby Benefit Dinner and meet up with recent King's alumni. Being by far the oldest present had me reflect on how much time and place have changed and yet fellow Kingsmen remain more than faintly familiar in College experiences and outlook. Surrounded by Rugby greats reveling in past glories, triumphs, and disasters gave a whole new meaning to the team "old Boys"! **Chris Letchford (King's 1977-80)**



SPREAD THE WORD

You may not be aware that there is tremendous competition today from private providers, who have been, and are still, establishing large accommodation complexes around Brisbane to provide self-catered accommodation to new and continuing students. Thousands of rooms have been built in the last five years and more are under construction.

Nothing compares to the College experience on Campus. That feeling of belonging cannot be replicated elsewhere. Some of the best memories are created in College.

We are calling on the community of King's – Old Collegians, former and current parents and friends of the College to help promote the benefits of King's College to prospective students and their families.

We could do with your support...

Some of these facts might be helpful:

- King's offers close to 90 tutorials each week in our dedicated Learning Centre.
- The College provides academic, social, spiritual and pastoral support.
- King's awards its own Certificate in Leadership.
- King's provides the best College gymnasium on campus with physio, yoga, pool, basketball court and rowing shed.
- ICC Cultural Cup champions in 2012 and almost always a top 5 finish.
- ICC Sport champions for 15 of the past 16 years.
- Lifelong friendships with Kingsmen and students from other Colleges.
- Dedicated careers and employability strategy.
- The only College at UQ to travel abroad for major events such Henley Royal Regatta and the Hong Kong 10s.

Whether you know someone considering a Brisbane university who lives locally, regionally, remotely or overseas, the College is open year around for tours – even weekends!

Simply contact the College to arrange a time....you may even want to join the tour. Call +61 7 3871 9600 today.

