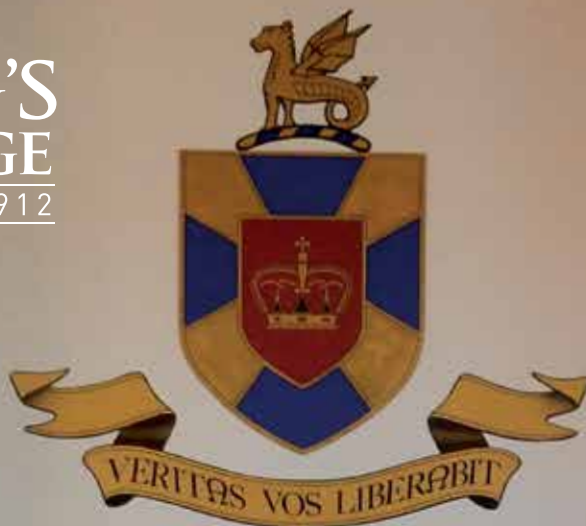




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# FROM THE MASTER

**Gregory C Eddy**  
Master and Chief Executive

In the movie *Kingsman* released earlier this year, the central character played by Colin Firth proudly declares that “manners maketh man”. They do indeed but I *believe* that experiences also play an integral role.

At King's College we are committed to ensuring that Kingsmen have opportunities and experiences that will “maketh men”. This edition of the *Wyvern* magazine is devoted to highlighting the various experiences the College offers which ensure that men at King's are challenged beyond the experience of the College and the University alone. In the current educational and economic climate, it is no longer enough for any College to merely provide accommodation without offering expansive opportunities and experiences, beyond the confines of the College.

Thus, this edition focuses particularly on the experiences available to men on the global or international stage. You will read of students who are studying abroad, of those who rowed for the College at the Henley Royal Regatta in July and of those who will represent the College at the Hong Kong 10s tournament in April 2016.

As well, you will be mesmerised by some stories of Old Collegians and what they are achieving elsewhere in the world – one working as an adviser on economic policy in Ecuador, another who is devoting his time in support of the Mercy ships and those about to become Old Collegians, who leave these shores during next year to volunteer in places around the world.

King's is committed to being a strong presence in the world, which means welcoming international students to the College and farewelling our own to study, as international students, abroad. The commitment to a presence and a place on the world stage also means travelling beyond our borders – the front hedge, the UQ campus, the state of Queensland and away from Australia. The opportunities to do so are many and varied and these experiences, along with manners and the values emphasised by the College, help maketh men.

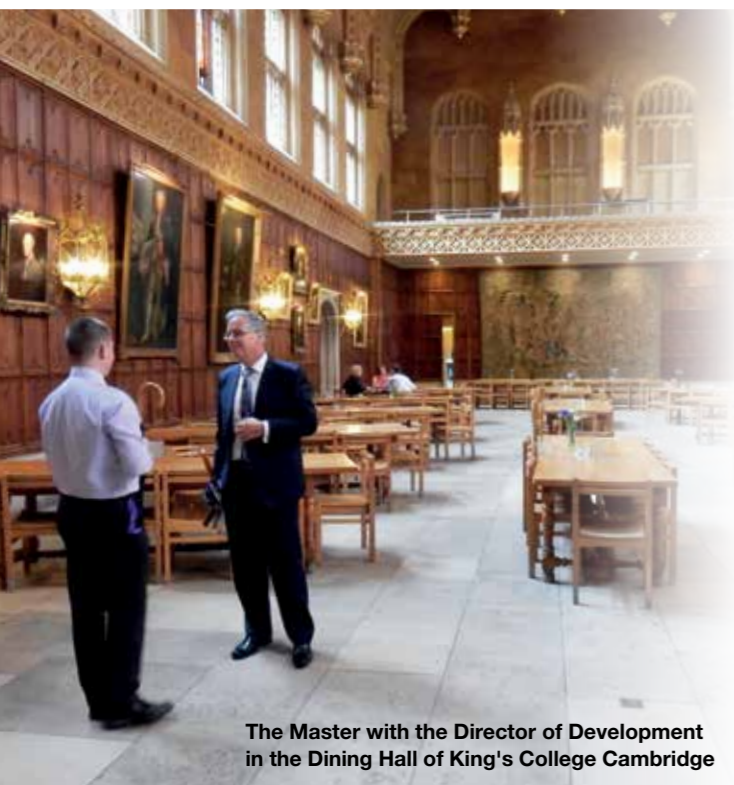
## Master's Sabbatical Leave

**At the end of his second five year term the Master and his wife Thérèse spent just over five weeks in England and Ireland in late June and July.**

During his sabbatical leave the Master focused on four areas. The first three, Learning, Leadership and Engagement are three of the four themes which inform the College's Strategic Plan 2014-2017. The fourth, Reflection, meant time to consider what had been learned, how it might be applied to the College and how it will best fulfil the College's vision and mission in the next five years.

While away, Greg and Thérèse hosted a reunion for Old Collegians and friends of King's College in London attended by over 40 people and joined the rowers and their families at the Henley Royal Regatta. They made visits to Universities and Colleges to witness the best practice in these institutions, developed contacts for Study Abroad in different English and European Universities and sought opportunities to meet with experts in the field of Philanthropy and Advancement/Development.

According to the Master, the highlights were, Henley, the 'At Home' in London and the opportunities to visit the great Universities and Colleges of the world – King's and Queens' Colleges at Cambridge, Trinity College, Dublin and King's College, London to name just a few.



The Master with the Director of Development in the Dining Hall of King's College Cambridge

**Cover:** King's VIII crew

**Back row L-R:** Will Purkis, Will Struss, Jacob Branch, Jacob Parker, Will Lindores (Coach)

**Front row L-R:** Ryan Hasell, Elliott Apel (Stroke), James Apel & Nic Redcliffe (Co-Captains of Boats), Frasier Heath



# HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

The King's College 1<sup>st</sup> VIII has a long and proud history in the ICC competition. The decision to send the VIII to the world's most prestigious regatta was not one that was made without knowledge of the scope of the undertaking, but it was one that the Master and the administration made with the goal of offering an incredible experience to students of the College. In November last year I met with Greg, Jamie and Madeleine to discuss taking the King's 1<sup>st</sup> VIII to compete at the Henley Royal Regatta.



The Crew and Coach Will Lindores at Henley

The squad started with a training camp in February of this year before University commenced. The holiday training in the Brisbane summer was a first for the College, with the regular ICC season not to start until April. The camp consisted of three trainings a day involving Strength and Conditioning and off-water fitness sessions in addition to the rowing sessions. The eight days of training, while physically demanding, showed that the squad had both a physical toughness and a good culture of competition that would drive them.

