



# Network News

The Newsletter of the HVHS Past Pupils & Friends Association Inc.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings to all past pupils and friends of HVHS. The Association is in good heart having achieved our goals outlined in the July 2003 newsletter. The committee now has a yearly calendar of events and it plans to continue these as long as there is support from our past pupils.

A very successful 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> decade dinner was held at the HVHS Student centre on **Saturday 27 March**. A group of very talented students provided music as guests arrived. The guest entertainer, Alan Smith, had everyone laughing and singing along as he reminisced about "the good old days" of the milk cart, farm holidays, school days, magazines, milk bars and music. It was great to catch up with old buddies from years gone by and renew lost contacts. The Archive display of those two decades added to the "do you remember?" We appreciated the time taken by attendees to add names to quite a few photos plus the offers of loans or donations of photos to add to our records. The unanimous parting comment at the end of the evening was "I've had a great time, let's do this again in 2 years time!"

The HVHS Bridge Run/Walk was held on **Sunday 23 May** with participants walking

or running either 3 or 4 bridges along the Hutt River trail. This is a Fun Event so it is as competitive as you make it with a scenic off road course. Ages ranged from 5 years to late 50s (how old is Dave Marrison?). Funds raised went towards improvements for the Student's Centre. Watch out for this one next year.

The Music Festival will be held at the HVHS school hall on **Friday 20 August**. The committee invites all past pupils who attend to stay for supper. This will be a great night as HVHS is renowned for the wonderful music performed by the students in choirs and instrumental groups. Tickets for the Music Festival can be purchased from the school office from early August.

The very well attended and enjoyable 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Decades afternoon tea will again be held on **Wednesday 8 September**.

This is the 4th year that Jean Bowden has organised this event. Bring your friends and take this opportunity to catch up with schoolmates, meet the principal and be entertained with music by students.

Students from the school frequently feature in the newspapers with their achievements, the most recent two of

note being Jonathan Wyatt and Nick Willis who will represent NZ in track and field at the Olympic games in Athens. On behalf of the HVHS PP&F Association, I extend congratulations to both of them. We will be cheering you on.

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Rosemary Thompson

The present students are taking more interest in the history of the school and the resources that the Archive room contains. Jean Bowden's Roll of Honour for HVHS has been copied to provide two class sets for projects. The students and teachers are also able to borrow spare copies of the school magazines from 1926 to 2003. Most of the photos that we have in the year albums from 1936 – 1952 have been scanned onto CDs (in TIFF and JPEG format) and names added when known. Students may also borrow these CDs. The first decade photos, and the photos received after the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee have yet to be scanned.

Past pupils are also requesting copies of photos. We hope that once we have the funds to purchase a new computer and scanner it will be easier to provide copies and complete our photo CDs. It is pleasing that we are still receiving copies of class and team/cultural photos from the early decades. From 1952 onwards the yearly photo sets are mostly complete but the 1928 – 1935 albums are rather slim.

I encourage you all to use this Network News newsletter to share stories and information about our past pupils. The email address is on the top of this newsletter and the postal address is

**From the 'inbox'  We've got m@il**

**Murray Croft 1964–68 writes:–**

Hi -- I was scanning the HVHS site this morning and came across Chris MacKay's note (in the last edition of the Network News) regarding his finding of the "Horrobin Cup".

I do recall Darryl Gibson (he was in my brother's year at HVHS – 1960–64) but have to own up to the fact that I think I may have been the last recipient of the Horrobin Cup in 1965, but suspect that it was never engraved at the time.

What is worse my family home was in Rossiter Avenue, which is in the Wyndrum Avenue area mentioned. To make matters worse my parents moved from there in late 1973, so I suspect that this could have been part of their departing rubbish collection. Woops!

But it is really good to hear that the cup has been fully recovered and restored. As mentioned by Chris, I seem to recall there were some fairly impressive winners over the years -- especially Ron Jarden. I was at HVHS 1964–68 and at that stage totally committed to athletics.

I now live in England and you can find more details in my profile on the Old Friends site:  
[http://www.oldfriends.co.nz/oldfriends/member\\_profile.asp?oldfriends\\_member\\_id=35115](http://www.oldfriends.co.nz/oldfriends/member_profile.asp?oldfriends_member_id=35115)

Hope this extra piece of history helps to round out what is a memorable letter . . .thanks Chris

*Well this seems to solve the mystery of the Horrobin Cup and how it came to be found on the side of the road by Chris MacKay in 1973. Thanks Murray for 'owning up' after all these years!*  
(Ed)

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**Pauline Patchett (Heggie) 1956–59 writes**

On March 31st Robyn Broughton (nee Quirke) was invested at Government House for a N.Z. Order of Merit for her services to netball. The evening before her family and friends including a group of her 1956 classmates from HVHS met for nibbles and drinks to congratulate her on the award. We reminisced about our school days especially sporting activities and netball days. Remember those Quad Tournaments in the late 1950s? We were winners then with Robyn as captain.

## From the Principal's Desk

Good news on the Olympic front! Past pupils Jonathan Wyatt and Nick Willis will be competing in the marathon and 1500 metres respectively, and Calum MacLeod, currently on a basketball scholarship at a United States university, is in the pool of possibles for the Tall Blacks.

The whole school will be supporting them in whatever way we can, and with Nick's brother, Stephen, in the staff, we will be kept up to date with news.

