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all the people who support  
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*Special thanks are reserved for  
Valedictorians pictured above following this  
year's Valedictory Dinner held in October.*

Each man has given much to the College in his own way  
over 3-4 years and in wishing them all well for the future,  
we also say *Thank you* for all you have given to King's.







# FROM THE MASTER

**Gregory C Eddy**  
Master and Chief Executive

I am very grateful to you all for your strong support of the College. Colleges are places of learning, they are places where independence is developed and as it happens, where mistakes are made and lessons are learned. People grow and mature in Colleges and you all support what the College strives to achieve for its members.

King's College wants to build on your foundations – quite deliberately – to ensure that men here continue to learn and continue to grow emotionally, physically and spiritually. This is very important to the College. It is at the very heart of our Mission –

"To provide a home where men of promise will excel under the most inspiring and enriching conditions."

This issue of the Wyvern magazine is all about saying **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you reading this end of year edition. 'Thank you' are words often forgotten today and we, at the College, want to be sure that people who are connected

to this College know how very much they are appreciated. At the risk of missing someone I will record, on behalf of the College, a warm and sincere thank you to Members of Council and Committees, Fellows of the College, KOCA Management Committee and Old Collegians, current students and staff, neighbours, parents and friends of the College, the staff of The University of Queensland, the Moderator and staff of the Uniting Church in Qld, donors, sponsors and supporters and the partners of all those already mentioned.

The College has enjoyed another successful year and everyone here joins with me in wishing you the blessings of Christmas and may 2017 bring you all happiness and good health.

I do hope you will join me in 2017 to celebrate the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of King's College at a Gala ball in September.

## OLD COLLEGIANS OVERSEAS



At Home London

"At Homes" were held in Hong Kong, Singapore and London this year. While the Master was able to attend in Hong Kong and Singapore it was left to Old Collegians Alex Derrick and Carlyle Jenkins to organise the gathering in London – thanks to them both. We expect there will be a larger gathering in London next year as it will coincide with the VIII's visit to Henley.

In Hong Kong – sincere thanks to Zach Tuckwell who was guest speaker at the "At Home". Attended by over 50 people and held at the Hong Kong Football Club where our team was playing at the 10s tournament this was a brilliant event made more so by Zach's reminiscing and his thoughts on working in Asia. Many thanks to Zach.



Zach Tuckwell

## INTERNATIONAL @ HOME DATES

**King's 'At Home' in Hong Kong  
Wednesday 5 April 2017**

**King's 'At Home' in Singapore  
Tuesday 11 April 2017**

**King's 'At Home' in London  
Saturday 24 June 2017**

## UQ's Office of Marketing and Communications

As we are all no doubt aware, the ability and speed in which we can obtain and share information in today's world is staggering.

24 hour news means there is more than ever a hunger for content. As a university college we are constantly under the watchful gaze of numerous global media outlets; a message

we constantly remind our students. Social media can also advance the College in many positive ways and we are keenly using this medium. Through all of this, the College is thankful for the guidance and professionalism provided by Carolyn Varley and her team at UQ's Office of Marketing and Communications (OMC). We are grateful for the wonderful working relationship we share with Carolyn's team in testing and good times!

# KING'S COLLEGE 105<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BALL

**SATURDAY 2  
SEPTEMBER  
2017**

The College is pleased to invite Old Collegians, Parents and friends to join with current Collegians to celebrate every five years.

**What: King's College  
105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball**

**When: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**

**Where: Royal International  
Convention Centre**

Brisbane Showgrounds, Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Brisbane

Rydges Hotels & Resorts (located opposite the venue) have set a discounted rate for all attendees. Guests can access by visiting the following link: <http://bit.ly/2aFqhA4>

**For any further information,  
please contact Ronda Eastall  
at King's College:  
[reastall@kings.uq.edu.au](mailto:reastall@kings.uq.edu.au)**

## Coaches

**THE COLLEGE'S SUCCESSES  
IN SPORT AND CULTURAL  
COMPETITIONS CAN OFTEN BE  
ATTRIBUTED TO THE PEOPLE WHO  
HELP OUR MEN SUCCEED.**

Particular thanks then are extended to the following people who generously give of their time and expertise to support Kingsmen to participate and excel:

<b>College Choir</b>	Mrs Ronda Eastall
<b>King's Open Rugby</b>	Mr Jamie Smith and Mr Nathan Croft
<b>King's 7s Rugby</b>	Mr David Jackman and Mr Ben Campbell (Coaches) and Mr Andrew Collins and Mr Reece Grant (Managers)
<b>King's Rowing</b>	Mr Mike Partridge



## Master Plan

Earlier this year, the College Council formally engaged Old Collegian, Michael Banney (King's '87 - '89) and his firm m3architecture to undertake a Master Plan for the College for the next 20 years.

The result is impressive and we look forward to unveiling it in early 2017. Our thanks go to Michael and his team of architects at m3 for all their work and for their vision of what can be done for King's and its students.



# FOUNDATION NEWS

## The College VIII

The College acknowledges with sincere gratitude the gift of Lady June Watson (widow of Old Collegian Sir Bruce Watson AC) and her family to the College Foundation.

The family's gift to this year's Annual Appeal has allowed the College the opportunity to replace the College VIII boat and the new boat should arrive before the end of this year. It will be named Lady Watson.

