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COMMEMORATING KINGSMEN







# FROM THE MASTER

**The annual ANZAC commemoration service held at the College this year was particularly special. This issue of the Wyvern magazine marks the centenary of ANZAC and it is a fitting tribute.**

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The ANZAC Day commemoration service at King's has very much become a community event and so it was a pleasure, as always to observe the large numbers of friends and neighbours who joined current and old Collegians for this special anniversary.

The members of College were delighted to welcome family members of the late James Robinson, first President of the King's College Students' Club in 1913. Robinson went to war soon after war was declared in 1914. Continuing a fine tradition of recent years, the Old Collegians' Association invited one of his grandsons, Neal Jones (a Kingsman himself) to speak on this special occasion.

Many in the College community will be aware that 2015 has been the year of change in Presidents. In April, The Hon Justice Martin Daubney retired as President of the College Council after six years in that role. The Council elected Dr Brett Robinson (King's 1982) to succeed him. In July, the President of the King's Old Collegians' Association, Mr Jim Famer (President since 2007) also retired and the AGM elected Mr Blake Miller (King's 2003-07) to succeed him. The College community is enormously grateful to all four men and the December edition of the Wyvern magazine will contain tributes to Martin and Jim and introductions to Brett and Blake.

Finally, on behalf of the College community, I extend warm congratulations to the Deputy Master, Jamie Smith and his wife, Sue on the recent birth of their fifth child, Josephine (Josie). Jamie has been particularly busy of late taking on the task of Acting Master while I was on sabbatical leave for five weeks about which I will write more in the December edition of the Wyvern.

Thank you all for your continuing support of and interest in King's College. 2015 is proving to be a successful year and we all greatly looking forward to the completion of the Wensley Wing and associated works later this year.

**Gregory C Eddy**

*Master and Chief Executive*

**Cover:** Kingsman Travis Boon  
holding his "Most Outstanding  
Soldier Award" (article p.13)





# COMMEMORATING KINGSMEN

One of the earliest photographic records housed in the College archives is that of the 1914 King's College Students' Club.

To look into the faces of these young, stern faced Kingsmen, one can only imagine their thoughts.

Did the troubled times unfolding in Europe really impede their everyday life as students in Brisbane at that time?

History tells us 11 of these 24 Kingsmen pictured above enlisted to serve their country. On closer inspection of the names, two Kingsmen making the ultimate sacrifice, were tragically killed in action, Clergyman, J.G. Hunter, Captain T. Francis.

Although not pictured, as he was a tutor, we discovered numerous letters written by Arthur Wilfred Wheatley's Mother who made repeated attempts to rightfully take possession of her deceased son's belongings when he was killed on Anzac Day in 1918. Three others pictured sustained wounds, including J A Robinson, who's life story was so well recalled at this year's Anzac Day service by Grandson and Kingsman, Dr Neal Jones. Today Robinson is synonymous with supervising, under heavy fire, the salvage and transport of the German tank 'Mephisto' to Brisbane.

Fast forward some 21 years to September 3, 1939. Britain and France declare war on Germany and Europe is again under a dark cloud. 31 of the 60 students of King's College pictured in that same year would enlist in the Australian armed forces. Two would never return.

In the following articles, we remember Kingsmen and their families, who so selflessly and valiantly served their country.

**Lest we Forget.**



The factual information provided below was gathered from official military sources and is contained in the KOCA booklet *"Wyvernian Warriors – Kingsmen at War."* If you wish to obtain a copy, please contact the College.

# KINGSMEN + **WARFARE**



Four Australian Soldiers walking along the duckboard track at Tokio, near Zonnebeke, in the Ypres sector on 22 October 1917.  
Reference [www.awm.gov.au/collection/E01236](http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/E01236).

AIF personnel directing mortar fire at Balikpapan, Borneo on 1 July 1945. Reference [www.awm.gov.au/collection/128286](http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/128286).



I compiled this descriptive information and wrote the booklet firstly to honour the service in war of Kingsmen, secondly to commemorate the Centenary of the ANZAC tradition in April 2015 and thirdly to reflect the war service of my grandfather and of my father.

King's College has an admirable military as well as a scholarly tradition. 30 Kingsmen served in World War One and 156 Kingsmen served in World War Two. They served with courage, dedication and fortitude.