The regular ICC season of regattas in May began with a strong showing by the King's College VIII. In the first Regatta they shot to an early and commanding lead, with fatigue only showing in the final 500m of the race. The 60m winning margin showed the other Colleges that we intended to be more dominant than ever in our regatta season. The training after the start of racing season involved shorter, more intense interval work pieces to simulate the physicality of the final 1km of a race, and to train our athletes to be able to close out a race and capitalise on an early lead. The third race of the ICC season saw us do just that with a display of a clinically executed race plan, despite contending with some poor racing conditions on the Brisbane River. This meant we were firm favourites going into the following week's ICC championship regatta. There was significant pressure on the VIII to perform to their previous standards, and it was leadership from the older men that settled the nerves and brought the focus back to the rowing. Nick Redcliffe, James Apel and Will Struss had all won ICC regattas and that showed on race day. The King's VIII put their stamp on the race quickly and after holding out a strong push from St John's, they took control of the race and extended their lead, eventually finishing with several boat lengths of clear water between them and St John's in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

After the completion of the ICC regattas the boys focussed on the monumental challenge of a Henley berth. The training was challenging, and I must take this opportunity to commend all of the VIII for their tenacity and resilience in their training throughout the season. In many cases our training was logistically difficult as well as physically demanding and the flexibility and commitment shown really impressed me. The first attempt at such a significant program as preparing for Henley was always bound to have some teething issues and unexpected proverbial spanners, but the (relative) good grace with which the crew handled themselves was extraordinary. The lead up to departure required much organisation to fit around study, upcoming exams and, of course, the full training schedule. Eventually, though we were ready, having been fitted for Blazers, organised two lots of dates for flights and prepared as best we could for a 27 hour transit to the other side of the world. After negotiating a stopover in Kuala Lumpur and managing to find everyone at Heathrow, the seven of us who had finished exams arrived in Shiplake village and met our host families who made us feel very welcome in our home for the next fortnight. The training continued the first morning there. As we were still waiting on the others whose exams were later, the training was limited to running and land circuit training. The time was used to walk the course and adjust our hired boat in preparation for the arrival of the others. We had been buoyed by finding out that we would not be required to qualify, and instead would take our place at the start of the head to head knock out clash on the first Wednesday of



racing. With the arrival of the final three rowers we were straight back into the boat, with the goal to get used to the feel of a much different boat and oars.

Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July was one the hottest days of the summer in England, and the Australians relished the chance to race in familiar heat. We had drawn University of West of England in our first race, a crew based in Bristol that had, in recent years, shown itself to be on the rise as a university crew, with finals performances in its lead up regattas. The race being in the middle of the day meant that the headwind was quite strong, and the water a bit choppy, meaning the rowers would feel every metre of the 2112m upstream course. The race plan was simple; start hard, stay in the race for the first sprint 250m and then try and take a lead. The last 1000m would have to be held by sheer strength of will against a crew which had clearly both an age and resources advantage. Our advantage was our relative anonymity, and the fact that no Australian Residential College had previously competed at the Henley Royal Regatta.

As four time Olympic gold medallist and rowing legend Mathew Pinsent dropped the flag signalling the start of the race, the King's College crew immediately set out to try and win the mental battle. The first 300m of the race saw the King's College crew take a lead slowly, with each stroke gaining some small measure on UWE. At 550 in, King's had clear water, before a steering call, and a few messy strokes saw UWE catch up much of the ground lost. With the race still very much in the balance the two crews traded pushes and the lead before UWE eventually pulled clear with about 700m remaining. They were able to hold that lead and finished ahead of King's by two lengths. Despite being eliminated from the competition, the King's College 1<sup>st</sup> VIII showed that they have the depth and tenacity to be able to compete with some world-class competition in the University categories. It must not be ignored that also in our event were Universities steeped in rowing tradition, such as Harvard, Cornell and Oxford Brookes. The Kingsmen of the 1<sup>st</sup> VIII for 2015 should have every confidence in themselves as they did their University, the College and their fellow Kingsmen proud on the world stage.

**Will Lindores (King's '08 – '10)**  
1<sup>st</sup> VIII Coach 2015

The journey to be the first Residential College in Australia to compete at Henley began in early 2013 when the College's 4 year strategic plan was in the development stage:

**“Develop the College's reputation for recognition beyond King's into the University and wider national & international communities”.**

Over five gloriously hot English summer days, King's College was represented at the Henley Royal Regatta. In rowing circles, Henley is talked about in almost mythical terms. It is one of the pinnacles of rowing achievement and a unique spectacle.

We were always realistic about what rowing at Henley meant, and truly it was enough to be there. Jamie, Greg and Madeleine managed our expectations, and superbly managed the host of logistical challenges the endeavour entailed. I am sure we have no concept of some of those (the boat, the application, the travel arrangements etc) but, for example, we visited both the houses where our boys were hosted and it was arranged fantastically from afar.

From the most basic viewpoint, we all went to England for six minutes, but that is not nearly the sum of it. As proud parents we watched our boys, as Australians we represented our country. As sports lovers we enjoyed the whole Regatta, and as King's parents we supported, as much as we were able, the work and the ethos of the College.

Not all the families of the boys could be there, but we were blessed to share the experience with the Apels, the Strusses, the Hasells, Terri Purkis, not to mention the Eddys, and our superlative coach, Will Lindores. We were one big family, keeping in touch as best we could with those who could not be there, and with the boys who usually had phones with no data, and no battery (!)

The Henley experience embodies all of what we, as parents, want for our children. We want more for them than we had. We want them to experience all life has to offer. We want them to dream big, and we want to help them achieve their hopes, dreams and goals. We also want to live vicariously through our children more than we care to admit...Nevertheless, growing up Australian, it goes without saying that our children will play sport. We have always considered team sports particularly important to teach our children commitment to something larger, selflessness and camaraderie. Many will tell you, and I believe, that rowing is the ultimate team sport. The commitment required to row, and to be part of a crew is second to none. Rowing exacts hardships too many to mention, but commensurate rewards also. For these reasons, seeing the boys row at Henley was the ultimate reward for us, as parents, and for them as sportsmen.

As parents of a boy who fell into coxing because he was good at directing traffic on the rugby field as a Nudgee College 13Bs halfback, rowing was never a goal we chased, but we soon understood the elusive appeal and bought into all that rowing means. Nudgee talked quite seriously of taking a schoolboy crew to Henley but it never eventuated. We believe it still might. When Nic told us King's were trying to take a crew, it was almost too much to hope.

We had our airline tickets booked way before we knew it was definite, as we could not risk missing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. At the last minute, we also booked our two daughters to come watch their brother in the boat - a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us all. We now know that once you have rowed at Henley, you and your guests can always attend in the Stewards' Enclosure, so now we have plans to definitely go again sometime as Nic's guest. If you have not rowed there, the waiting list for Stewards' Enclosure membership is nine years...such is the appeal and the rarified atmosphere that we were privy to (thanks Will Lindores, who rowed there previously, for organizing tickets!). We had dresses to buy that were suitably decorous for the strict Stewards' rules. We had carefully packed loud jackets, jaunty hats and heels that wouldn't sink into the grass. We had checked and double-checked that the boys had everything they needed, and we had scoped out the course in the days before the event. The boys trained hard on the Thames every day in the lead up. We would expect nothing less. Then, the day of the Big Race, the butterflies started well before the boys were in the water. We all had sweaty palms, as we understood there were no second chances. We pumped our fellow Stewards' goers for information on how the racing worked, how the scoreboard functioned and who was who in the zoo. Then we waited - not at all patiently!