Additionally their gift sponsors two seats in the boat for the Henley Royal Regatta. The Master is seeking sponsors for every seat (8 + 1 for the cox and 1 for the reserve) – a total of ten. Your sponsorship of \$5000/seat will certainly make the opportunity a reality for the crew to row at Henley in July 2017.

*the Lady Watson*



## UQ Heads of Colleges

King's College recognises and thanks those Heads of Colleges at UQ who have resigned during 2016. We wish them well for the future.

- Principal of Emmanuel College for the past 12 years, **Adj Professor Stewart Gill OAM** who has resigned to take up the position of Master of Queen's College in The University of Melbourne.
- Warden of St John's College for the past 3 years, **Rev Dr James Rigney**.
- Head and CEO of The Women's College for the past 7 years, **Adj Professor Iyla Davies**.

The College also takes this opportunity to congratulate Thérèse Eddy on her appointment as Head of College at Duchesne College. Thérèse commenced in January this year and many in the King's community may not have caught up on this news during the year. We hasten to add that she remains an important resident of the Master's Residence at King's though!



## Sponsors

In 2016, King's 7s played at 4 tournaments and represented the College with distinction. This endeavour would simply not be possible without the generous support of sponsors. Thank you to principal sponsor, Irritek and founder and owner of Irritek, Mr Jim Spain. Thank you also to sponsor, Tilt and IGA Foundation. Your support will be warmly appreciated again in 2017.

## Kingsmen

**Thank you to all students who volunteer** – or more likely are cajoled out (often on their way to the Dining Hall) to assist in the moving of furniture prior to an event! It really is very much appreciated. Thank you!



Ian Prior

## UQ RUGBY CLUB AND THE UQ RUGBY/KING'S SCHOLARSHIPS

King's College has enjoyed a very positive relationship with the UQ Rugby Club for many years. In fact in this year's Premier Grade side, 8 members of the team were Kingsmen. The College is very grateful to the Board of the Rugby Club and the management under Cameron Chater for their continuing support of the College through the Rugby Scholarships offered to new students of the College. Ian Prior and Scott Gale are two of the names which come to mind who have excelled since their time in College and being awarded one of these scholarships.



Scott Gale

## UQ INTERNATIONAL

As we seek to widen our offering to International students, the College thanks UQ International's Alison Campbell and her team for their support and assistance in connecting the College with the International students seeking the opportunity to study and Live UQ.

## OLD COLLEGIANS' CUP FOR ICC SPORT

Thank you to all the Kingsmen of the years 2009-2016 who have helped to secure the longest winning streak in the history of the Old Collegians' Cup.

The ICC competition began in 1913 and King's won in that first year. It has been held for 99 years - some years were missed because of the world wars – there was no competition from 1915-1918 and again, no competition in 1941.

**King's has won the Old Collegians' Cup for ICC Sport on more occasions than any other College:**

**King's:** 45 (including 2016), **St John's:** 31, **Emmanuel:** 23, **St Leo's:** 4

In 2015 the College equalled its own record for the longest winning streak of victories - 7 consecutive years from 2009-2015. This equals the record of 7 victories that was set by the College from 2001-2007.

The next best is Emmanuel's record of 6 consecutive years from 1963-1968. It is worth noting then that in this century, St John's College won the Cup in 2000, King's College from 2001-2007, St Leo's College in 2008 and then King's from 2009-2016.

Thank you to Pat Kenny for his excellent leadership as Sports Minister in 2016 and to all Sports Ministers in the year 2009-2016.





# Thank you to all donors in 2016

Significant progress was made this year in support of the College Foundation. More Old Collegians joined the Platinum Club and the Annual Appeal was well supported by Old Collegians and friends of the College – thank you.

The College provides many scholarships and bursaries because of your generosity and members of the College certainly appreciate your “gifts” which support them in the membership of King’s.

A number of students have expressed their thanks on the following pages.



Reagan Brown (left) with Wade Fraser making the most of the northern winter earlier this year.



## Reegan Brown: Malcolm MacDonald Bursary

“The money you put toward the Malcolm MacDonald Bursary has influenced my exchange in Vancouver much past its monetary value.”

“.....an unforgettable experience, the people I have met and the things I have seen and learnt has no doubt opened my mind up about the world and developed my independence. You are all part of the reason why King’s is a place of opportunity for young men. Thank you; I will never forget your generosity.” **Reegan Brown**

L-R: Jamie Border & Reagan Brown in San Francisco in their own time before classes commenced.



“...has allowed me the opportunity to travel and live here at King’s College in Brisbane where there is a wealth of experienced coaches and high level of competition....” **Justin Cridland**

“....my greatest thanks for the two scholarships I was awarded. My family and I are extremely appreciative of this money....” **William Davis**

“I greatly appreciate and am honoured to be awarded this Bursary and intend to commit these funds to furthering my education. You have my full commitment to continue to be worthy of this award.” **Nicholas Kinsey**

“...upon my return from the studying abroad it paid for my living fees whilst I was involved in a winter research role at UQ.” **Jamie Border**

“Without them I would never have been given the opportunity to be part of King’s College. Thank you to the donors who helped me, I am very appreciative. Thank you.” **Jamason Fa’anana Schultz**

“The funds from this bursary enabled me to purchase essential study items for semester two. One particular subject, Exercise Science Technical Skills, requires students to buy a text book and small equipment consisting of a stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, anthropometric tape, skinfold callipers and a heart rate monitor. I wish to thank you again for your generous donation.” **Fraser Pappin**

# THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL 2016 DONORS

Maureen Aitken	Grayden Taylor
Clive Ayre	Bob Williams
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Bill Stubbs	Omar Zubair
Matthew Stubbs	



# Dr Brett Robinson

2016 has been a successful and fruitful year for King's College and the 'thank you' theme of this issue of the Wyvern is most appropriate.