The First World War men were university students, teachers, clergymen, clerks and engineers. Their average age was 24 years when they joined up. The Second World War men were engineers, medical practitioners, school teachers, clerks, tradesmen, clergymen and primary producers. Their average age was 27 years when they enlisted.

The 1914-1918 men served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France. The 1939-1945 men served in Europe, the Middle East, Borneo, Malaya, Singapore and New Guinea. The military service of Collegians who went to war between 1914 and 1918 was broad and varied. They served in the Infantry, Field Ambulance, Field Engineers, Flying Corps, Australian General Hospital and Clergy. Of the Collegians engaged in active service between 1939 and 1945, these men served in the Air Force, Army and Navy.

Our Collegians distinguished themselves in combat.

In World War One, **Lieutenant Eric Clarke Cribb MC** had been a university student prior to enlistment. He suffered from migraine as a result of strain and stress, sustained a

gunshot wound to his right arm when fighting at Ypres and was gassed in November 1917. He served with the **12<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers** and was twice mentioned in despatches by General Haig on 13 November 1916 and again on 1 March 1917. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying a duckboard track for 800 yards including 100 yards over very swampy ground, although the route was constantly shelled by heavy enemy guns.

**Captain Ernst Fritz Gutekunst**, despite his German name, fought bravely and loyally in the AIF in the Pacific Theatre of World War Two. Aged 36 years on enlistment, he served in the **16th Australian Field Regiment**. Trained in jungle warfare, he saw action in Borneo. He was honourably discharged on 4 January 1946 and died on 7 September 1986 at the age of 82 years.

It was Kingsmen such as these who answered their country's call to fight, to suffer, and, for some, to die in the cause of freedom. We honour their memory and we commemorate their gallantry.

**Dr Mike Vaughan**  
Fellow of King's College  
King's '71-'74



# THE CAPTURE OF THE “MEPHISTO”

ONLY 20 GERMAN-MANUFACTURED TANKS, THE A7VS, SAW ACTIVE SERVICE DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR. FEW OUTLIVED THE 1918 ARMISTICE BY MORE THAN A FEW MONTHS. FOR ALMOST 100 YEARS, THE QUEENSLAND MUSEUM IN BRISBANE HAS BEEN THE RESTING PLACE OF “THE MEPHISTO”, THE WORLD’S ONLY A7V TANK.

A dozen men of the 26th Battalion AIF, predominantly Queenslanders, crept into ‘No Man’s Land’ on the night of 22 July 1918 to recover and to capture this abandoned tank. The recovery team suffered from gas exposure even though they were wearing masks. Despite the effects of the gas and of German opposition, “*Mephisto*” was successfully dragged from its shell hole into Allied positions in Monument Wood.

From Vaux-en-Amienois, “*Mephisto*” was railed to Merlimont and then shipped from Dunkirk to London. Lieutenant Colonel Robinson, Premier T J Ryan and Governor Sir Hamilton John Goold-Adams all proposed that the tank be displayed as a ‘war trophy’ in Queensland. On 2 April 1919, “*Mephisto*” was loaded on to the SS *Armagh* for shipment to Australia. The tank arrived in Brisbane on 2 June 1919 and was unloaded at Norman Wharf. Early on 22 August 1919, two Brisbane City Council steamrollers towed the tank on its own tracks up to the Queensland Museum, then located in Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley. “*Mephisto*” remained at Gregory Terrace until 1986 when it, and the Queensland Museum, relocated to the Queensland Cultural Centre, South Brisbane.

The tank itself was a formidable war machine and spelt the end of attacks by mounted cavalry. An A7V weighed just over 30 tonnes and had a top speed of 9 to 10 km/hr on good roads or around 4 km/hr on broken ground. It was armed with a single front-mounted 57 mm cannon and six 7.92 mm MGO8 water-cooled heavy machine guns (two on each side and two at the rear.) Life in an A7V was arduous. The 18 man crew squeezed into an extremely hot (up to 60 degrees Celsius), dark, noisy, cramped, smelly space seven metres long, three metres wide and one and a half metres high.

#### Dr Mike Vaughan

Fellow of King’s College  
King’s ‘71-’74



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# Arthur Wilfred WHEATLEY

9th Battalion  
27.7.15. K.I.A.