The Youtube footage of the race [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMKtsK\\_AcAI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMKtsK_AcAI) attests to a remarkable feat by our boys. They can be proud (as I know they are) of the full effort

they put in, undaunted by the heat, the unfamiliar boat and course, and the gravity of the occasion. The King's College crew led until over halfway. In the end they were not victorious, yet they disappointed not a one. They held their heads up high, though they were mighty exhausted, changed into their dashing King's College Rowing blazers, and became fine young ambassadors for our College over the rest of the Regatta. The boys met other rowers, and supporters, from all over England and the world. For we know that it was not all over in that six minutes. For the rest of the Regatta there was still so much to see and experience - not just the racing, but the best people watching! There were all walks of life up and down the two-and-a-bit kilometres of the Thames: bars, food vans, marquees and picnics on the riverbank. There were non-stop parties every night, and countless boats on the river where people relaxed and watched the proceedings. Some of the parents spent a lovely third Regatta day joining the throng of boats on the river, and it was yet another marvellous experience. As Kenneth Grahame said in *The Wind in the Willows*, (featured at the Henley River & Rowing Museum): "there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Finally, let me mention that we also attended the King's at Home at the Phene Hotel in London before the Regatta kicked off. This was an opportunity for us all to catch up before the competition began, and meet some young and Old Collegians of King's who now call the UK home (one now part-owns the Phene). Such an event shows the reach and the network that King's has and it would be a wonderful thing to foster this network by such evenings.

Thank you, King's College. You did an outstanding job of organising this historic first foray to The Henley Royal Regatta. We are grateful for the help of the King's Old Collegians' Association and The University of Queensland. I hope that with their help the College will regularly take a crew to row at Henley. I hope that other parents of rowers or simply supporters can experience this incredibly enriching and exciting event. One day, King's College will bring home the Temple Cup from the Henley Royal Regatta, of that I have no doubt.

**Jodie and Wayne Redcliffe**

Parents of Nic Redcliffe, Co-Captain of Boats 2015 (King's '13-'15)

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## 2015 QUT Young Alumnus of the Year Andrew Blackman

I'm honoured to have been asked to contribute to this edition of the Wyvern Magazine.

At 31 – and having graduated only 10 years ago – I feel I'm thoroughly underqualified to offer too much in the way of life advice. So instead, I'd like to share two of the best pieces of advice I have received as I have made my way in my professional career, plus a few words on how I went from a quiet Fresher called Hanson (because of the politician, not the boy-band), to a career in international development.

**Andrew Blackman**  
(King's 2002-2005)



I grew up in Coffs Harbour, NSW, and studied at the local Catholic high school, John Paul College. I was a resident at King's from 2002 to 2005, while studying a Bachelor of Business with majors in Economics and International Business, and the one-year Honours Program in Economics. I was Senior Tutor at King's in 2005.

Currently, I'm an adviser to the Coordinating Minister for Economic Policy in Ecuador. Before my current position, I worked with governments in Australia, Indonesia and Nigeria, and have completed projects with the World Bank in Indonesia, Rwanda and Angola. I also completed post-graduate study at Harvard University, where I met my fiancée.

Even as an undergraduate, I was passionate about economics and public policy. I also had an interest in working in developing countries. In the final year of my Bachelor degree, I remember investigating what kinds of jobs a foreign economist could do in developing countries. My conclusion was that I didn't really know, but that two potential avenues were through the Young Professionals Program at the World Bank, and the Economist Program at the IMF. Both these programs required the candidates to have completed post-graduate studies, have experience working with government, and preferably have experience working in a developing country. I decided that those 3 things would be worthwhile experiences to have, even if I never worked for one of those institutions. Consequently, I chose to work with the Australian Treasury after graduating from QUT, rather than pursue a career in the private sector. The exercise of seriously considering where I wanted to be in 10-15 years, and how I might get there, was invaluable as I considered what I should do as a 21 year-old entering the workforce.

and of being a part of the rich history of King's College. I'm still in contact with a number of my college friends, including the evergreen Trevor Heath. In fact, one of my best friends from College is now living just a few hours away in Bogota, Colombia. I've also kept in touch with Nick Veltjens (who has also contributed to this edition of the Wyvern Magazine). Nick's story and achievements are truly inspiring.

Finally, I'd like to share two pieces of advice that I have found valuable over these first few years of my career. I hope that current Kingsmen may find them equally useful as they embark on their own journey after graduation.

Don't be in a rush to specialise and earn the big dollars. No matter what you study, there are many, many professions out there for which you are qualified, and which you will probably love. Most of them you probably don't know yet, and some may not even exist now! Take a few years to explore your field. Move sideways. Try new things. After you've got a good idea of what you can do and what you like (I was told perhaps when I was in my early 30s), then pick the thing(s) you want to do for the rest of your career, and start climbing the ladder. As this mentor told me, "there is nothing worse than being 35, earning the big bucks, but absolutely hating going to work".

Your career will not be linear. If you take the first message to heart, then this is the likely result. Whether by accident or by design, during your career there will come a time when you may have to go backwards to go forwards. You may take a job at a lower level, or with a lower salary, to get the experience you want, or to do the thing(s) you love. As this mentor told me, "Do what you love, with who you love. The rest is poetry."

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In 2007 I had my first experience working in a developing country, when I was sent by the Australian Treasury to work with the Indonesian Ministry of Finance for 4 weeks. That experience confirmed my interest in pursuing a career in the field of international development. In 2009 I returned to the Indonesian Ministry of Finance, this time as part of a World Bank team, to support the Ministry in the aftermath of the 2008/09 global financial crisis. It was purely by luck that, at the age of 25, I had the opportunity to work with the World Bank. However, I do believe that those vague goals that I set as an undergraduate gave me the confidence to pursue the opportunity when it was offered to me. It also gave me the confidence to leave the World Bank and go back to study, when I decided I wanted to explore different areas in my field.

I have very fond memories of College life. The Boat Cruises and College Balls; ICC sports and cultural events; but also the feeling of community – of living with more than 250 men who would go out of their way to help you if you needed it,



**Andrew Blackman and fiancée Sandy Naranjo**

## 2015 UQ Young Alumnus of the Year Nick Veltjens

### BONJOUR FROM MADAGASCAR I JUST WANTED TO THANK KING'S FOR PLAYING A PART IN GETTING ME TO WHERE I AM TODAY.

I volunteer with a Christian organisation called Mercy Ships, which is a hospital located within the walls of a massive ship. We provide free healthcare to some of the poorest nations on Earth. The advantage of being a "Hospital Ship" is that we can bring surgical services to those who clearly need it. I think I have the best job in the world.

A little over 10 years ago I never would have imagined living this kind of life. I mean, who dreams of living on a ship in Africa. Definitely not me, but when Christ came into my life, He really did change my priorities and whole perspective. Now, my heart is firmly planted in Africa and I couldn't imagine living any other kind of life. I love the fact that I get to combine the skills in my hands with the passion in my heart, to serve some of the poorest nations on earth.

Much of my journey really started during the years spent at King's. Leaving Cairns to go to University in Brisbane was daunting at the age of 17. However, after the first week at King's it felt like home (like it did for so many of us). King's was such a great supportive place to live and study. I wouldn't have wanted to live anywhere else while studying Physiotherapy. King's is where I made friends for life. Some of my fondest memories involved playing down on the soccer field and having all the Kingsmen on the sideline cheering us on.

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After graduating in 2005 I got my dream job at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. Life was great. And then God really got a hold of me and challenged me to use my skills to help those in Africa. To cut a long story short I signed up for Mercy Ships and 5 years later I am still there, now leading a Ponseti Program. I love that I get to teach and empower local health workers in how to treat clubfeet. When I look back on the last 5 years I'm often amazed with the amazing opportunities I have been given. I've had the privilege of helping to set up Clubfoot clinics in many countries including, Togo, Sierra Leone, Guinea and now Madagascar.