First of all, I wish to thank the Patron of the Foundation, the Hon Justice Martin Daubney; members of the College Council, Finance Committee, Foundation Advisory Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee; KOCA; College staff and all Kingsmen for their contributions and tireless support of the College.

We have enjoyed many special College events in 2016, with highlights and successes in both sport and cultural endeavours. I offer my congratulations and thanks to all Kingsmen who represented King's College locally, for the State and for our country.

The Wensley Wing, opened by the Governor-General on the 19th March 2016, was a welcome and valuable addition to the College by providing a much needed modern 38 room complex.

The College continues to value growth and continual improvement of the College facilities and what the College may offer into the future. The design of a long term Master Plan has been developed and shows exciting conceptual ideas for enhancement of the College buildings and grounds over the next 20 years or so. I wish to thank all our architect and building partners for their quality service and innovative ideas.

A special thank you is to be given to our donors and sponsors, who graciously donate financially and by giving time to the College. These donations enable Kingsmen to benefit from the relief of University and living expenses, provision of quality facilities and opportunities for personal and professional development. I thank all our donors and sponsors for their kind contributions and hope they will continue to support the College into the future.

**We say goodbye to a successful 2016 and we welcome exciting challenges for 2017!**



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L-R: Sam Harrison, Chairman, Board of Fellows; Jack Jameson, 2017 President KCSC; Dr Brett Robinson, President, King's College Council.

## EVENTS



## Commemoration Dinner 2016

Thank you to our donors who make Bursaries and Scholarships possible at King's. Congratulations to the worthy recipients in Semester 1, pictured above.

## KING'S DINNER FOR THIRD AND LATER YEAR KINGSMEN

This annual dinner held on August allows 3rd & later year men in College and their partners to celebrate together their time at King's. It is a special occasion which allows the College to acknowledge their contributions to King's.







# Parents' Cocktail Party

The College welcomed parents and family of Kingsmen to the Annual Cocktail Party in May. In his address to the gathering, the Master, Greg Eddy thanked those gathered for their support to both their sons and the King's community as a whole.



## DRINKS ON THE DECK

Drinks on the Deck at the Master's Residence were held in August for all 2<sup>nd</sup> year members of the College. The event has become something of a tradition to thank friends, donors & supporters of the College – on this occasion it was for the benefit of students.



## Brad Thorn

When you have a sports star like Brad Thorn as your special guest, you know the story behind the man will be interesting. Brad did not disappoint. The College's Deputy Master, Richard Neissel (and good friend), invited Brad to a relaxed 'conversation' at this year's Williams Dinner. Some key messages Brad provided were around humility, leadership, honesty and caring for your mates; "having the smarts to do what's not cool".

Brad's list of achievements in the sporting arena cover just about every code of football.

Commencing his career with the Brisbane Broncos & later represented Queensland & Australia. In 2001, Brad moved to New Zealand & commenced a career with the Canterbury Crusaders & subsequently the All Blacks. He played 369 games for clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Japan & the UK. He is the only person to have won the Super 14, Tri-Nations, Heineken Cup & Rugby World Cup.

In his latest adventure Brad recently played in the National Rugby Championships representing Queensland Country.







## ANNUAL UQ BLUES AWARDS

Congratulations to three Kingsmen playing with the Red Heavies who received recognition for their achievements in Rugby Union at the Annual UQ Blues Awards, held at Customs House in early November.

Harry Hockings (King's '16-) (UQ Half Blue), Liam Jurd (King's '14-'15) (UQ Half Blue) and Phil Potgieter (King's '13-'15) (UQ Half Blue).

## BEN MILBOURNE FoodLab SHOOT

**The University is co-producing a 13 part TV series which will air on commercial television in 2017. Best described as, a pop science show, delivered through the medium of a cooking show, and hosted by proud UQ alumnus, MasterChef finalist and celebrity chef, Ben Milbourne.**

Thank you to the Office of Marketing and Communications who contacted us in order to use the King's Terrace during the mid-semester break to film one of the segments. We are always delighted to help promote the University wherever possible. Thanks also to the Kingsmen who volunteered as extras. I'm sure the food tasting was worth the wait!

Ben has already produced two highly successful TV series, 'Ben's Menu' and 'Ben and Andy Eat The World'. Ben's Menu has aired in 123 countries around the world and has attracted more than 35 million viewers over 90 episodes.



## 2016 FRANCIS & KASSULKE CUP

Another convincing win over rivals St Leo's in this year's Francis and Kassulke Cup.

The final score was 56 - 0.



Well done to our current and KOCA cyclists who took part in the Brisbane to Gold Coast 100 km ride in October.

The event aims to get more people cycling more often. Funds raised went to the Heart Foundation.







# WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE™

**A LOT OF LOCKS, INCLUDING SOME BLEACHED BLONDE POST-O-WEEK LOCKS WERE SHAVED OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE EARLIER THIS YEAR.**

For several years now Kingsmen have supported the World's Greatest Shave, raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation

**THIS YEAR'S EFFORT RAISED APPROX. \$2,500. WELL DONE AND THANK YOU.**

**DATES FOR 2017: 16-19 MARCH. GET GROWING NOW!**



# STAFF CHANGES

**Mr Richard Niessl** commenced as Deputy Master of King's in January this year. Unfortunately he will leave the College in January 2017 to take up a new appointment as Principal of Raymont College in Brisbane. Richard and his family have settled very quickly into life at King's and we will all be sorry to see them leave but we thank him for his efforts over this year and wish him, his wife, Belinda and their four children all the very best for the future.

Earlier this year, the Director of Learning and Leadership **Ms Louise Charlton** retired from that role after almost 6 years. Louise was the first person appointed to this position in the College and she has brought about significant change in the College's programmes and delivery of academic support. So many young men have benefited from her care and concern and her determination that they will succeed. Thank you, Louise.

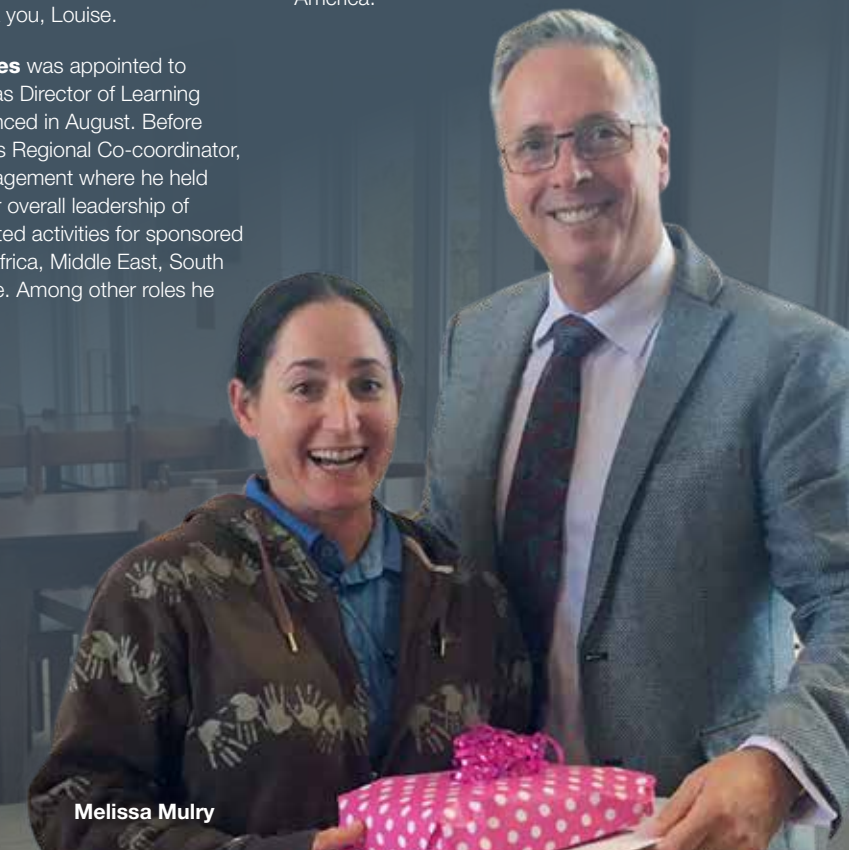
was also Residence Director, Westfield State University in USA from 2009-2010. Welcome Tony.

The College also acknowledges the wonderful work of the College Groundsman **Mr Michael Faggione** who left King's to take up a new role with Brisbane Maritime Services and the Gardener, **Ms Melissa Mulry** who is now travelling in South America.

**Mr Tony Andres** was appointed to replace Louise as Director of Learning and he commenced in August. Before King's, Tony was Regional Co-coordinator, UQ-Global Engagement where he held responsibility for overall leadership of scholarship related activities for sponsored students from Africa, Middle East, South Asia and Europe. Among other roles he