An Archival Portrait  
by College Archivist Dr Ana Stevenson

When war broke out in July 1914, Arthur Wheatley was a young tutor at King's College. At only 25 years of age, he was little older than many of the students he instructed at the recently established Kangaroo Point residence.

A Methodist, Wheatley's personal views likely complemented the King's College constitution. Its precepts included the provision of "tutorial assistance" relating to "university lectures and examination" and "systematic religious instruction in accordance with the principles of the Methodist Church of Australasia". Wheatley the educator shared his knowledge with his young charges, and then he answered the call to serve in the Great War.

The story of Arthur Wilfred Wheatley is in many ways similar to that of other young men who enlisted for military service during World War I. Following his untimely death, it also encompassed his family in distinctive and heartrending circumstances.

Wheatley left behind the life of King's College in 1915. The events of World War I shaped his young life. On February 13, 1915, his photograph was featured as one of the "Reinforcements for Queensland Contingent" in the Queensland Pictorial, an excerpt from *The Queenslander* (above). After enlisting on July 27, 1915 in Brisbane, Wheatley became one of many young men of the Australian Imperial Force.

Some personal details can be comprehended from Wheatley's Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad. Like many of his peers, Wheatley had no previous military experience. He was routinely vaccinated as part of his medical examination. Again, like many others, he conceptualised of himself as a "Natural born British subject" rather than an Australian. Although Anzac Day has subsequently been viewed as a turning point for Australia as a nation, for individuals such as Arthur Wheatley, military service was an expression of allegiance to the British empire.

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During World War I, Wheatley was a driver with the 3rd Field Ambulance. On August 3, 1917 he became a Lieutenant in the 9th Infantry Battalion. His records reveal that, after disembarking in Alexandria, Egypt, he travelled repeatedly between France, Belgium, and England with his regiment. In November 1917, Wheatley was wounded in action, with a "gunshot wound left arm, mild," but he soon returned to active duty in December that same year.

Tragically, on April 25, 1918—a date already then being understood in Australia as Anzac Day—Wheatley was killed in action in France. One official document reported: "Lieut. Wheatley was shot in the head by a machine gun while out on patrol on night of 25.4.18. He died almost at once." His grave resides in France's Meteren Military Cemetery, Plot 3, Row J. An agonising end for this promising young man.

It is difficult to comprehend Wheatley's perceptions of war or understand his feelings across these years, or during his last days, as the archives do not yield any personal diaries or correspondence. As we shall see, this is not merely the fault of the archive, but of the larger imperial machinations of World War I.

Wheatley's war records do, however, hold numerous official communications with his widowed mother, Mrs Fanny Coote. From her son's earliest injury, the information Mrs Coote received from the AIF's Base Records Office at the Victoria Barracks, Melbourne was delayed by months due to the nature of long distance communications.

The letters Mrs Coote received were impersonal. Administrators were required to send an overwhelming number of similar communications, so much correspondence remained detached and bureaucratic. These letters cannot fully convey the grief she felt toward the loss of her son or the repeated challenges that followed, but some insight into the family consequences that proceeded from Wheatley's death can be gleaned through the cracks.

In the wake of World War I, Mrs Coote received notification that her son's "personal effects" would be sent to her forthwith. In 1919 she received a package containing "4 Photos, 1 Devotional Book." Yet in March 1920, two years after her son's death, Mrs Coote wrote a letter to express how "anxious" she was to find out whether the remainder of her son's items would soon arrive. Mrs Coote was only to receive a letter to inform her that Wheatley's "Letters, Photos" and other paraphernalia had unfortunately been transported to Australia in the S.S. Barunga, a vessel already lost at sea.

Later that year, Mrs Coote's status as Wheatley's next of kin—and mother—was questioned by the Base Records Office. Having remarried in 1907, she had a different surname to her son; this led to the validity of their relationship being challenged.

In an effort to comply with the Deceased Soldiers Act of 1918, the Base Records Office sent Mrs Coote a letter asking whether "there are any nearer blood relations than yourself," perhaps a father or mother, to whom Wheatley's war medals could be sent. This was in spite of previous communications wherein his mother had used the phrase "our son" to describe Wheatley. "I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the deceased soldier was my eldest son," Mrs Coote tersely replied.