2018 EARLY NOTICE DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 23 February

Welcome to KOCA drinks in the city

Wednesday 28 March

Wise Wyverns' Annual Lunch

Wednesday 2 May

Commemoration Dinner –
A celebration of the College's Fellows

Saturday 26 May

Parents' Cocktail Party

Saturday 21 July

King's College Foundation's
30th Anniversary Dinner

Friday 27 July

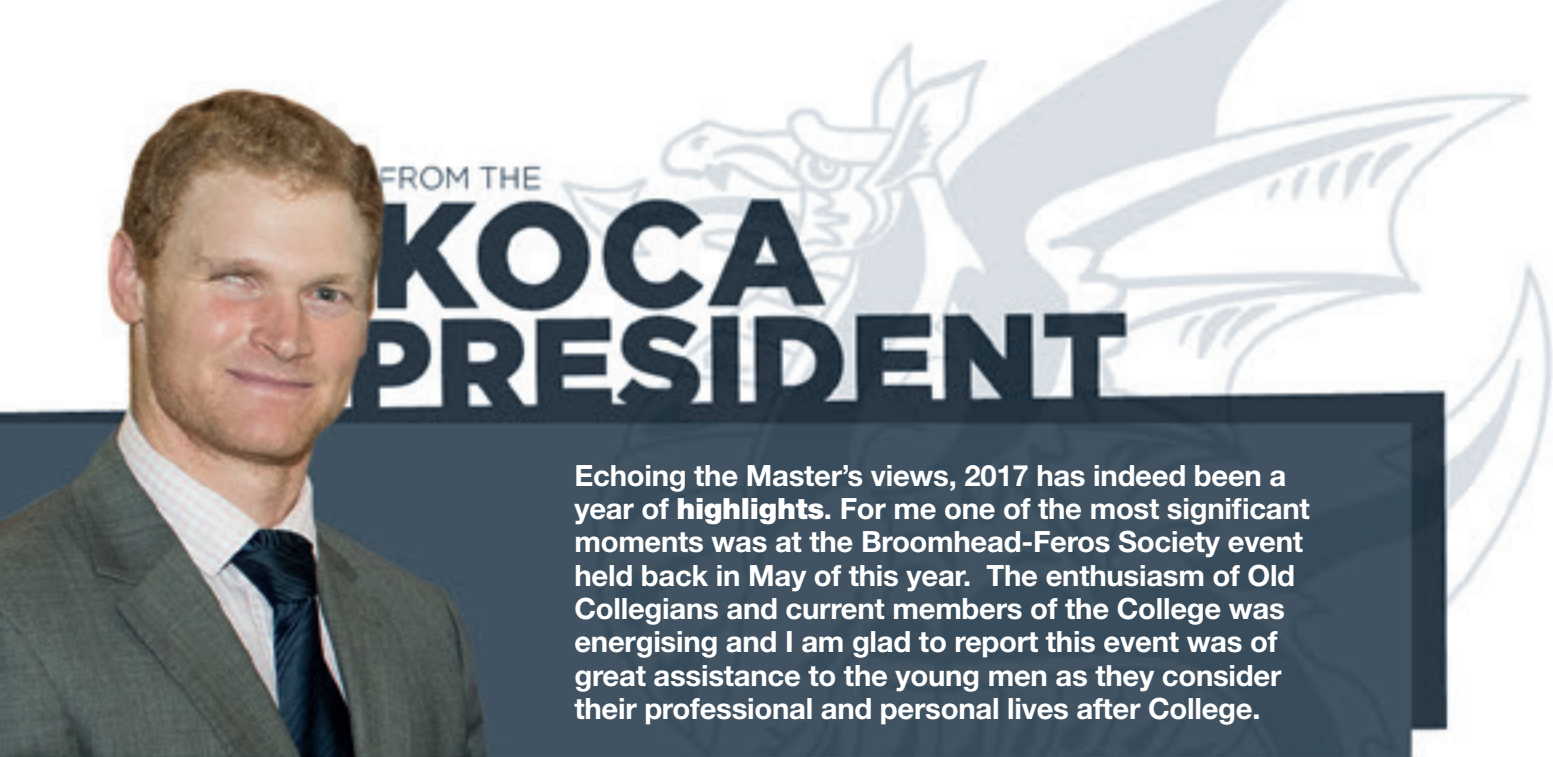
KOCA AGM

Saturday 1 September

Francis and Kassulke Cup
against St Leo's College

Friday 9 November

Annual Theologs' Lunch



Echoing the Master's views, 2017 has indeed been a year of highlights. For me one of the most significant moments was at the Broomhead-Feros Society event held back in May of this year. The enthusiasm of Old Collegians and current members of the College was energising and I am glad to report this event was of great assistance to the young men as they consider their professional and personal lives after College.

Another moment that stood out for me, as it did the Master, was the College Ball. Following the success of the Centenary Ball in 2012, a new tradition, to invite ALL of the King's College community every fifth year has begun. It was wonderful to have such a good number of tables purely of Old Collegians - some recently having left the College and some who left many years ago. The next such ball will be in 2022, the College's 110th anniversary. The rarity of these I hope will add to the occasion and is a fresh approach to the cycle of annual black tie balls that are normally held. In these years where the College holds a combined ball, KOCA will not hold a separate reunion event during the Francis Kassulke Cup weekend.

In the second half of the year we welcomed a new member to the KOCA Management Committee and a new representative on the College Council. Firstly, Nathan Huehne joined the Management Committee as a member. He also sits on the Old Boys' Association of Brisbane Grammar School and is a welcome addition bringing a different perspective from a mature and well-resourced Old Boys' network. Nathan has been charged with providing a 'first-impressions' view of KOCA in comparison to BGSOBA so we can continue to improve. The second appointment was that of Brad De Luca as one of KOCA's representatives to College Council. Brad brings a wealth of experience in marketing for both profit and not-for-profit organisations and his contribution is eagerly sought on Council given the challenges the College faces with ever increasing competition.

In a move that bodes well for KOCA, the management committee was largely unchanged with the majority of representatives standing again and were successfully re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held 25th of August. The committee now stands, in addition to myself as:

Jon Moriarty (King's 1989-92) Vice-President
Matthew Morgan (King's 2004-07) Treasurer
Harrison Wildman (King's 2005-06) Secretary
Ben Crowley (King's 2006-10)
Jimmy Hollindale (King's 2009-13)
Jack Lee (King's 2008-09)
Nathan Huehne (King's 2012-13) (pictured at right)
Brad De Luca (King's 2002-04)

I remind all KOCA members to please join us on our Facebook group to stay connected outside of the Wyvern Magazine. More and more, we are leveraging social media to communicate with members and anything from available positions for Kingsmen, opportunities for sponsored overseas travel through to general happenings are being posted. More is yet to come and we hope the Facebook group becomes the central platform for ad-hoc and frequent communications with KOCA members. Please note this is a closed group and the admins will have to approve your application.