Mr Tony Andres  
Director of Learning



Melissa Mulry

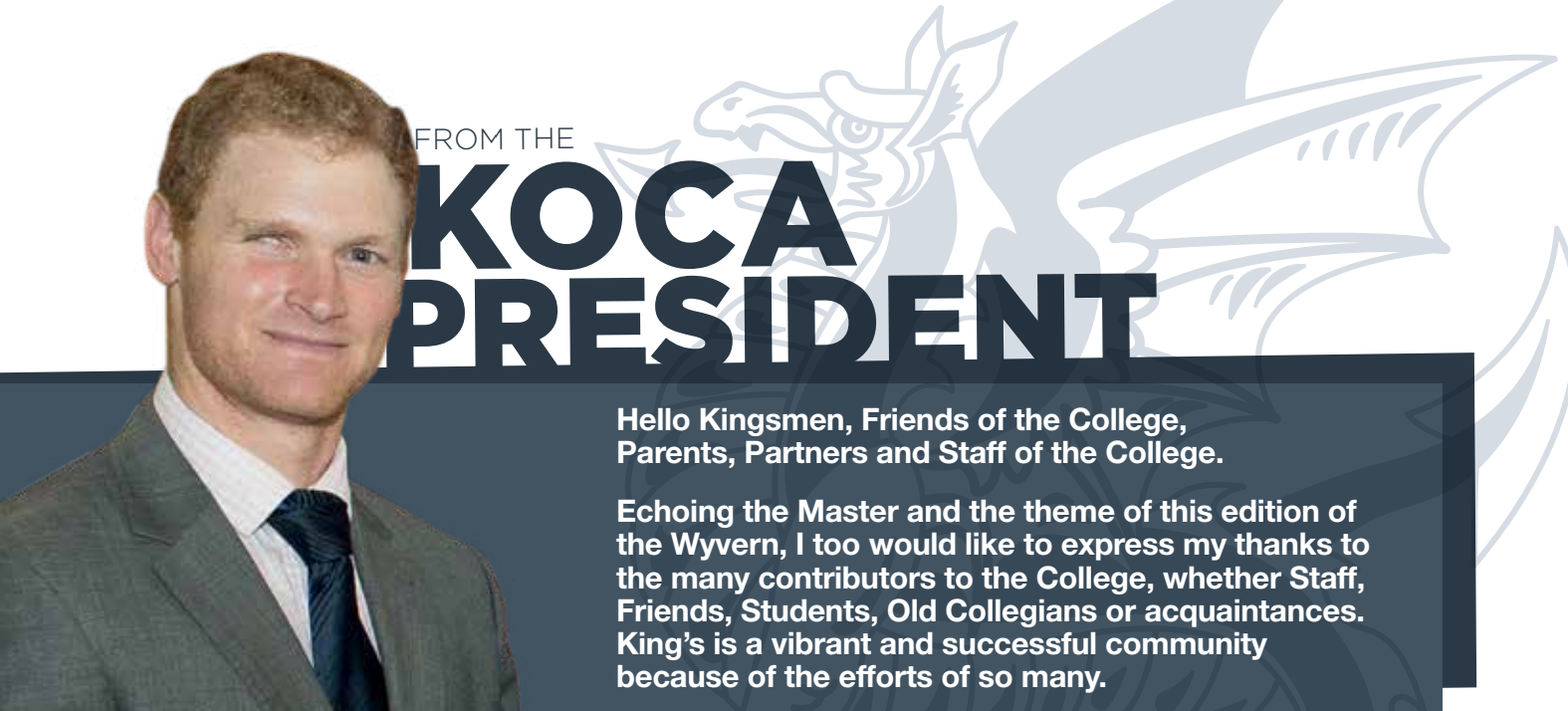


Louise Charlton



Michael Faggione (right)





FROM THE

# KOCA PRESIDENT

**Hello Kingsmen, Friends of the College,  
Parents, Partners and Staff of the College.**

**Echoing the Master and the theme of this edition of  
the Wyvern, I too would like to express my thanks to  
the many contributors to the College, whether Staff,  
Friends, Students, Old Collegians or acquaintances.  
King's is a vibrant and successful community  
because of the efforts of so many.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Luke Challenger ('95-'97). We thanked him at the Annual General Meeting of the club held in late July 2016, however, it is poignant and appropriate to acknowledge his contribution in this edition of the Wyvern. Luke has been Secretary of K.O.C.A for several years now and before that joined as a committee member. He has been a great source of energy and ideas – leveraging his corporate strategy experience to help guide K.O.C.A in the development of its mission and vision statements, making sure the Website for K.O.C.A is up to date, organising the reformatted King's At Home into the highly successful King's Social Night and ensuring the minutes and agendas are always available for meetings (An obviously important task). Unfortunately for K.O.C.A, Luke has had to step down as he has the chance to contribute to his children's school Parents and Friends organisation. We wish Luke all the best, and look forward to catching up with him at the various events throughout the year.

- Ben Crowley ('06 – '10)
- Bruce Hill ('73 - '77)
- Jack Lee ('08 – '09)

I am thankful for the support of these gentlemen and appreciate their efforts greatly in ensuring the 'Spirit of King's remains evergreen'.

Since the last Wyvern, I was fortunate enough, as you may have read from Cameron Price's article, to trek the Kokoda Track with my fellow Kingsmen, whom I count among my closest friends. This was an amazing experience, which not only drove home the sacrifices of the men who fought and died on the Track but the bonds of friendship among our small group. Please refer to Cameron's article, which captures some of the emotions we experienced as a group. Disconnecting from the modern world, except one Neil Farmer ('03- '05) who had to check on his crop of watermelons and long distanced called home each day, and sharing a unique experience with the boys is something I count as one of my fondest memories to date. If other Kingsmen have undertaken similar adventures it would be great to hear of these, so please share with others, or even better, organise one and invite me!

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This means that there was a vacancy that required a suitable candidate to join the committee (Luke can never be replaced). Fortunately for K.O.C.A Jack Lee ('08 – '09) has joined the committee and brings an enthusiasm and drive to contribute. Jack is working closely with Matthew Morgan on an experiment to seek out top entrepreneurs amongst Kingsmen current and past, an initiative for which we will launch the full details in the New Year.