It is pertinent to ask: was this a mistake, an oversight, or a miscommunication? Certainly, it speaks to the additional

social scrutiny experienced by single mothers - even though Mrs Coote was neither single nor unwed when her son was born. Had Arthur and Fanny shared a surname, such a mistake would have likely not occurred. On some level it was perhaps even an understandable mistake owing to the thousands upon thousands of similar communications sent by the Base Records Office. Yet it demonstrates the very personal consequences of dispassionate official correspondence.

However, the hierarchy for the distribution of war medals - widow, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, etc. - meant Mrs Coote's status as Wheatley's mother was not enough. Another letter from the Base Records Office did not apologise for the previous mistake; it instead simply asked whether Wheatley's father was alive and why their surnames were different. A number of letters were subsequently exchanged between Mrs Coote, her husband, and the authorities to verify her status as Wheatley's mother and the rightful heir to her son's legacy.

Neither was this the end of the heartache for the Wheatley-Coote family. In 1921, Mrs Coote additionally wrote to ask whether it would be possible to obtain a photograph of her son's grave. To receive a response saying a photograph had "not yet come to hand" must have been heartbreaking. The suggestion that she write to the Australian Graves Services in London implied another long wait for further information.

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Nonetheless, Mrs Coote and her husband must have experienced some solace in 1923, when she received a Victory Medal and Memorial Plaque in recognition of her son's war service.

In this year of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, there has been a great effort to remember the soldiers, nurses, and all those in active service during World War I. Arthur Wheatley died tragically in 1918, and embodied the sacrifice of these individuals. But this was merely the beginning of years of effort for his family to reclaim his memory. King's College rightly commemorates Wheatley's sacrifice, yet his mother's experiences remain buried in the layers of impersonal correspondence with various AIF administrators.

When we think about the vital role teachers play in the education of young people, we can recall that this was something Wheatley himself achieved as a civilian before the Great War took his young life. With sincere hope, the young men and women of today will not have to face the same fate as King's College tutor Arthur Wheatley. Still, it is equally important to remember the ongoing contribution of families as children go off into the world.



# ANZAC DAY

**WE ARE OFTEN BLESSED WITH  
IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR  
OUR ANZAC DAY SERVICE AND  
THIS YEAR WAS NO EXCEPTION.**

All event organisers (in South East Queensland at least) possibly shared the same sentiment, as months of preparation to celebrate the Anzac Centenary around the country came to fruition. Fittingly construction of the new College Forecourt was completed in time for the KOCA to host the service. Members of the local community, local school students, staff and Kingsmen listened intently as Dr Neal Jones addressed the gathering and recalled the story of his Grandfather and Kingsman James Robinson.

(The full address can be read [www.kings.uq.edu.au/kings-stories](http://www.kings.uq.edu.au/kings-stories))







**James Robinson**  
(Students' Club  
President 1913)

**Descendants & family members of the late James Robinson (King's 1913) with the Master & President of Council.**

## MEMORIAL VESTIBULE ADDITION

The commemorative marble tablet was brought from the College's home at Kangaroo Point and is now located in the Memorial Vestibule at the College.

The Latin inscription on the tablet 'Memora bene redditae vitae sempiterna' was translated as "The Memory of a life well lived is everlasting". This serves as an inspirational reminder to all who visit this place of the sacrifice of a few for the benefit of many and the sanctity of life.



## CENTENARY GRANT

With assistance from the Anzac Centenary grants program, King's was able to undertake much needed restoration work to the Melville Haysom installation and surrounding sandstone steps into the Dining Hall. The project was officially unveiled on Anzac Day.



**Old Collegian and Fellow of the College, E/Professor Mat Daveniza OAM by the artwork.**







# FROM THE DEPUTY MASTER

**King's College holds an important responsibility in preparing young men for the demands of the outside world.**

Most would argue that a College's only requirement is to assist students academically through tutorials and a conducive living environment.

While academic success is, and always will be imperative at King's, the College also places equal value in ensuring that our young men develop honesty, integrity, confidence and a devotion to service leadership. It is appropriate that with the 100 year anniversary of ANZAC, King's College continues to encourage our students to serve, albeit in different ways. This is our small way of remembering the many Old Collegians who sacrificed their lives for ours.

