

Network News #1 - March 2002

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

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FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PPFA

Those who attended the 75th Jubilee last year would have received in their registration packs, a short questionnaire regarding the future of the Association. Whilst only 67 questionnaires were returned, it is interesting to consider the responses.

Without exception, all respondents felt that the PPFA should continue after the reunion, with 90% of the view that regular newsletters should be a feature of PPFA activities. Archives preservation was important to 81% of respondents, whilst 60% believed the Association should be involved in active networking via the website and email 'newsflashes'. Other areas where past pupils thought the PPFA should be involved were: fundraising for specific projects to benefit the school and students 39%; providing scholarships to students 34%; and student mentoring 31%.

Finance

In terms of financing the activities of the PPFA, 78% supported a yearly subscription, with 21% favouring fundraising for specific projects. 18% felt the Association could rely on donations from members and 13% supported seeking sponsorship from past pupils.

Reunions

The most popular time frame for decade/class reunions was every 5 years, with 60% of respondents favouring this option. 30% felt this kind of reunion should take place every 10 years.

Ongoing contact

The majority of respondents (88%) were interested in maintaining contact with people they had met up with at the 75th Jubilee and 64% thought that the best way of doing this was via email. 28% were comfortable with regular personal correspondence and 21% with a website 'chat room'.

Newsletters

Almost 100% of those who completed the questionnaire, expressed a wish to receive regular newsletters from the PPFA, with 54% opting to receive them by mail, 45% by email and 12% having them notified on the website.

Assistance

The PPFA is grateful to those past pupils who, through the survey, offered their assistance to the Association in the form of serving on the committee, archive collection, helping at functions and being involved with school fundraising projects.

We also wish to thank all those who took the time to complete the survey form – your responses have been useful in guiding the PPFA on its future direction.

PAST PUPILS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Past Pupils and Friends Association will be held on Monday, 25 March 2002, at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Hutt Valley High School.

Come along and listen to past pupil Jean Bowden, talk about her work with school archives and Boards of Remembrance. Principal, Sylvia Burch, will also address the AGM on current developments at Hutt Valley High School.

The meeting will be preceded by wine and hors d'ouvres. All welcome.

SPORTS HONOURS BOARD

Do you know of any past pupils of Hutt Valley High School who have represented New Zealand at the highest level in their sporting code? If so, the Past Pupils and Friends Association (PPFA) would like to hear from you.

The PPFA has been recording the names of such individuals, for the purpose of establishing a sports honours board at the school, and would like to ensure that all NZ representatives are acknowledged. Details required are as follows:

- name of sportsperson
- sporting code
- years represented NZ or championship title held

Information can be forwarded to:

Gayle Price Moor, HVHS, Private Bag 31909, Lower Hutt

Email gayle.pricemoor@hvhs.school.nz

Or telephone Bev Herbert on 568 4569

JOHN BARNARD (BARNEY) BUTCHERS

Past Pupils will be sad to learn that Barney Butchers passed away prior to Christmas 2001.

Barney's association with HVHS spread over a period of fifty years, firstly as a pupil and for the greater part as a much respected teacher in the science area.

Many thousands of pupils have been influenced for the good by his years of unstinting loyalty to the school. We extend our condolences to his wife Betty and their family.

CONSTRUCTION SITE

Anyone passing Hutt Valley High School recently may well be wondering what on earth is happening at the front of the school. In fact a whole new building is under construction, which will incorporate a new library, administration area and staffroom.

Construction is expected to be complete by the end of November 2002.

JUBILEE CENTRE

Since our last newsletter, the PPFA has received donations from the following past pupils, towards the Jubilee Student Centre:

Peter Raudnic, Leila Pilkington, Karen & Mike Johnston, Greg Robins, Alison Anderson, Feakin Family, Ann Topp, Nat Dunning, James Mann, Menaka Saravanaperumal, Ross Martin and Ian Ramsay.

Thank you very much for your generous support for this project.

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Following the success of the 75th Jubilee Reunion last year, the PPFA looks forward to the year ahead and to planning its future activities.

So – here is the first post reunion publication. The intention is to publish the magazine every four months. However without your contributions, the interaction between past pupils,(which is essentially what we aim to provide) is limited. Gayle Price Moor is the new Editor, so don't be shy – get your pens out or your fingers tapping and send her a letter or email, to let us know what contacts you have made with other past pupils. I understand that several year groups intend holding 'mini reunions' on an informal but regular basis. We would love to receive feedback from these.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is being held on 25 March 2002. This is always an enjoyable occasion where local past pupils gather for drinks and a chat before a presentation by an invited guest and the brief formal meeting. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible who live in the area.