Finally, if any members wish to suggest events or uncover ways to contribute to KOCA, please reach out to the committee members or myself. KOCA is the strongest Old Collegians' network of the UQ Colleges and while we have a way to go before we rival the likes of some of the Sydney and Melbourne networks, it is in good health. KOCA provides a competitive advantage against our competition, be it other Colleges or new student accommodation developments and the committee and I are excited to continue to contribute to the strengthening of the Association.

"All hail the Great Wyvern"

Blake Miller (King's 2003-07)
President, KOCA



Connect with the KOCA on Facebook for further updates
www.facebook.com/groups/461001427360231 or scan QR code.

KOCA NEWS

Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE)

The College congratulates **Dr Daryl Holmes** (King's 1982-83), on being awarded an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE). Announced in the Papua New Guinea's 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List, the award has been granted in recognition of his leadership and personal commitment to the work that YWAM Medical Ships is doing in collaboration with national and provincial health authorities in remote areas of the Southern region and Morobe Province.

The announcement of the award follows the completion of the MV YWAM PNG's, most recent deployment to Papua New Guinea. Over 290,000 healthcare and training services were delivered, including direct care to over 29,000 patients in hundreds of remote villages. Dr Daryl Holmes has supported YWAM Medical Ships since they began their operations in 2010 by volunteering as a dentist on an annual basis and promoting volunteering opportunities to 1300SMILES' staff and dentists.



FOR THE LOVE OF CRICKET....

If you're a cricket loving Old Collegian based in the UK or, thinking of moving there - here's your opportunity to pick up a bat and ball again. **Alex Derrick** (King's 1993-94) owner of The Phene in Chelsea, extends an invitation to join the Armadillos Cricket Club.

"It's a great club to play for. We only play at home due to our enviable position as part of a beautiful National Trust property, Sheffield Park and Gardens. We play against some of the oldest clubs in existence, and matches are played in good spirit, amongst players of very variable age and ability. We have a fairly large (though aging!) squad so members can pick and choose how many fixtures to make themselves available for" www.armadilloscc.co.uk

Interested in finding out more? Email Alex: alexderri@live.co.uk



Peter Hopkins (King's 2005-08) married Brittany Murphy in Glen Ellyn, Illinois on 20 May 2017. They met in the Marshall Islands and now live in Washington DC.

EAGLE AND LAMB

Congratulations to **Noel Kentish** (King's 1959-61) who has recently published *Eagle and Lamb*.

The book is about his father, Leonard (King's 1928-1932). Len was President of the Students' Club in 1931 and to this day Noel attends the annual Presidents' Dinner to represent his father.

To purchase your copy: www.lenkentish.com



KOCA NEWS

(with sincere thanks to Trevor Heath)

Congratulations to **Louis Pregno** who has “finally married” love of his life, Michelle on 17th July this year! (photo above)

Matthew Thompson (King's 2007-09) was recently married in Sweden. Ryan Gilliman (King's 2006-07) (married here, then took an extended overseas trip) and is now working as a physiotherapist in Brisbane.

Warm congratulations to KOCA President, **Blake Miller** (King's 2003-07) and his wife Rachel on the recent birth of their third child, Phoebe. (photo right)

Ashley Burridge (King's 2005-07) was married in Texas and is working there as an accountant. By an amazing co-incidence, Scott Billsborough (King's 2005-07) was in the US for Ashley's wedding, and totally by chance found himself in a bus next to King's friend Alistair Black (King's 2005-07) who was visiting from Singapore where he is working as an accountant (mining). Alastair was in the USA for Peter Hopkins (King's 2005-08) wedding.

Self-appointed foundation members of the KOCA Melbourne Branch, and Old Codgers Division have a (well, fairly new) honoured tradition of meeting for lunch a few times a year. The timing is flexible, as befits long retired gentlemen! (photo right)

Billy Hughes (King's 2005-07) has just emigrated to Canada with his Canadian wife (she did her course at UQ) and their three children. Though he started as an engineer, he's moved into finance, and has a secured a finance position in Toronto.

Andrew Blackman (King's 2002-05) has returned to Australia after many years in Indonesia, US (Harvard) and Ecuador to work for the World Bank in Sydney.

David Blackman (King's 2006-09) is still in London, at London School of Economics where Jonathan Emerick (King's 2014-15) is for a few weeks before a term in Kyoto. Jack Baldwin (King's 2012-14) has also recently returned from a short course at the LSE. Andrew Crouch (King's 2001-02) has just shifted from New York City to Florida with his wife Ceci. He will continue to operate his international Telecommunication Company, Metricube while also designing software for dental practices.