The College, with support from the King's College Students' Club (KCSC), has placed a greater emphasis on the need to serve others. In P Week we discussed what this could mean for the College as a whole and included;

Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to lead through service of the King's community by ensuring that every student feels they are represented by the KCSC and that their fees are being distributed evenly.

The College focusing their time on a number of charities each year that are connected to the local community or Old Collegians such as the Conquer Cancer Ride (supporting Old Collegians), Kadoka Challenge and the Indian Immersion.

The student body supporting KOCA led events such as the ANZAC Day service and annual dinner/events.

I am pleased to report that these goals are well on track to being achieved by the end of 2015 and I thank the student leadership team of Executives and Residential Assistants for working hard to ensure that we are progressing well.

**As I write this we are commencing our second semester of 2015. However, I am pleased to note the following.**

Outstanding academic results for semester 1 2015 with the average College GPA (still to be confirmed) the highest it has been in my time at King's.

The College is sitting on top in the ICC Sport and holds 3rd place for the ICC Cultural Competition.

Successful qualification of our First VIII for the Henley Royal Regatta which was held in early July.

The completion of 2 out of 3 stages of construction (Forecourt and Old Collegians' Learning Centre) with only the Wensley Wing remaining.

We look forward to the start of semester 2 and acknowledge the hard work needed to convert what has been a successful semester into a fantastic year.

**Jamie Smith** Deputy Master

## **We congratulate the following Kingsmen on recent University Awards.**

### **UQ Distinguished Young Alumni Award**

recognises young alumni (35 years or younger) whose early accomplishments inspire and provide leadership to students and alumni.

Congratulations to our successful nominee, Nicholas Veltjens (King's '01 - '04), a 2005 Bachelor of Physiotherapy graduate. When not practising at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Nick has been a volunteer since 2010 with Mercy Ships, an organisation which provides hospital ships in developing nations. In particular Nick was been campaigning to introduce a Ponseti Management Program for the treatment of clubfoot ensuring children can be treated for the debilitating illness even when the ships are not docked locally.

### **UQ Vice Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Awards**

recognises the significant contributions made by alumni in their local communities and beyond.

### **His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland**

(Bachelor of Arts 1969, Bachelor of Laws 1971, Bachelor of Laws (Hons) 1972, Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) 2000). His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC (King's 1970) has been recognised for a lifetime of achievement and community leadership at the very highest level, culminating in his appointment as the 26th Governor of Queensland in 2014.

### **2015 QUT Young Alumnus of the Year**

Congratulations to Andrew Blackman (King's '02 - '05), who graduated from QUT with a Bachelor of Business & Honours in Economics. Andrew has made meaningful contributions to the quality of life of people in developing countries throughout his career in economic and public policy. Working in the Government of Ecuador, Andrew leads project teams that provide direct advice to the President and minister for economic policy.





# TRAVIS BOON

**After completing the course you gain a heightened sense of respect and gratitude for the Australian way of life, but especially for the Australian soldiers both past and present.**

**In 2014 I spent 30 days with the First Recruit Training Battalion (1RTB) in Kapooka NSW. This is where all recruits from around Australia complete their basic training for the Australian Army. (Officer Cadets go to the Duntroon Military College).**

As an Army Reservist, we are required to complete the course in a third of the time of regular soldiers. The course consisted of learning Australian Army traditions, law, dress and bearing, navigation, first aid, weapon handling, marksmanship, drill, field craft and physical/mental fitness techniques.

It was a very strict environment where even the smallest things such as leaning on walls or putting your hands in your pockets were not allowed. Doing the wrong thing meant you

received 'fault corrections' or in non-army terms, screamed at! I could probably write a book on what happened at Kapooka.

I was honoured to receive the most outstanding soldier award for my platoon, which was very surprising because I didn't feel very outstanding at all! It was given to me by Colonel Stephen Jobson, who is the Commandant of the Army Recruit Training Centre.

As a reservist and Kingsman in my last semester of Science at UQ, I will continue my training at the Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane and maybe one day serve with the regular army on deployment. Hopefully this fits in with my plans of studying Medicine in 2016.