You may be wondering about NCEA, after the publicity surrounding the Cambridge High allegations. We currently operate on the basis that a student doing a course, e.g. Year 12 Physics, is entered for all the Achievement Standards relevant to that course. If the student does not achieve a standard, that result is submitted; if a student chooses not to take the assessment, that result is submitted as a Not Achieved. That way we feel we have total transparency in our results, even though in league table terms we may not look the best.

Things are changing, however, with NZQA finally coming out with some clearer guidelines, to ensure consistency. Moderation between schools is a real issue, and until that is satisfactorily resolved there will, I think, continue to be debate about the practices of individual schools.

There are a number of good things to come out of the NCEA system: students have access to credits through "non conventional" subjects as well as the

standard senior fare; credits are transferable, so students can leave part way through a year to start a Polytech course, and build on what they have already gained at school; there is acknowledgement of different skills within a subject area, so that a student who understands and speaks French well, for example, but who does not write at all accurately, can have that focus recognised.

I am currently analysing a survey on assessment done by our Year 13 students, and it is encouraging to find that for the majority it is important to gain as many credits as possible, and Merit and Excellence grades, though they bring no more credits, are valued and seen as worth aiming for.

I am happy to discuss this and any other issue with you at any time – feel free to contact me on [sylvia.burch@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:sylvia.burch@hvhs.school.nz)

Sylvia Burch

## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL ARCHIVES:

The display cabinet in the Library foyer has seen a quicker turnover of displays this year. We have had summer sports, followed by a very popular ANZAC display complete with stories and poppies. There always seemed to be someone looking in the cabinet. One teacher held a class there! The current Musical Groups display shows three staff members in their younger days – left unnamed! Students are really interested in what is displayed and it is a worthwhile job to do. We will be featuring our two Olympians, Jonathan Wyatt and Nick Willis in August.

Currently Archives is the “client” of Commerce students who have to produce an a/v presentation of some kind for us. First the class had a brief introduction to Archives then were shown some of our more interesting archives. It has been quite time consuming (my four hours goes real fast), as each student is doing something different and one has to deal with questions from the individual students. Feedback from the Commerce teacher has been interesting, some students are doing really complicated computer based projects and some are doing a survey on what the students know about the School Archivist and the Archives.

Recently Jean Bowden and I discussed how many Foundation Pupils badges we hold. The next week we received three more so we now have 12 precious badges from 1926. The most recent came from the late Gwen Warner. Gwen was only at HVHS for 1 term, and didn't go to the school on its present site. She kept

polished and wore with pride her badge all her life, and asked that her daughter bring it back to us. Fortunately her daughter and granddaughter travelled down from Palmerston North on a day we were open and we were able to show them some photographs from those early days.

Another recent donation was a girls netball gym complete with striped belt, a welcome addition to our sparse sportswear collection.

Archives are open Wednesday & Thursday during term time in the late morning. Visitors are very welcome especially bearing donations for our Archive collection.

Colleen Cresswell.  
HVHS Archivist

### “FIFTY & PROUD OF IT”

The mini-reunion planned for last Easter had to be postponed for a number of reasons. Bev Whitelaw hopes to have a get together for her former classmates sometime in August. Please contact her for more details. Tel. 04 232 4316 or email her at [Bev.w@paradise.net.nz](mailto:Bev.w@paradise.net.nz)

## BRIDGE FUN RUN – MAY 2004

On a crisp clear Autumn day the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge Fun Run was held. Neither a breath of wind nor a drop of rain marred the event.

109 keen participants turned up for a very healthy and enjoyable morning. After all the walking and running, the punters enjoyed a sausage sizzle and then prize giving. 60 spot prizes were given out, everyone was most impressed. Our sincere thanks go to the many sponsors. A few people from overseas joined in, including a man from Brisbane and three Italian men, one of whom won his event. Several younger children participated and did very well.

Our thanks go to Rosemary Thompson who organised the run – also to Graeme Marshall, Paul Giles, the ladies in the pavilion, the Student Council for the sausage sizzle and an extra big thank you to St Johns who were there ‘just in case’.

This was a very enjoyable and successful morning. We hope that more of you will join us when we hold the next Bridge Fun Run on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2005. – See you there.

Carol Barker

*Full details of the results and list of sponsors appear on our website. (Ed)*

## What’s on at school?

### Drama in the school hall

12 & 13 Aug – Year 13 drama performance, 7pm

### Music in the school hall

20 Aug – Music festival, 7.30pm  
14 Oct – Year 13 performance, 7pm  
5 Dec – Carol Service, 8pm.

### George Kaye QSM 1914 – 2004

George attended HVHS from 1928–30 and was a life member of HVHSPFPA and one of our prominent past pupils. He lived nearly all his life in the Hutt Valley and will be fondly remembered by many as our ‘Hutt Historian’, having written historical articles for the Hutt News for over 25 years, some of which were collated into a series of three books.

Nationally he is remembered as the NZEF’s war correspondent and photographer during both the Middle East and Italian campaigns of WW2. Following the war he pursued a career in photojournalism and writing. He was also a musician (conductor of the Hutt City Brass Band from 1948–56, a poet (he published two books of verse), a talented public speaker, debater and raconteur.

George was always a great supporter of HVHS and his legacy of loyalty for the School will ensure that he is remembered with gratitude by many in the years to come.

### HVHSPFPA Committee 2004–05

**Chairperson:** Rosemary Thompson **Vice Chairperson:** Paul Giles

**Secretary:** Judi Whitcher

**Treasurer:** John Cranefield

Celia Andrews, Carol Barker, Pat Blades, Katriona MacDonald, Graeme Marshall, Pauline Patchett, John Stanton, Pam Stevenson, Ken Stevenson.