Our ship, the Africa Mercy, is currently docked in Madagascar until June 2016. I live onboard the ship, but spend most workdays at a local public hospital in Tamatave, Madagascar, treating clubfeet along with Malagasy doctors and physical therapists. The staff of this local hospital had seen many cases of clubfeet over the years, and they are incredibly eager to learn how to correct them. It's a delight to work together and teach them, and to see kids' feet becoming straight at the same time.

In other news, last year I got married to my lovely Suzanne who is an amazing and lovely nurse from America. She has just as much of a heart for Africa as I do.

So what's next? We have no plans to settle down. We love our jobs and feel a very strong calling to serve in Africa. For the next season of our life we see ourselves continuing working in Africa and with Clubfeet.

It's hard to explain how much I love working with children with clubfeet and teaching local health workers how to correct them. I count it such a joy that I get to play a part in changing the direction of someone's future for the better. I love that we get to give kids the ability to walk, run and play. I am also super proud when I see one of my trainees doing a great job.

I definitely wasn't the smartest kid in my class but I did work very hard to gain the skills that are in my hands now. So if I could provide one piece of advice it would be that if you have a heart for a cause, work hard to get the skills you need to make a difference, follow your calling and then enjoy the wild ride that comes with laying down your life for another.

**Nick** (If you want to follow our journey, we keep a blog here: [www.theveltjens.blogspot.com](http://www.theveltjens.blogspot.com))

**Nick Veltjens (King's 2002-2005)  
and wife Suzanne**

## FROM KANE BOUCAUT IN HONG KONG

**HONG KONG HAS BEEN HOME FOR JUST OVER A YEAR NOW AND I'M CURRENTLY WORKING FOR A COMPANY CALLED AUSSIE PROPERTY AS AN AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY CONSULTANT. I ASSIST EX PAT AUSTRALIANS AND FOREIGN INVESTORS FIND AND PROCURE PROPERTIES ACROSS VARIOUS BUYING MARKETS IN ALL LOCATIONS IN AUSTRALIA. ALONG WITH JAMES HONEY AND AUSTEN (AUSSIE) SMITH, I PLAY FOR THE 'HONG KONG SCOTTISH' AS THEIR NO. 8 AND I AM ALSO NOW THE CO-CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM.**

It always amazes me how far the King's reach is around the world. On several occasions now I have met up with a prospective client and got talking about our pasts and found out that we both, at some period, attended King's College. The connections you make at King's with such a wide variety of people will ensure that somewhere down the track in a place you would least expect, there will be a friendly face and a willing bloke to have a beer and share your experiences at King's with. I know personally, I have met an Old Collegian in Hong Kong who has been very successful in his business career especially throughout Asia. I now have dinner or a drink with him once a month and he provides some useful insights and contacts for me as I am starting out a career here. Aussie, Mitch and myself attended the King's at Home in Hong Kong at the beginning of the year and it was great to meet past Kingsmen who reside in Hong Kong as well as catch up with Greg and his wife Thérèse. I am also looking forward to seeing the King's College 10s rugby team come over to Hong Kong in April and compete in the GFI HKFC 10s. I think this is a great initiative from the College and it will undoubtedly open a few doors up for the boys following their graduation from university for international work and rugby opportunities.

Mitch Holloway has been over in Hong Kong since January 2015 and works for Compliance Asia Consulting as a Compliance Consultant. Mitch provides regulatory and compliance consulting services to financial institutions in Asia Pacific. Mitch plays rugby for Hong Kong Football Club, one of the oldest and most respected clubs within Hong Kong.

Austen and I moved over to Hong Kong around the same time and were living together for the first 6 months. Austen is currently working for Pinnacle performance as a Strength and Conditioning Coach. Pinnacle Performance is a high level Strength and Conditioning gym in Hong Kong that encompasses the entire development of an individual. Pinnacle also has ties with many national sporting teams who they train on a regular basis. Aussie plays for the Hong Kong Scottish with me and James as the open side flanker.

James joined the King's crew in Hong Kong in early August this year. He currently works alongside Austen at Pinnacle Performance as a Strength and Conditioning Coach. James unfortunately injured himself in a preseason tournament in Vietnam but is expected to make his Hong Kong Scottish debut on the blind side flank soon to complete the King's boys back row.

**Kane Boucaut** (King's '09 - '11)

**L-R: James Honey, Mitch Holloway, Kane Boucaut, Austen Smith**



# KING'S 7s MAKES NOOSA INTERNATIONAL SEMIS WITH NZ, GERMANY AND FIJI

The King's 7s team has enjoyed a successful season this year. Aside from competing at Emmanuel 7s, Brothers, Noosa and Byron Bay tournaments, the 7s form a significant link to the Tens team which will represent the College at the Hong Kong 10s next April.

This year's team has been bolstered by the inclusion of Harry McNulty – on study abroad exchange from Ireland and a member of the Irish Rugby Union 7s team.

The Noosa International Sevens tournament was a true highlight for the team. King's 7s were defending champions having won the tournament last year but when it came to the semi-final stage, the international flavour of the tournament was quickly apparent as King's was the only domestic side to make the final four. In the end, Fiji's number one club defeated King's in the semi-final while the tournament was ultimately won by the New Zealand Development squad, some of whom will no doubt be at the Olympics in 2016.

The College is grateful to Matthew Jarvis, David Jackman and Jarrod Kidston for their management and coaching of the team.



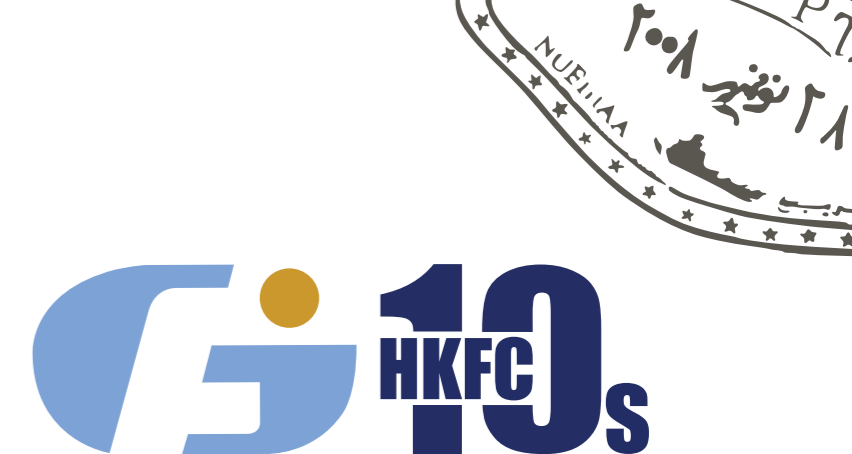
L - R: Reece Grant, Joshua Reiher, Andrew Collins, Matthew McCormick



L - R: Joe Bisgrove, Kim Henderson



The 7's Squad before the Emmanuel 7's tournament



## HONG KONG 10s

The College's commitment to global experiences is exemplified in the decision to have 24 Kingsmen represent the College at the Hong Kong 10s tournament in 2016. This prestigious tournament gathers teams from all over the world to compete in the two days just before the International 7s tournament begins.

Matt Jarvis, David Jackman and Jarrod Kidston as Manager and Coaches, will oversee the tour which will take in all the sites of Hong Kong and provide opportunities for those on tour to network with business people and Rugby Clubs.