**Travis Boon** (King's '13 -)



## FAREWELL & WELCOME



**After 13 years of wonderful service to the King's community and way too many Kiwi v's Aussie jokes (!), we bade a fond farewell to Rob Gardner at a morning tea in June for staff and many of Rob's trustworthy suppliers.**

We wish Rob and his wife Gaye all the best for their future retirement in New Zealand. We hope the Wallabies scarf will keep you warm at future Bledisloe Cup matches!



**Following a three year contract as the Facilities Manager at the Christmas Island Detention Centre, Pedro Goncalves takes up the position of House Manager.**

When away from King's, Pedro enjoys coaching the Camira Bears under 9 soccer team. Welcome Pedro.





FROM THE

# KOCA PRESIDENT

**This year, we commemorated the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. I am sure most of us watched the televised event from Gallipoli itself and shared the emotions of those who were fortunate enough to attend. It was a heart-stirring service and one which will live in our memories for many years to come.**

We at King's held our own commemoration. Although not on the same scale or before the same sized audience, it was an occasion which will live in the memories of those who were able to attend. On a perfect autumn morning, about 400 people came to pay their respects to, and honour the memory of, those who served in that and other campaigns of which Australia has been a part. It was an uplifting yet sobering time.

In terms of the physical surroundings, this year was outstanding. The Master and College administration, the builders and the College Council's Buildings and Grounds Committee are to be congratulated for ensuring that the new Forecourt was ready for the day and for their attention to detail in the organization of the event. Chairs were hired so that everyone, including the many students who attended, was able to sit. We were honoured by representatives from the University and other Colleges. We were especially honoured that the Moderator of the Uniting Church, Rev. David Baker, officiated at the service. John Rigby-George again touched our ears and our hearts with his superb renditions of "The Last Post" and "Rouse". Neal Jones treated us to a splendid account of the life and many contributions of his grandfather, Lt. Col. James Robinson, a distinguished soldier, educator, and Kingsman. Neal's account painted a wonderfully detailed portrait of the man as well as the soldier. We were also honoured that so many of his family were able to attend. Mike Vaughan's history of Kingsmen in both World Wars, "Wyvernian Warriors", was given its official launch and distributed to those present. Congratulations, Mike, on a wonderful history of such an important part of the life of the College.

Last, but not least, who can forget the breakfast to which we were treated after the service? The chefs and kitchen staff outdid themselves this year and produced a breakfast about which I heard one student from Ironside State School say, "We always like to come to King's because we get such a great breakfast afterwards." High praise indeed from such a discerning audience! We hope that they and other younger people will continue to come and keep the ANZAC spirit alive and strong.

You may remember that the last edition of "The Wyvern" honoured the memory and many contributions of the women of King's College. That tribute was long overdue. However, there is another group of women who are largely, if not completely, forgotten. They are the wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, cousins and sweethearts who were left behind when

Kingsmen went to war. We must never forget that, apart from the Vietnam aberration, Australian servicemen and servicewomen who fought and served overseas have all been volunteers, not conscripts. It follows that there must have been a high level of consent and support by these women for the decisions of the men to enlist. At a time when communication was almost wholly by letter and newspapers, the worry and concern which these women felt constantly must have overwhelmed them. Yet they kept strong for the sake of their families and their loved ones overseas. It was their strength and support that kept the servicemen and servicewomen going through the hardest times. The only limited insight into their stress and worry that I can relate is how one night I went out with friends on a University vacation. I staggered home at 3 am. My mother called softly from her bedroom, "Is that you Jim? Are you OK?" How much greater must have been the worry and sleeplessness that these women felt? Many lost husbands, fathers and sweethearts and their lives were changed forever. If we honour the self-sacrifice and courage of those who served, we should also honour the same qualities in the women who supported the decisions to enlist and stayed at home.

This is my last report to you as KOCA President. I am not seeking re-election at the upcoming AGM as it is time for fresh leadership and new ideas. It has been an honour to serve KOCA and its members. I thank you also, dear reader, for tolerating my ramblings for the past eight years. I wish the new President and management committee my support and best wishes.