Thus the Management Committee for K.O.C.A for the period ending 31 May 2017 is comprised of:

- Blake Miller (President and Council Representative ex-Officio) ('03-'07)
- Jon Moriarty (Vice-President and Council Representative) ('89- '91)
- Matthew Morgan (Treasurer) ('04 - '07)
- Harrison Wildman (Secretary) ('05 – '06)
- Tom O'Donnell (Council Representative) (1984)
- James Hollindale ('09 – '12)

“... sharing a unique experience with the boys is something I count as one of my fondest memories to date.

2017 will be another big year for K.O.C.A and we will be leveraging social media extensively to stay connected and create connections with our members, in addition to traditional formats of communication. I encourage all Old Collegians to search for our groups on Facebook and LinkedIn, or update your details via our website [www.koca.com.au](http://www.koca.com.au).

Please note the dates opposite which are regular events and as always, if you are seeking mentorship, reconnection with other members or to join and aid the committee, please reach out to any of the Management Committee.

## KEY 2017 KOCA DATES:

Key dates in addition to the College's many events are:

### LAST FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY 2017

"Welcome to K.O.C.A. Drinks". Held each year this informal evening event, starting around 6pm, sees current and Old Collegians meet for a casual afternoon / early evening catch up in the CBD.

### LAST FRIDAY OF JULY 2017

"K.O.C.A Annual General Meeting". The annual meeting is held in the CBD starting at 5.30pm involves the elections of officer bearers and other important governance activities, but more importantly, a chance to enjoy a relaxed evening with other Kingsmen.

### FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

"King's Social Night" – An informal cocktail style event held at the College starting at 6.30pm and running as long as the Master allows Old Collegians on campus. This event is our largest gathering of the year.

### SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

King's College 105th Anniversary Ball.

Throughout the year other smaller events are in planning to add to the highly successful Cooper-Foote Society for Law students and Old Collegians. If you have an idea for an event, please contact the K.O.C.A Management Committee via [President@koca.com.au](mailto:President@koca.com.au) or request to join our LinkedIn and Facebook groups.

I wish all of the College community a safe and happy holiday season and all the best for the New Year.

*All Hail the Great Wyvern.*

**Blake Miller**



**Mr Blake Miller, KOCA President with  
victorious First VX Rugby Captains  
Joshua Webb & Luke Cuskelly.**



Connect with the KOCA on Facebook for further updates  
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# KOKODA

Etched into four pillars that stand on a grassy knoll at the Isurava war memorial - a hillside village where some 99 Australians were killed - are the words **HONOUR**, **SACRIFICE**, **ENDURANCE**, **MATESHIP**.



## HONOUR

L-R: Dan Homewood – '03 – '05,  
Luke Homewood – Pending Honorary Kingsman,  
Blake Miller – '03 – '07,  
Michael Duggan – '03 – '05,  
Cameron Price – '03 – '06,  
Neil "Watermelon man" Farmer – '03 – '05

## MATESHIP

It was our sweat-soaked second day in the jungles of Papua New Guinea when we reached this spot. A fall-back position on a ridge, where 74 years ago last month, some 2200 Diggers held back an advancing Japanese force twice their number for five days, before a lack of ammunition forced them to retreat down the Kokoda Trail.

As we stood there, five Kingsmen amongst a trekking group of nine, I considered just what those words meant in the context of this chapter of our war history, that holds such reverence - the Kokoda Trail.

I could tell you about our Trail, about the narrow track through the Owen Stanley range; of walking by day, swimming in creeks to cool down, staying in village huts and meeting locals with beetle-nut stained grins. Or of chatting about King's and that year in Upper B, when we all got giardia from skiing in the Brissie River and the mischief we got up to. Of what we've done since, careers, moves, kids, our busy and varied lives.

But I'd rather write to those that went before us. Of the **HONOUR** of these brave few. Thrust into the defence of their country, with the enemy Japan bearing down on our borders. PNG was the final barrier. And in the view of the military commanders, right up to the Prime Minister - Australia was next. And so too feared the men on the ground. This wasn't the Gallipoli landings in defence of mother Britain, or Afghanistan in pursuit of democracy and order - this was fighting to defend your country, your home town, your homes, your family. So bit by bloody bit, they held on. Retreating to the

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next village down the Trail when things became too hot. Harrying, and hassling at every opportunity. To stall, to slow the advance. And when the enemy turned, chasing them back down that Track.

So what of **SACRIFICE**. Well, it is a given - Australia lost 625 men and forever scarred more than a thousand more in the PNG theatre of war. But there is laying down your life, and then there is knowingly laying down your life. Like September 1942, on the narrow Brigade Hill, when - during the night - the enemy wedged itself, and a handful of machine gun nests, between the defending force, and the headquarters of Brigadier Potts. He - isolated, fearful and panicked I can only suspect - ordered the defending force to break through and get to him. They silently obliged, a whole Company of men charged the hill. Against all

odds, twenty men cheated death, and made it through. But on the other side, they met with an order from that same Brigadier - go back. Shoulder to shoulder, and clear the enemy out. An order, the moment it was given, was a death warrant. It was beyond a suicide mission, it was the pointless slaughter of twenty lives. But they did not question it, one simply handed his pay book, and treasured cigarette paper, and marched to his grave.

He didn't complain, so neither did we. As we walked the nine days

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along winding creeks and up sheer mountain faces. At times so steep your knees near-enough brushed your nose. And in mud so thick only your laces stopped your boots from getting sucked under. But we weren't carrying ammunition. Nor surviving for weeks on a couple of day's rations. Our hard slog, a stroll compared to the **ENDURANCE** shown by those brave few.