**Sponsorship opportunities are available on the team website:-**

[www.sponsorakingsman.com](http://www.sponsorakingsman.com)

The tour group will join with Old Collegians and friends of the College at the King's 'At Home' to be held at the Hong Kong Football Stadium. The College is very grateful to current parents, Lisa and Donough Foley for their support of this event and the tour in general.

The tour runs from 1-11 April and the 10s will be played on 6-7 April. The King's 'At Home' will be held on the evening of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. All Old Collegians, parents and friends are most welcome.





# International 'At Homes'

As part of the College's commitment to connect with the world beyond the College, functions continue to be held away from Australia. In 2015 the College held international 'At Homes' in Hong Kong, Singapore and London.

They were all hosted by the Master and his wife, Thérèse and all drew good crowds, especially the 'At Home' in London held in late June. The College is very grateful to Alex Derrick (pictured at right with the Master) and Carlyle Jenkins in London and Zack Tuckwell in Hong Kong for their enthusiastic support of these functions.

These events are wonderful opportunities for Old Collegians, current students, parents and friends of the College to join together and share a special bond and wonderful memories.



**In 2016 international 'At Homes' will again be held in all three cities as indicated below:**

Wednesday 6 April 2016 – King's At Home in **Hong Kong**

**Venue** – Hong Kong Football Stadium – enjoy the 'At Home' while watching the King's team play at Hong Kong 10s tournament.

**Time** – 6.00pm

**Cost** – AUD\$50.00 – please visit the College's website to register and to pay.

**Host** – The Master

Tuesday 12 April 2016 – King's At Home in **Singapore**

**Venue** – To be confirmed

**Time** – 6.00pm

**Host** – The Master

Saturday 25 June 2016 – King's At Home in **London**

**Venue** – The Phene Hotel, 9 Phene St, Chelsea

**Time** – 6.00pm

**Hosts** – Alex Derrick (King's 1992-94) and Carlyle Jenkins (King's 1992-94)

**See page 23 for details of 'At Homes' in Australia in 2016.**

**SAVE THE DATE**



## TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIPS

For over 40 years the College has been awarding travelling scholarships to Kingsmen to assist them to travel abroad for the purpose of visiting academic, research and or professional institutions.

Seven students applied for the Malcolm McDonald Travelling Bursary and the Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship this year. The members of the Board of Fellows were so impressed that three scholarships were awarded for 2016 and presented at the Valedictory Dinner in October by the Chairman of the Board of Fellows, Mr Sam Harrison MBE.

Malcolm McDonald Travelling Bursaries were awarded to:

**Wade Fraser (top: second from left)**

Wade is currently studying a BCom/B Bus Man at UQ and he will undertake study at UBC in Canada from January-June 2016.

**Reegan Brown (top: third from left)**

Reegan will undertake study at Sauder's School of Business at the University of British Columbia in Canada. Reegan will be at UBC from January – June 2016 and will then work as an intern at an engineering firm for the second half of the year.

The Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship was awarded to:

**Henry Watter (inset photo: centre)**

Henry will complete his BSc in November 2015 and will enter the MD Programme at UQ in 2016. At the conclusion of his first year he will volunteer in medical clinics in South and Central America from November 2016-February 2017. He plans to work in Cuzco, Peru for four weeks with International Volunteer HQ and then move on to Rio Dulce in Guatemala where he will be placed in a medical clinic at a local orphanage.

The College warmly congratulates all three students. In other news on these scholarships, we look forward to welcoming Sam Biddle (Keith McDonald Scholarship 2014) back after his work in Nepal and Brendt Schultz (Malcolm McDonald Bursary 2014) following his time in the USA.



## IMMERSION TO INDIA

TOWARDS THE END OF NOVEMBER THREE STUDENTS FROM KING'S JOINED FOUR STUDENTS FROM ST LEO'S COLLEGE TO COMPLETE A FOUR WEEK IMMERSION IN INDIA. THE GROUP IS LED BY BR ROB CALLEN CFC, FORMER VICE-RECTOR AT ST LEO'S COLLEGE AND LONG-TIME LEADER OF GROUPS TO INDIA.

**According to Br Rob:**

*"I believe passionately in these trips (although I was a young 37 when I began) because I have seen the personal transformation that occurs in the young men I have accompanied over those years. The trips consist of two weeks volunteering with Mother Teresa's Sisters and Brothers in Calcutta, a week's travel, and then one final week of volunteering in Chennai (Madras) at a home for children with disabilities. This place, MITHRA, was founded by a Brisbane nun 35 years ago.*

*These trips have been strongly endorsed by the Vice-Chancellor and supported by UQ Advantage. I believe such trips are one way that the Colleges can be seen to promote strong, positive and selfless values in our young people."*

The College sends its best wishes to the whole group but especially to Kingsmen, Braden Tonakie, Shaun Dauner and Andrew Lynch.





## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & LEADERSHIP

As part of the College's Internationalisation strategy, the College's Strategic Plan recommends that at least 10% of the College's population should have undertaken a semester abroad by the end of 2017. The reasons are obvious:

As clichéd as it sounds, by studying abroad you will become a much worldlier person, and become more marketable to graduate schools and employers because of the intangible life skills you're going to pick up along the way. Think of it as gaining a sort of cultural capital.

Each year, studying abroad becomes more popular. Many Kingsmen are taking advantage of the opportunities that studying and living aboard can bring to them.

This semester, the following students are studying abroad:

**Henry King** - Friberg, Germany  
**Ashvin Tharumanathan** - Berlin, Germany  
**Damian Curran** - Berlin, Germany  
**Jonathan Emerick** - Imperial College London  
**Brian You** - Stockholm, Sweden

Next year, the following students will be abroad during Semester I:

**Wade Fraser** - UBC Canada  
**Reegan Brown** - UBC Canada  
*(Please see page 15 for details of Reegan and Wade's study abroad objectives.)*  
**Mark Armstrong** - KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm Sweden  
**Ed Wright** - Pompeu Fabra Universitat Barcelona, Spain

The College is very supportive of students wishing to study abroad and places are usually reserved for them on their return. I would be more than happy to respond to any enquiries and direct students and their parents to the appropriate people at UQ for further assistance.

**Louise Charlton** Director of Learning and Leadership

## JUST IN FROM LONDON...

*Life as an exchange student is both exciting and rewarding.*

*Participating in this program has given me the opportunity to enrol in subjects that are not offered at UQ, such as Nuclear Engineering and first level French courses. Some other advice...join as many society's as possible so you meet as many people as you can. It's also a great way to travel the world and explore your own horizons.*

**Jonathan Emerick** Imperial College London



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**BEING A STATE SCHOOL STUDENT, MY EXPOSURE TO RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES PRE YEAR 12 WAS FAIRLY RESTRICTED. HOWEVER, AFTER A FAMILY MEMBER EXPLAINED THE OPPORTUNITIES KING'S PRESENTED, I WAS IMMEDIATELY INTRIGUED BUT STILL HAD MY DOUBTS.**

A lot of the boys going to King's were boarders and well-practiced in the art of 24/7 g-ups and banter. The thought of constant social performance compounded with a difficult departure from gourmet home cooked meals clouded my mind for a while, but quickly subsided after my first visit to the College and initial interaction with 2012 residents. I was impressed to say the least. To be immersed in an environment of high achieving, athletic and fundamentally well rounded lads I thought surely some of that would rub off on me. I immediately knew it was the ideal environment to start my university journey.