This Association is not about 'us', but about 'you and us'. Your contributions, both personal as well as financial, are what will enable the incoming committee to keep the work of the Association going and the touchstone with HVHS firmly in place until you are able to re-visit it sometime in the future.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Warm regards

Judi Whitcher
Chairperson HVHSPPFA

ARE YOU GETTING WHAT YOU WANT?

Contact with past pupils indicates that they enjoy ‘keeping in touch’ with their old school via this newsletter. We are aware however that some would prefer not to receive it and, in the interests of saving costs, would like to know who they are. If this applies to you, please return the reply slip below as soon as possible.

In addition, some former pupils have supplied their email addresses for the purpose of receiving newsletters. Unfortunately, many of these are illegible or contain errors, and emails sent have been returned. If you would like to continue to receive newsletters by email, kindly send a message to this effect to Ken at ppfa@hvhs.school.nz

Note: It costs approx \$650 to post out the PFFA newsletter, with funding for this coming purely from donations. If you would like to make a contribution towards this cost, or to benefit the school in some way, kindly return the reply slip below, along with your donation.

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Name:.....

Address:.....
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Phone:.....

HVHS years: 19..... to 19.....

I no longer wish to receive the PFFA newsletter

I wish to make a donation to the PFFA of
\$..... as a contribution towards:

Newsletter costs
Jubilee Student Centre
Other(please specify).....
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Please return to:
Gayle Price Moor, PFFA, Hutt Valley High School, Private Bag 31909, Lower Hutt

HVHS RUGBY CLUB

Calling all those interested in the ongoing development of rugby in the school
The HVHS Rugby Club was formed at the beginning of 2001, in response to an acknowledged need to improve the quality of the sporting experience for those students choosing to play rugby for the School.

Philosophy of the Club

Club activities are organised around a strategic plan, the objective of which is to “raise the quality of the rugby experience at HVHS so that:

- rugby becomes the favoured winter sport among students, and
- everyone associated with the game is able to develop to their full potential and have fun while doing it.”

This is not about developing a great 1st XV to the exclusion of everyone else. Success at that level is important but only in so far as it provides a benchmark for others and encourages greater participation throughout the school. Our targets are intended to demonstrate that sustainable success is achievable only if the sport flourishes throughout the School.

Organisation of Club activities

The Club essentially comprises the players, coaches, school staff, administrators, and supporters who are involved in rugby in any way. The activities of the Club are overseen by a very active committee comprising:

Peter Robertson – Chairman (past pupil and member of the 1st XV)

Colin Thomson (staff) – Rugby Convenor

Howard Barker (staff) – Secretary

Peter Jones (staff) – Treasurer

Mike Hay

Allan Ormond – (past pupil and 1st XV)

Roger Drummond – (member of the Board of New Zealand Universities Rugby)

Brett Walker

Robbie Burns

Mark Cook (student representative)

Committee activities are currently focussed on ensuring a smooth and effective start to this years season. In this context it is satisfying to note that the Coaches Selection Panel has completed its task and coaches for all key teams have been appointed.

The Finance Committee has been focusing on funding needs to support the planned activities and equipment requirements for 2002. These include:

- participation in a pre-season tournament in Rotorua for the 1st and 2nd XV's
- hosting the annual All Black Captains Trophy tournament
- hosting a visiting English school
- participation in the annual under 15 tournament at Dannevirke
- purchase of first aid kits for each team
- purchase of a scrum machine
- purchase of team equipment (balls, cones, tackle bags, one new set of jerseys)

Our budget for the 2002 season is estimated at \$18,000. Of this, the school provides approximately \$2,700. The balance must be generated from player fundraising and external sources. We are also pursuing opportunities for funding through the Hillary Commission and charities such as the Lion Foundation and Pub Charities.

How can I get involved?

The Club would appreciate any support or expertise you are able to offer. You may even wish to become a member of the Club. The annual subscription is \$50 and you will receive regular newsletters throughout the season.

If you would like further information, or to take up membership, please return the reply slip below:

<p>To: HVHS Rugby Club, c/- Rugby Convenor HVHS, Private Bag 31909, Lower Hutt</p> <p>Name:.....</p> <p>Address:.....</p> <p>Telephone:.....</p> <p>Email:.....</p> <p>Yes I am interested in becoming a member of the HVHS Rugby Club.</p> <p>I would like further information on the HVHS Rugby Club.</p> <p>I am able to assist the club in the following way:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
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