**LONG LIVE THE MIGHTY WYVERN  
AND THE SPIRIT OF KING'S!**

**Jim Farmer**



*Jim Farmer  
welcoming Neal  
Jones to the lectern  
on Anzac Day.*



# KING'S COLLEGE NEWS



## Perfect Timing

Born 1:48am Sunday, 10 May, Samuel 'Sam' Malcolms Hailes was the first baby to be born in Queensland on Mother's Day weighing in at 3.528 kg. Ben and Jane have been thrilled to welcome another boy to their family and provide a little brother to Angus.



## Morland Smith

Congratulations to Morland Smith (King's '56-'59), who at 75 has repeated his 2013 performance of winning the WA State Masters Athletics Championships in the 800m, 1500m and 10km races in the M75 age division (men 75-79 age group). Morland met up recently with the Master Greg Eddy and wife Thérèse at the King's At Home Perth.

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to Kingsman Lachlan Jackson (King's '13 - '15) who was until recently with the Brisbane Roar development squad and has now signed with the Newcastle Jets 'A' League team.**

After hearing the news during the semester break, it was a quick farewell, pack and departure to commence training with his new team immediately. We look forward to following Lachlan's progress.





# Cocktail Party

King's  
College  
Foundation

The 2015 King's College Foundation Cocktail Party was a wonderful opportunity for families to meet other parents, Old Collegians' and friends of the College. Not to mention socialise with their sons and meet other Kingsmen.

Our First VIII rowing crew were presented with their caps before the ICC Regatta the following day. As the major Foundation Fundraiser, guests were able to bid on silent and live auction items with proceeds assisting students in financial need.





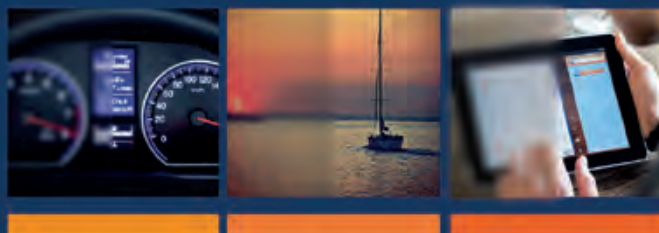
# COMMEMORATION DINNER

Justice Martin Daubney provided the address to guests including the newly elected President of Council Dr Brett Robinson and his wife Amelia.

Martin's wife Rosie was acknowledged for her wonderful support to the College during her husband's tenure as President. The King's College Jacket was also presented to Justice Daubney and Tom O'Donnell for their outstanding service to the College.



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## Student **Spotlight**

# PHIL POTGIETER



**I WAS BORN IN BLOEMFONTEIN SOUTH AFRICA, AND AT THE AGE OF FOUR MY DAD RECEIVED A WORK OPPORTUNITY IN AUSTRALIA. MY FAMILY MADE THE BIG MOVE ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO A SMALL CITY CALLED TOOWOOMBA.**

I started my schooling off at a co-ed school known as Christian Outreach College, and in Grade 10 was offered a sporting scholarship for Rugby at Toowoomba Grammar School, where I finished off my schooling. It was at TGS where I met Kingsman Eli Bitzer. Eli finished at TGS the year before me and had his Fresher year at King's in 2012. He was a massive influence on me choosing King's College, as he told me it would benefit me greatly in regard to rugby, due to the fine facilities such as the gym and pool, as well as the excellent tutoring and academic help King's provides for its students.

For me personally, I have continued my time at King's due to firstly, the strong culture of mateship and success that King's has, which you would not find living on your own. It has also made it possible for me to pursue my rugby ambitions but at the same time do well academically. Finally, it provides the perfect balance by also providing excellent social opportunities to meet new people and make life-long friends. It provides students with the opportunity to have the perfect balance of social, academic and sporting life which I believe is the key to a happy and fulfilling life and making the most of your time while we are still young.

To any second years thinking about what they should do next year, I would strongly recommend staying on for a third year, regardless whether you receive a leadership position or not because at the end of the day, all of the 3rd and 4th years are the leaders of the College anyway. King's provides you with the opportunity to do well academically, and still pursue your sporting or cultural endeavours, while at the same time experiencing an excellent social environment where you can construct friendships that will last a life-time.

Why not make the most of it while you can; because before you know it, Uni is over and it's time to take on the real world.