The decision to apply for King's three years ago seems like an eternity, and to this day is one of the best I've made. People tell you throughout your life to surround yourself with the type of people who reflect who you want to be and how you want to feel, because energy is contagious. After the last three years, I couldn't tell you a more relevant quote. Being around the types of boys King's accepts has improved my confidence, study habits and commitment to achieving the highest I can. It's these boys who make the College experience and whom I know will undoubtedly be my mates for life.

It's not just the boys who mould us into Kingsmen. All of the staff at King's have a large influence as well. Everyone from Clarky in the kitchen, Louise in the Learning Centre, Del on the vacuum and the wonderful Sue on the front desk have enhanced my time here. These absolute 'tunes' of people inspire our respect and exemplify the positive effect submersing yourself in King's College has on us all.

All in all, the message I'm trying to get across is to absorb as much of King's as you can. If you're sitting on the fence and unsure about staying another year, carefully consider the opportunity you are foregoing, because I know from experience, it only gets better. Besides, leaving King's means cooking for and cleaning up after yourself, having to drive 15 minutes to a gym, and for UQ boys, catching a bus becomes the normal. If all else fails, consider the harrowing reality that you'd be a day student!

On a lighter note, King's has given me an unreal last three years and the opportunity to meet amazing people I know will be lifelong friends. I offer the sincerest thank you to all who have been a part of my King's life, and wish you all the best in the future. Wyvern.

**Lewis Bold**  
*(King's '13 - '15)*

## VALE

The College is aware of the deaths of the following Kingsmen. We remember them in our thoughts and prayers.



## A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ROBERT NEILSON WENSLEY QC

*by Kingsman and good friend Ian Skinner (Robert's funeral service, Sydney 25 May 2015)*

**Robert was a dear friend of many people. However it begins, friendship is truly forged through shared intimacy, support, acceptance, loyalty, and subsequently the building of trust. Its maintenance depends on positive interaction – it must be mutually enjoyable to survive the numerous challenges life throws at us.**

Robert nurtured his friendships and extended understanding and support to his family and friends. He was generous with that support. Empathy, respect, and expression without fear of judgement were abundant in his friendships. He was never selfish and mentored many people both personally and professionally throughout his whole life. I watched many of these relationships develop as his academic and professional milestones were achieved. I remember his time with Dramsoc, the UQ Students Union during the politically charged years of the late 1960s, the UQ Senate, his degrees, his Doctorate, his admission to the Bar in 1976, his 1990-1993 membership of the CJC Misconduct Tribunal, his appointment as Queen's Counsel in 1993, his acting appointment as a Judge of the District Court in 1998, and his endless roles with and contributions to King's College throughout the years.

My friendship with Robert began more than 50 years ago. We met at King's College at the beginning of 1965. Since then our friendship has remained constant both at a personal and

**Cameron McCullough** (King's 1979) passed away following an illness 30 April 2015. Cameron is survived by his wife Suzanne. Together they were owner operators in the Gymnasium business, based in Thailand.

**Rev Nevin Stoddart** (King's '54 –'55) passed away 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015. He is survived by his wife Jean whose father Walter Kidd was among the first intake to Kangaroo Point in 1913.

**Dr Grahame George Readshaw** (King's '50–'54) passed away peacefully on the 28 April 2015.

professional level. During this time we have shared mutual interests in the arts, drama, King's College, The Women's College (and its then residents) and the law.

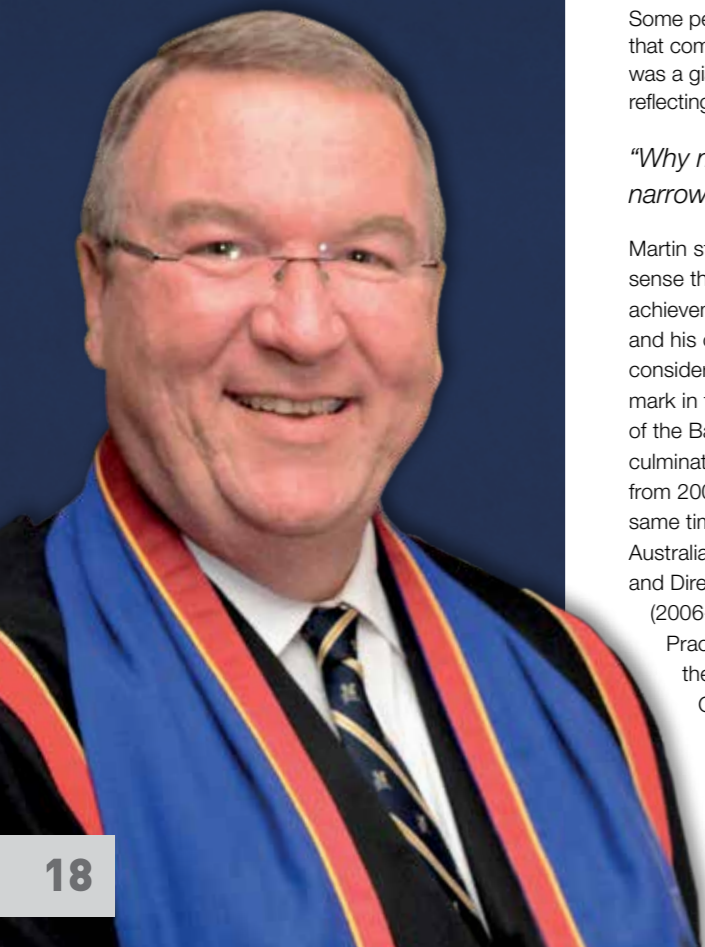
Marli and I enjoyed our friendship with Robert and Robbie while they were together - including at the Gap ( where I remember fondly his passion for wildlife, the environment and his green frogs), while boating on Moreton Bay, and in New York with Penny and Stuart celebrating Robbie's 50th Birthday.

Almost 10 years ago Robert made a very personal decision and took his life in a different direction. His friendships endured. Since that time we have enjoyed our friendship with Robert and Genevieve – at their wedding at The Women's College in January 2006, at Stradbroke Island, in Brisbane, at Hill End, and in Sydney. On occasions we have met with many of our old friends from College days. I enjoyed my recent visits to Sydney this year to reminisce with my old friend Robert – even as his physical strength diminished, his mind, as always, remained fertile and vital until last Tuesday when he left us forever.

Genevieve has lost her husband, and her best friend. They loved each other deeply. They shared a love for the Romantic poets, Australian poetry and the War poets. They enjoyed singing. Robert was a good dancer. He could tell hilarious stories and have everyone enthralled. In the sunroom in Sydney he fed the magpies and curawongs. He loved his cat Daisy - for months she stayed by his side.

With Robert's death, Kate Will and Tom have lost their dear father. Penny and Bill have lost their dear brother. We have all lost a very dear friend.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE HON JUSTICE MARTIN DAUBNEY PRESIDENT KING'S COLLEGE COUNCIL 2009-2015



**MARTIN DAUBNEY IS A MOST REMARKABLE PERSON WHO HAS HAD AN ENORMOUS INFLUENCE IN HIS LIFE SO FAR, AND HAS ACHIEVED SO MUCH, AND PROMISES SO MUCH MORE THAT, PERHAPS, THE BEST IS YET TO COME!**

We at King's have been greatly privileged by his gracious acceptance of the Presidency of King's College Council in 2009 and the quality of his service to the College in that capacity to 2015. The calibre and thoughtfulness of his many public speeches at College functions and his firm but charming chairmanship of those functions remain highly admired by those privileged to be the recipients: a master of public speaking! As well, he was brilliant in his Council chairmanship.