Two Old Collegians Stephen **James (Jim) Schmidt** (King's 1968-71) and **Bruce Radke** (King's 1968-70) took time out while in Brisbane for a tour of the College. (photo right)



L-R: Dr Ross Fardon (King's 1956-59), Dr Trevor Faragher (King's 1953-58) and Mr Alan Mikkelsen (King's 1957-60)



It's a relationships game we're playing

Alastair Blenkin (King's 2009-11)



In February 2009, I walked through the front doors of King's College as a wide-eyed and bushy haired 17-year old. I was a Brisbane boy and wasn't quite sure what college entailed, but with plenty of family coming down to King's from the cane farms of far north Queensland, I jumped at the opportunity to fly the coup (away from my two sisters) and gain some independence by living on campus.

You learn pretty quickly that College life is a whole lot of fun – all because of the blokes you meet who quickly become mates for life. After leaving King's, I had a year abroad and finished up my commerce/law degree at UQ in 2014. Almost ten years since I first started at College and I look back with complete clarity on what was most valuable to my life that I gained from that time – not the degrees I graduated with, the connections to industry nor the stories from those Uni days but the enduring relationships with great mates that I still enjoy today. Friends I've made through King's have helped shape the life I lead – active, driven, always striving to achieve, and on an endless quest for “gee-up events” to attend in regional Australia (XXXX Island and Birdsville Races to name a few)!

Upon graduating Uni, I worked as a lawyer at MinterEllison and it was in June this year that I spotted a “gap in the market”. With a rush of excitement I applied for the ilab start-up accelerator at UQ, won competitive selection and quit my job the next day! In start-up land they call it jumping off a cliff and building your parachute on the way down...all of a sudden, my way of thinking was flipped on its head, as I learnt the science of entrepreneurship and more life skills in the last few months than I had in the last few years.

I've been working to build technology that automates high-volume high-value contract negotiation. Sound hard? It's not as bad as you think – take leases in a shopping centre. The commercial landlord and their lawyers have negotiated so many of these before (work I was doing daily) that you can learn from those past deals to build software to negotiate the new ones. We've had a few wins on the journey so far – the People's Choice award at the Westpac Innovation Challenge, competitive selection in another Sponsored Entrepreneur Program at River City Labs and right now we're in the process of signing up our first customer!

Venturing off into the start-up world has been a real fork in the road moment and one that will define my life. A lot of new lessons learnt but some that are just reinforced – the key one being the importance of relationships. I've been astounded by just how many people are willing to give you their time and assistance, but there's a trick – you've got to ASK! A lot of people will talk about the power in networks. But networks are only powerful when you have the relationships to access them, the willingness and the courage to ask for help.

So if you've enjoyed reading this article and want to have a chat then by all means look me up! Or equally if you think you can help me with my business (Blenktech) then I'd love to hear from you – because saying g'day is just the first step in starting a relationship.



Alastair on Day 1 at King's with his grandfather and Kingsman Emeritus Professor Mat Darveniza AO (King's 1949-52)

EARLY NOTICE HONG KONG KING'S "AT HOME" WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2018

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This annual event, held at the Hong Kong Football Club, will be even more special in 2018 as Rugby 7s' legend, Waisale Serevi will be guest speaker. Serevi's presence is a warm up to the official launch of his biography written by Kingsman Nicholas Darveniza (King's 2014-16). Also joining us in Hong Kong will be legendary rugby commentator, Gordon Bray.

The College is very grateful to Strategic Equity Alliance for their continuing support of King's 10s and to Waisale Serevi, Nicholas Darveniza and Gordon Bray, all of whom will ensure this is a very special event. If you are in Hong Kong, please join us.

In September, the Master hosted a King's "At Home" in Hobart. Many thanks to Professor Bob Menary OAM (King's 1951-55) for his organisation of this event. One of the guests, Dr Eric Ratcliff OAM (King's 1957-63) presented a couple of mementos to the Master. One was a framed painted self-portrait completed in April 1958 of Eric looking out the window of his room at Kangaroo Point and the other was the Mt Lindsay Medal with the inscription on the back reading:

"The Mount Lindsay Medal is a relic of the King's College Bushwalking and Speleological Society presented in memory of the late great Kingsman, Robert Aitken Bryce. It was "struck" (cast in plaster of Paris in a plasticine mould) for presentation to Bob Bryce with a citation that is recalled as having said that it was "awarded for valour beyond the call of duty or even of common sense" in leading a party that climbed Mount Lindsay on the 4th of April 1964. Only two medals were made.