## A NOTE FROM THE ARCHIVES...

By College Archivist Dr Ana Stevenson

Many Kingsmen may be unaware of the fact that King's College houses a wonderful archive of historical documents and materials right above the main foyer. I have been managing this archive since February 2014.

Having recently completed my history Ph.D. at The University of Queensland, on the topic of social movements in nineteenth-century America, I appreciate the College's ongoing dedication to maintaining a compelling and representative archival collection.

Between October 2014 and June 2015, I was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh in the United States. I had the opportunity to embark upon research in

Pitt's Hillman Library Special Collections and the Archives Service Centre. Following this and previous experience as a researcher in these American archives, as well as elsewhere in Australia, it is possible to see how the King's College archive both differs from and is similar to other institutional repositories. The King's archive is smaller and more thematically regulated than the collections of many other institutions. Its physical mode of storage is unlike many other university archives, and the archive itself is hidden away so as to render it somewhat obscure. However, the King's archival catalogue is in many ways more robust and informative than that of larger collections. King's holds numerous photographic records, many of which remain in their original frames; it also

contains various early-twentieth-century books and legal journals that still possess their original bindings. A commitment to the preservation of material culture means items as fascinating and obscure as architectural drawings, used rugby socks, and Fijian war clubs can be found within.

In these last two years of the World War I centenary, there has been much interest in King's College records. I have liaised with researchers such as the College's own Trevor Heath, Stephen Brooks from HQ Law, Bendigo, and Dr Kate Ariotti from the University of Newcastle to share the many treasures of the archive. King's boasts a wonderfully snug and comprehensive collection which is a testament to the College's dynamic and ever-changing history, presence, and traditions.





## Rev Dr Ian Mavor OAM

King's 1956 – 1963  
Master 1986 – 1991

### **A Kingsman, and later as the fifth Master of the College, the late Rev Dr Ian Mavor OAM was certainly a man not to remain idle.**

Ian's life is well documented in the College's Centenary history *Men & Masters*. A lifelong learner, he entered King's at Kangaroo Point in 1956 as a trainee primary school teacher, later returning to St Lucia in '61 as one of 30 theological students, being elected KCSC President in 1963.

That same year he married Lola Green. They had two children, Kenneth

and Louisa. A keen sportsman, Ian also organised the King's grandly named bushwalking & Speleological Society. Appointed Master in 1986 Ian was known to work closely with the student community and also took great interest in the College grounds. Together with second wife Deirdre Hanna, they founded the Hopewell Hospice Service on the Gold Coast, a centre for palliative care that would grow to include Children's hospice programs.

In 2002 Ian was awarded an OAM for service to the community through a range of church, social welfare, education and health groups. At home he found much joy in the simple things in life, such as gardening at the hospice and singing. Ian is survived by Deirdre, Ken, stepchildren, and grandchildren.



## Dr Robert Wensley QC

King's 1963 – 1967

**The College community was saddened by the news in May of Robert Wensley's passing. Following the funeral service in Sydney, a memorial service was held at King's in June.**

There is comfort however in the knowledge Robert was made aware that the new accommodation building would be named in his honour, 'Wensley Wing'.

A formal tribute will be made to Robert Wensley in the next edition of The Wyvern Magazine.





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# KOCA SOCIAL NIGHT

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER  
4<sup>TH</sup> STARTING AT 6PM**

**LOCATION:**

King's College, Upland Rd St Lucia

This year instead of an annual dinner, the KOCA would like to invite you to attend a social night with complimentary drinks and canapes.

The KOCA has proudly supported the refurbishment of the King's Old Collegians' Learning Centre and the social night will take place on the new Terrace Balcony overlooking the river. Please come along, bring some Old Collegians and enjoy a night of sharing stories and catching up.

**RSVP** (for catering purposes)

Luke Challenor phone 0423 692 333  
or email [president@koca.com.au](mailto:president@koca.com.au)

## KING'S VS ST LEO'S RUGBY FRANCIS & KASSULKE CUP

Saturday 5th September starting  
**3pm at UQ Rugby Fields**

Come along and cheer on the First XV as they defend their impressive record against St Leo's.

## ANNUAL THEOLOGS' LUNCH

**Friday November 6th  
12pm**

King's Theologs and partners are invited to lunch with the current Kingsmen in the Dining Hall.

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