Following his graduation from Downlands College he entered King's in 1981 as a student of The University of Queensland. He graduated BA LLB in 1986. After completing Articles he was admitted as a Solicitor in 1987. In 1988 he was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland, taking silk on 13 December 2000.

Some people have a presence about them that commands respect and attention. Martin was a giant in many ways; as Shakespeare, reflecting on the great Julius Caesar, said,

*"Why man, he doth bstride the narrow world like a Colossus..."*

Martin strode the stage in a much wider sense than just the law; his interests and achievements were and are outstanding, and his contribution to life and society considerable. He did, of course, make his mark in the Law, particularly on the Council of the Bar Association of Queensland, culminating in the Presidency of that body from 2006 to 2007, as well as being at the same time a Member of the Council of the Australian Bar Association (2006-2007) and Director of the Law Council of Australia (2006-2007). He was admitted as a Legal Practitioner in Fiji in 1994. He chaired the Commission of Enquiry into the Queensland Thoroughbred Racing Industry in 2005.

On 13 July 2007 he was appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

He co-authored The Company Secretaries Handbook in 1990 and Time Limits in Australia in 1997.

Martin was made an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University in 2007, and served on the Advisory Board of its Institute of Legal Studies. He was the inaugural Chairperson of the Law School Advisory Committee of the University of Southern Queensland (2007-2009).

He was appointed a Member of the Senate of The University of Queensland in 2010, and continues to serve.

In 2009 Martin was elected as President of the King's College Council, and served two terms in that role, retiring in 2015. His remarkable leadership was marked by the award of the King's Jacket at the Commemoration Dinner in 2015 on the conclusion of his service.

Martin married Rosemary Carmel O'Brien on 15 July 1989. He is devoted to his Catholic Faith, and is most knowledgeable in Church affairs, practice, and theology. Much of his life is inspired by his belief in social justice and the principles and ideals of Christianity. His moral values are shaped by his faith.

In recent years Martin has been the Queensland President of the Sovereign and Military Order of the Knights of Malta (SMOM).

In this wider concept Martin demonstrates the contribution that Kingsmen make to the broader community, bringing to bear the principles and values that are the basis of the College, for "The Truth shall make you free". Martin believes this, and his life shows it.

We acknowledge and give thanks for, in particular, Martin's special contribution to the life of King's College in his role as President, giving strong leadership, tone, and quality to the Men of King's. We are a better College because of his outstanding and major contribution.

**The Reverend Canon Emeritus  
Bruce Maughan OAM RFD MACE  
GCSJ MMSJ**

*Member of College Council 1973-1990,  
1996-2011; Fellow of the College*

# WELCOME DR BRETT ROBINSON PRESIDENT KING'S COLLEGE COUNCIL

**I FIRST MET THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE KING'S COLLEGE COUNCIL, BRETT ROBINSON ("CHEDS" TO HIS KING'S MATES), WHEN HE ARRIVED AT KING'S AS A FRESHER IN 1987.**

He was a fairly reserved yet confident product of Downlands College who quickly adapted well to College life despite the handicap of living in Upper F Flat. Little did we know, as we watched Cheds manfully struggle through "Knights, Mounts and Cavaliers" with a particularly challenging partner during the O Week Dawn Ball, that he would develop into one of the last Renaissance men.

Brett's career has spanned three distinct disciplines – medicine, professional rugby and management– and at times any two of those simultaneously.

Brett excelled in his medical studies at UQ, worked as a surgical trainee and later completed a Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Orthopaedics at Oxford. That he managed to complete his medical training while playing rugby at the highest level is a testament to Brett's stamina and determination. Brett remains registered to practice in Queensland and continues to assist Orthopaedic colleagues in advanced joint replacement surgery. He is still actively involved in clinical research and medical education.

But it is as a rugby player that Brett is best known. A winner of 4 consecutive Brisbane rugby premierships with Souths in the early 90s, Brett went on to debut for Queensland in 1993 ultimately playing 17 games for the Reds. During his time with the Reds he was selected for a number of Emerging Wallabies and Wallabies tours. However, Brett's career coincided with Queensland's "Team of the Century" flanker David Wilson and so, with his starting team opportunities limited in Queensland, he was happy to accept Rod McQueen's invitation to join the new ACT Brumbies franchise and led them out as the team's first captain in 1996. Brett went on to win 47 caps for the Brumbies.

He was selected on the 1996 Wallabies Northern Hemisphere tour where he won three caps off the bench. I had the pleasure of seeing him win his second cap for the Wallabies when he came on for the Wallabies against Scotland at Murrayfield in 1996. By the look on his face, I think Cheds may have been a little surprised to hear his College moniker bellowed from the stands during the pre-game warm up. Brett made his run-on debut for the Wallabies in June 1997 against France at the Sydney Football Stadium and went on to win 16 Wallabies caps before moving into the role of the Australian Rugby Union's High Performance General Manager. In that role, Brett played a big part in ensuring the success of the 2003 World Cup before turning his attention to setting up Australian rugby's fourth franchise in Perth.

In January 2005 Brett left his ARU role to start a career in the corporate world which first saw him lead the IAG insurance business in Queensland as State General Manager. That was followed by a stint as Australian CEO for the global insurer Mondial Assistance. Brett resumed rugby management when appointed to the Board of the Australian Rugby Union in April 2011 and is the Chair of its governance sub-committee. He is also a director of the AEIOU Foundation.

Brett is married to the delightful Amelia and they have four young children, Sarah, Will, Eloise and Tom.

Brett's background in corporate management, leading elite teams, his international experience in both sport and education, and of course the fact that he is a Kingsman, make him an ideal choice to lead the King's College Council.

**Craig Chapman**  
*King's (84 – 89)*  
*Member, King's College Council*



## OUT-GOING KOCA JIM PRESIDENT FARMER

**Jim Farmer was President of the KOCA Inc for some eight years, from 2007 to 2015. He always believed that he should not only use his time well but also prepare for an orderly progression from himself to a successor in that Office. This he did with discretion and with dignity.**

Jim grew up in the small Queensland town of Eidsvold and went to Maryborough State High School. Winning an Education Department Scholarship to The University of Queensland, he arrived at King's College in 1970 and left College in 1972. He took up teaching for a time, married, had a family and studied Law, ultimately qualifying as a Barrister-At-Law in the Queensland Supreme Court. He remained in the legal profession for 30 years, during which time he worked in the Public Defender/Legal Aid Office. His legal work took him all over Queensland and he retired from the Bar some seven years ago.

Jim was always a dedicated Kingsman and achieved much during his Presidency of the KOCA.

Four matters stand out – first, the refurbishment of College Flats (an expenditure of some \$420,000 of KOCA funds); second, construction of the KOCA Learning Centre (an expenditure of some \$210,000 of KOCA funds); third, the promotion of the College's Annual ANZAC Day Ceremony (securing important speakers such as Mr Neal Jones, Grandson of World War One hero Lieutenant Colonel James Robinson DSO); and fourth, the promotion of the Francis/Kassulke Rugby Cup (won by King's College for the last seven consecutive years.)