On dismissing the company of men that was the front line for most of the Kokoda campaign - the 39th Battalion - Lieutenant Ralph Honner described the **MATESHIP** forged under the worst of circumstances. These men, derided by those who considered the reservists inferior soldiers, performed the impossible. They held on long enough the stretch the Japan force thin, and weaken its force and make them turn back. The Diggers tactical retreat worked, and their country was safe.

The history books will show Japan never intended to reach Australia. But it matters not. The men on the ground in 1942 believed they would try, so their actions, of **HONOUR**, of **SACRIFICE**, of **ENDURANCE** and **MATESHIP** were critical.

And their actions, their feats live on. Honouring them, remembering them, walking in their footsteps - is the least we can do.

**Cameron Price (King's '03- '06)**

*Journalist – Seven Network*

## SACRIFICE

## ENDURANCE

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## Mark Barmes

In August we welcomed back to College, Old Collegian Mark Barmes (King's '80 - '82). Mark dropped in with his family, including sister Jane, wife of Terry Daubney (King's '80 - '81). Mark and his family live in Geneva where Mark works as a lawyer.

**L-R:** Ashling Barmes (daughter), Jane Daubney, Mark Barmes, Mark Cahal Barmes (son) and wife Gillian.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

Three Kingsmen (no doubt wise!) took the opportunity to visit the College while in Brisbane for the 50th anniversary reunion of Electrical Engineering Graduates 1966.

We welcome, back to King's: Graham Stephens, Townsville ('64 - '65); Aye Ho Ong, Kuala Lumpur ('62 - '65) and Joe Abercrombie, Sunshine Coast ('64 - '65).



## HAYDEN FRANKLIN

(KINGS 2012)

**I'm currently in Vancouver studying Film Production at Vancouver Film School.**

This intensive course runs for only a year and mimics the film industry as much as possible. I've thoroughly enjoyed the course making some lifelong friends and have had some amazing experiences through this school. Also living in Vancouver has been great to meet new people and other Kingsmen on their way through on their various travels.

In October I completed directing my final project at VFS called 'Motherboard'. It is an absolute blast on set working with an amazing cast and crew. I'm looking forward to more adventures and challenges that lay ahead of him in the film industry and plan to stay in Canada for a while to work.



## Mongolia for Christmas

**Four Kingsmen Eli Bitzer ('12-'14), Tim Nolan ('13-'15), Callum Pownell ('13-'15) and Jimmy Van den Heever ('13-'15), all currently studying medicine at UQ have exchanged hospital wards in Brisbane for those in Mongolia for two months.**

In addition to spending time in the wards they will also be teaching English to local doctors. The College collected donated medical supplies for each to take. We look forward to seeing photos of the King's crest in Mongolia, courtesy of the warm jackets kindly donated by the King's College Student Club to each. Safe travel and stay warm in the minus zero temps!



## Congratulations to Professor Justin Cooper-White (King's '88 - '90)

The UQ Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology's Professor Justin Cooper-White was awarded the Marshall and Warren Award for the most innovative and potentially transformative grant from the 2015 project grants funding round.

His project, Direct reprogramming of adult cardiac fibroblasts to functional cardiomyocytes through

targeted delivery, aims to restore damaged heart tissue to a functional state following injury.

"Current therapies have limited abilities to repair damaged heart tissue, but reprogramming cardiac fibroblasts could restore healthy function for survivors of heart disease," Professor Cooper-White said.