King's At Home in Hobart. Greg Eddy with Andy Ryan (King's 2001-11) (back) and Eric Radcliffe (King's 1957-64) and Bob Menary (King's 1951-56) (front)



With Bob and Jean Menary at their home



L-R: James Cook, Fred Witherow (Strategic Equity Alliance), the great Fijian 7s player Waisale Serevi, Martin Darveniza and Zach Tuckwell (King's 1984-85) at the King's At Home in Hong Kong



The Master caught up with Dr Omar Zubair (King's 2009-12) while in Townsville. Omar is a Surgical Registrar at the Mater



The Master with Jack Rottici (King's 2009-11), Stephen Kakoniktis (King's 2011-12), Billy Hughes (King's 2005-07) and Dr Iqbal Jaffer (King's 2006-08) in New York

2018 KING'S "AT HOMES"

Old Collegians, Parents and Friends of the College are invited to join the Master for King's "At Homes" in 2018.

Friday 16 March	King's "At Home" Sydney
Wednesday 4 April	King's "At Home" Hong Kong
Wednesday 11 April	King's "At Home" Singapore
Saturday 28 April	King's "At Home" Townsville
Friday 11 May	King's "At Home" Rockhampton
Thursday 31 May	King's "At Home" Adelaide
Saturday 2 June	King's "At Home" Melbourne
Saturday 30 June	King's "At Home" London
Date to be confirmed	King's "At Home" Perth
Date to be confirmed	King's "At Home" Hobart

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Saturday 11 November 2018 Master's Garden Party – Master's Residence

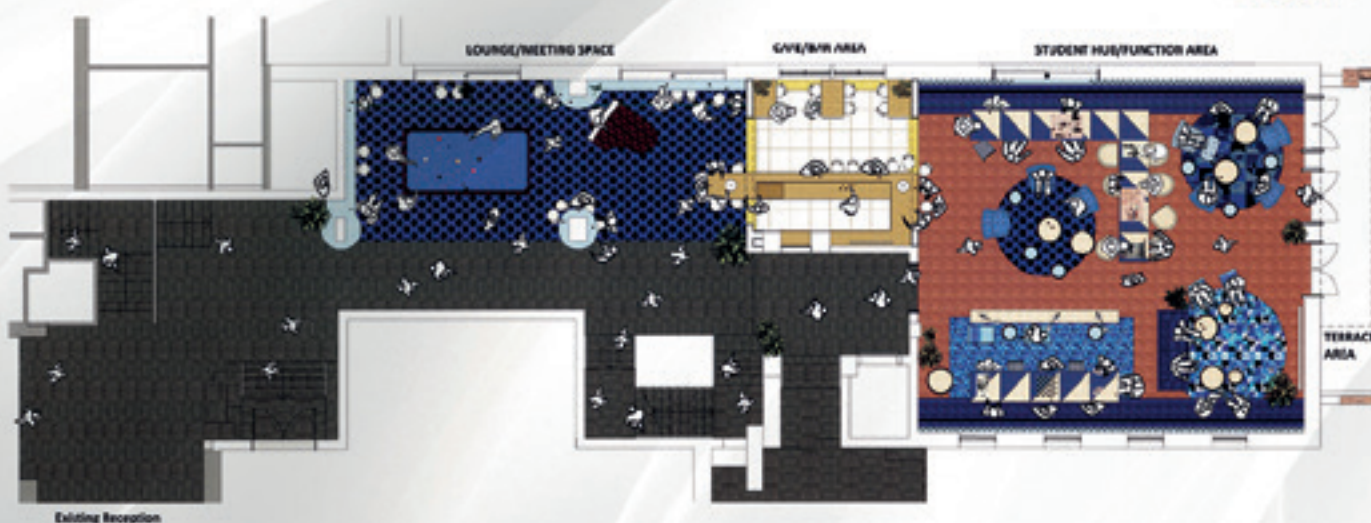
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Henry Jung (King's 2004) passed away 15 October 2014
Evan Duncan (King's 1977-80) passed away 17 May 2017
Rev Ray Hunt (King's 1956-59) passed away 18 July 2017
Stuart Collins (King's 1981-83) passed away on 1 November 2017
Reg Pascoe father of Kingsmen, David (King's 1973-77), John (King's 1971-77), Andrew (King's 1979-81), Roess (King's 1977-82) passed away on 17 October 2017

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