Jim was well known for his relaxed, consultative style of conducting meetings. He would make sure that all the relevant points of an issue were discussed and that, following such discussion, votes were taken in an atmosphere of cooperation and consensus. All Management Committee Members were encouraged to speak freely and to vote according to their respective viewpoints.

Jim's principal concern was to ensure that the KOCA had a viable future as well as a traditional past. To this end, he made certain that younger Kingsmen were brought into the decision-making process, preparing them for office within the Association at the most appropriate time. In this manner, he sought to vouchsafe a steady stream of qualified men who could take over all the important offices of the KOCA, from Management Committee Members up to Executive Office Bearers. This is his most lasting legacy and perhaps his most significant achievement. As he said when stepping down as President at the 2015 KOCA Annual General Meeting, he did not wish to make the mistake of former Prime Minister John Howard and stay on too long in the top job.

Jim hands to his successors a vibrant, well-financed and confident KOCA – ready for the challenges and opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Dr Mike Vaughan (King's 1971-1974)**  
Fellow of King's College

## FROM THE NEW KOCA PRESIDENT MR BLAKE MILLER



## Change is a constant at King's College and this year has seen a significant change to the membership of the Management Committee of the King's Old Collegians' Association.

As the former President, Jim Farmer, informed the College community in the September 2015 Wyvern, he has not sought re-election making for the largest change to the Management Committee in a number of years. I am pleased to report that the new Committee in its change was able to balance experience with new and eager views.

- Black Miller (President) (2002-2006)
- Jon Moriarty (Vice-President) (1989-1992)
- Luke Challenor (Secretary) (1995- 1998)
- Matthew Morgan (Treasurer) (2004 - 2007)
- Ben Crowley (2007-2010)
- Harrison Wildman (2005-2007)
- Tom O'Donnell (1984)
- Jim Hollindale (2010-2012)
- Bruce Hill (1973 -1978)

The new Committee has already had two meetings since the AGM held on 31 July and already are getting down to business. To give an insight, we having been planning and assessing the operational and project expenditure we will commit to in 2015/2016 and ensuring all members have a solid understanding of our role in the College. With a number of new members the Committee took the time to reflect upon its mission. Currently it is "Keep evergreen the King's spirit of comradeship among Kingsmen". It is a simple mission but presents challenges when considering what KOCA should or should not do with the resources at its disposal. Questions often deliberated upon include: Should KOCA be involved in fundraising? Should it be supporting only past Collegians? Should a focus be on continuing to develop the resources of the College for the enjoyment of future members? Are sporting events or supporting those who are financially challenged bigger priorities? I am keen to ensure we as a Committee charged with the stewardship of KOCA don't replicate activities that other functions and committees are currently pursuing. I am also mindful of ensuring that over the course of 2015/2016, the Committee works towards strengthening the good position KOCA finds itself in both financially and in reputation in the College Community.

Thus far the approach of the Committee for 2015/2016 is to take it steady. We believe we have found an appropriate number of events to work into the College's Social Calendar with three key events throughout the year. These being:

- Welcome to KOCA Drinks – held each year in Brisbane City at a (to be nominated) venue on the last Friday of February.
- The KOCA AGM – held the last Friday of July each year.
- The KOCA Annual Social Night – Held the night before the Francis & Kassulke rugby match and scheduled for 2 September 2016 (The match being on the 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**"KEEP EVERGREEN  
THE KING'S SPIRIT  
OF COMRADESHIP  
AMONG KINGSMEN"**

We are also undertaking three key projects, which will run across the year and possibly into next:

1. Comparing ourselves to highly successful Old Boys networks (Such as Churchie or Toowoomba Grammar) to see what growth opportunities there are for KOCA.
2. Codifying some of our decisions and operating principles into a KOCA Committee Manual to provide consistency in the way KOCA operates year to year. Capturing the principles that guide our decisions will provide clarity and transparency to the way KOCA operates. This gives the Committee efficiencies as well as ensuring our members have confidence in the Management Committee's decision making process.
3. Growing our network through reconnecting with 'missing' Old Collegians. Each Committee Member has the goal of adding to our membership base and supporting the College and Foundation in ensuring the Old Collegian network is strong and active. Harnessing social media will be key in this.

I will keep you all updated with progress against our mission and the above throughout next year. I feel it is important we as a Committee share with you all that we are doing. I also welcome suggestions and hope to field many in the year ahead.

I must acknowledge and give thanks to Jim Farmer for his leadership and presence in the College and its community. Fortunately Jim is not lost to King's and I'm sure we will continue to see Jim regularly at College events; such is his passion and belief in the College and the men that are a part of its history, present and future. Jim was instrumental to kick-starting the Cooper Foote Society, a special branch of KOCA dedicated to providing a framework for those Kingsmen in the legal profession to expand their opportunities for employees and networking. Hopefully, I will be able to coax Jim into continuing to play a role in promoting and growing the Cooper Foote Society. Please contact KOCA if you are interested in learning more about the Society and being involved in future events.

Just to recap on 2014/2015, the Committee completed a number of projects, these including:

- Assistance in publishing Michael Vaughan's book, "Wyverian Warrior: Kingsmen at War".
- Launching the Cooper Foote Society
- Supporting the ANZAC Day event at College
- Sponsoring the fledgling King's College Rugby 7's team
- Sponsoring the inaugural Henley Regatta Rowing tour
- Funding an issue of the Wyvern magazine
- Helping to fund extensions to the King's Old Collegian's Learning Centre at the College.
- Reformatting the KOCA Annual Dinner from a black tie event to a casual gathering on the new terrace above the Old Collegian's Learning Centre.
- Providing all Valedictorians with a selection of books as a gift and welcome to KOCA memento.

**All hail the great Wyvern.**

**Blake Miller**

# KOCA NEWS



Neil and Clare Farmer with Annabelle

Congratulations to **Tom McDonald** (King's '03-'05), (KCSC Secretary 2005), who proposed to his now fiancé, Brea Millen. The pending wedding will be another case of UQ College connections with Brea having attended Emmanuel College. Tom and Brea are based in Sydney and plan to get married overseas in June 2016.

The College warmly congratulates **Neil Farmer** (King's '03-'05), (KCSC President 2005) and his wife Clare on the safe arrival of their first child Annabelle in September this year.

Congratulations to **Andrew** (King's '03-'05) and **Emily O'Brien** who welcomed their daughter Margaret into the world recently. Andrew is a barrister practicing in Queensland but truly wishes to be a barista extraordinaire. It is well known among his close mates, 'Shermo' is an excellent cook and any dinner invitation from the maestro is certain to result in a great night.

Spotted competing as a team in the recent Noosa Triathlon were brothers **Lachlan**, ('12-'13), **Angus** ('10-'12) and father **Miles McColl**.



Tom McDonald and fiancé Brea Millen

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On behalf of the  
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Our best wishes to  
you and your family for  
Christmas and the New Year



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## 2015 ANNUAL APPEAL

**This year's Annual Appeal has  
concentrated on seeking support for  
scholarships in specific disciplines.**

Prospective donors have been asked to consider supporting scholars in the Built Environment, Business and Commerce, Exercise and Sports Sciences, Law and Music. There have been a number of donations made already but the Appeal will run until the New Year and your support would be greatly appreciated.

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