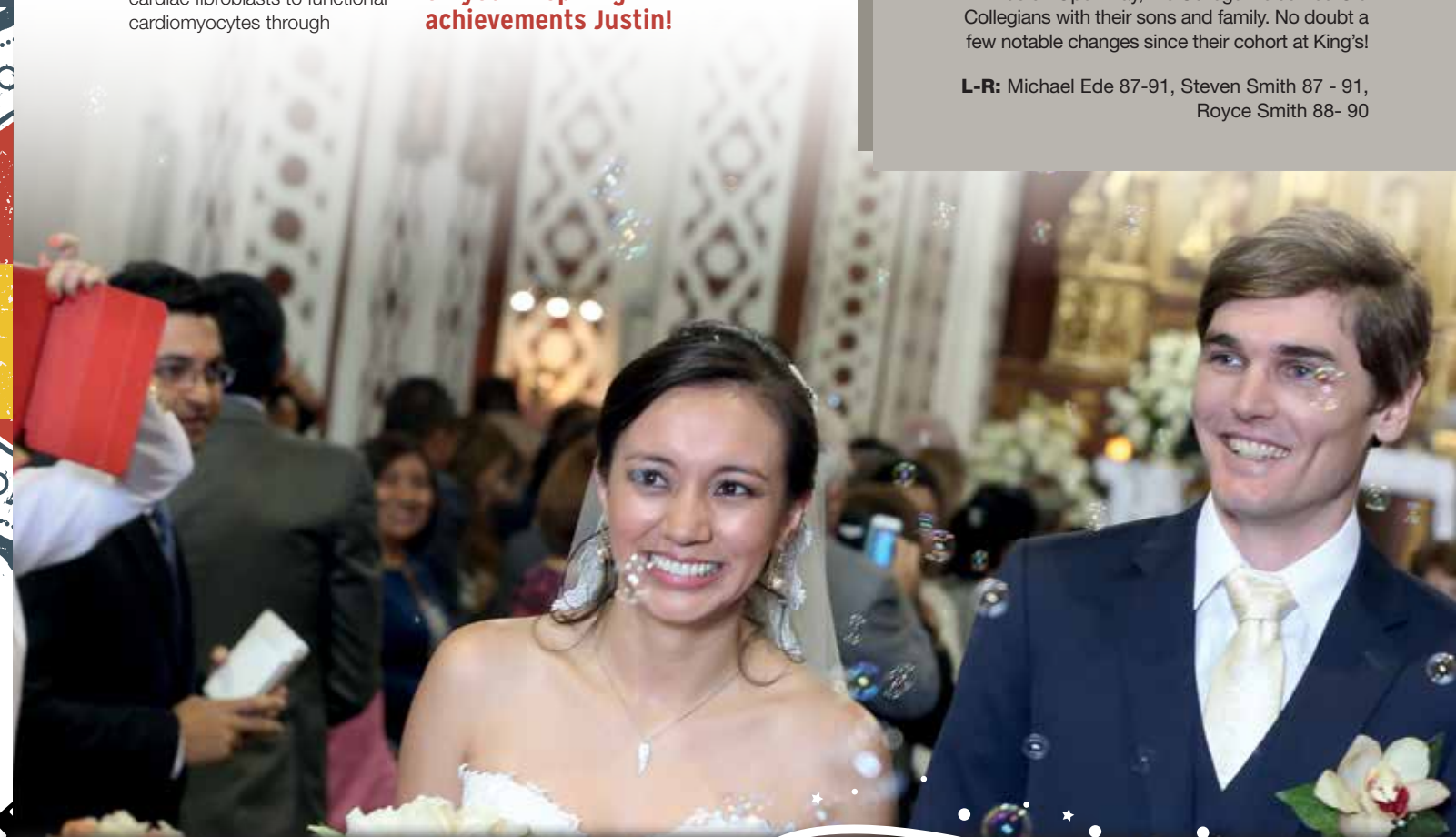
**Congratulations on your inspiring achievements Justin!**



## Open Day Reunites Kingsmen

In addition to potential new students visiting us on Open Day, the College welcomed Old Collegians with their sons and family. No doubt a few notable changes since their cohort at King's!

**L-R:** Michael Ede 87-91, Steven Smith 87 - 91, Royce Smith 88- 90



*Congratulations*

**Congratulations** to Andrew Blackman (King's '02 - '05) and Sandy Naranjo on their wedding held in Quito, Ecuador in June.

Andrew was awarded the 2015 QUT Young Alumnus of the Year. (The Wyvern Issue 29, 2015)



# VALE

**GEOFFREY McDONALD**  
(King's '57 – '59)

Passed away 28 June 2016

Having obtained a Bachelor of Science in 1973; a Bachelor of engineering in 1964; and a Master Engineering in 1972, Geoff had an extraordinary career in the field of health and safety. Spanning more than five decades, his longstanding passion for workplace health and safety reflected a deep commitment to improving safety outcomes in the Australian workforce.

**ROBERT GURNEY "BOB" HENZELL**  
(King's '58)

Passed away 20th September, 2016. Aged 77. Robert obtained a Bachelor of Agricultural Science in 1962.

**JAMES ALFRED SMART**  
(King's '44 – '46)

Passed away 16 July 2016.

James devoted his life to forestry. Upon leaving Toowoomba Grammar he received a cadetship with the Forestry Department in 1944 starting in Brisbane. While studying part time at UQ he resided at King's, an association he was always proud of. Jim is survived by his partner Dot Hanley, son Geoffrey, daughter Janine and several grandchildren.

**ROBERT HALLAM**  
(King's '80 – '81)

Aged 54. Passed away after a short illness on 1 November 2016.

**TERRY PATES**  
(King's '74 – '76)

Passed away August 2016.

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DATES TO NOTE  
IN EARLY 2017**

**King's At Home**  
Sydney 3 February

**Annual Presidents' Dinner**  
Saturday 11 February

**Senior Leadership Dinner**  
Sunday 12 February

**Wise Wyverns' Lunch**  
Thursday 16 February

**Enrolment Day & Dinner**  
Sunday 19 February

**Freshers' Formal Dinner**  
Friday 24 February

**Cooper Foote Society**  
Thursday 2 March

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# Join the Club!

Earlier this year, the King's College Rugby Union 10s team won Team of the Tournament at the Hong Kong 10s. This follows the success of various King's teams in 7s tournaments and the continued domination of King's College in ICC competition.

To build on this success, King's has founded a rugby club. It is open to past and present students, past and present staff and friends and supporters of the College. The Club will enter teams in 7s tournaments, 10s tournaments and, in time, in Brisbane district competitions.

The club is seeking members to financially support this initiative in its early stages and **we need YOU!**

**Be part of King's Rugby and become a Foundation Member.**

Benefits will include entry to the annual Rugby function, inclusion on the Honour board, club apparel and of course fantastic rugby matches!

Foundation memberships of \$500 are available until 30 June 2017. Ordinary memberships are just \$20 annually.

**Email the Club Secretary (Madeleine Warner) for a Membership form today**  
m.warner@kings.uq.edu.au or  
contact on +61 7 3871 9826

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