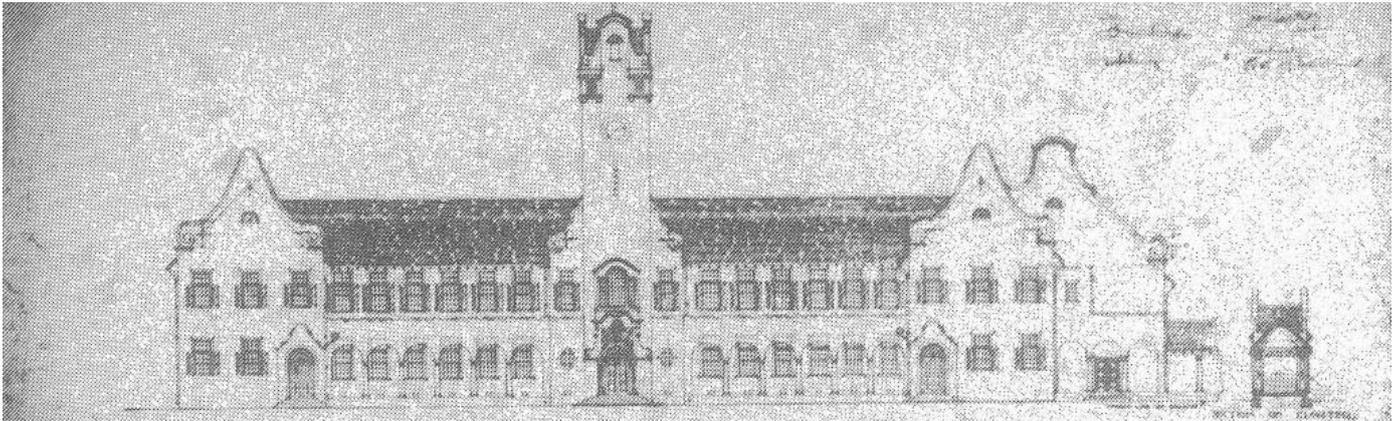




OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union



From the Union President

To all fellow Old Greys,

The year 2019 has come and gone. As I sit at my desk penning this message to all Old Greys it gives me the chance to reflect on the past year. Chris Erasmus, the Rector is now firmly in the driving seat and along with the appointment of the new Headmaster of the Grey Junior, Grant Butler we look forward to many happy years together at The Grey.

This is also the time to thank people who have worked in honorarium for the good of all at The Grey. These include the entire Old Grey Union committee and the Grey Foundation trustees. There are so many people one could mention but at the risk of omitting someone, I feel I should include Lauren Malan, Bev McCarthy, Wendy Beaufort and Sue Atherton who is always there to provide a snack or a great cup of tea.

Meetings this year have been robust but productive and always dealt with regard to our fellow man. The vision which we adopted some five ago was to create a platform that would create leaders for our world in all spheres of life. This I truly believe is well underway with the establishment of the Grey Foundation. We will continue to drive this initiative firmly and we look forward to all Old Greys supporting us.

I close in wishing you all a very happy festive season. We look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year. May you and your families all enjoy good health.

Regards,

Dave Hurr

National President Old Grey Union.

Old Greys in the News



Source: The Herald Live

Reece Prinsloo '09 bags basketball title - again!

Salsonville's Reece Prinsloo is on the hunt for a hat-trick of national basketball crowns after his team claimed the Basketball National League title at the weekend. The 28-year-old former Grey High pupil and his Egoli Magic teammates fought their way to a 59-55 win over the Soweto Panthers in the final in Johannesburg on Saturday.



Source: The Herald Live

Dylan Brokensha '11 wins best SA film award

AFDA film student Dylan Brokensha won the award for his film *Sunset Exodus*. The Jozi Film festival, which ran from October 3 to 6 on various stages across Johannesburg, is the longest-running multi-genre film festival in SA.



Source: Zigzag.co.za

Matt McGillivray '15 qualifies for the 2020 CT Tour

After advancing through round three of the Vans World Cup 10,000 Qualifying Series (QS) event at Sunset Beach yesterday, word came out from the WSL that Matt McGillivray was a confirmed qualification for the 2020 Championship Tour (CT).



Source: <https://www.enca.com/>

Kolisi '09 nominated for BBC World Sports Star of the Year award

Things just keep getting better for Springbok skipper Siya Kolisi. Kolisi has been nominated for the BBC World Sports Star of the Year award. READ: Kolisi thanks Erasmus for believing in him. He is up against Tiger Woods, runner Eliud Kipchoge, and former Australian Cricket captain, Steve Smith among others.



Source: sport24.co.za

Adrian Moors '90 and Mark Ilsley '90 at Gary Player Invitational

Team Lombard (from left to right): Zander Lombard, Brian McFadden, Adrian Moors and Mark Ilsley on their three-point victory in the Gary Player Invitational at The Lost City Golf Course. (Supplied by Michael Vlismas)

Chatterboard

Morice Glick - Reminiscences of Grey 1947 - 1951

I am a 1951 former matric student currently resident in Canada. A few days ago I was on Skype with Ivan Silver '49 who lives in Newark, USA and we were speaking on various topics about the "modern ways of Grey" as compared to the days of our schooling and as old boys (really old 87/88-year-olds) the subject of sport especially, rugby cropped up. It was Grey 1st XV vs Dale on the Phillip field and Ivan was playing full back. At one stage during the game, the Dale center with his wing alongside broke through and had only Ivan to beat with the Grey scoreline a further 15m away. Ivan was in a dilemma, tackle the center or anticipate the center would draw him and pass to the wing or alternatively go for the wing. To the amazement of the crowd, Ivan stepped between them the moment the center decided to pass and intercepted the ball, ran on up field and kicked the ball into touch. We cannot recall who won that day but you have it on the school records.

Unfortunately, Ivan who is still physically fit is slowly losing most of his sight. To those who wish to make contact with him, his email is ivtob@aol.com he is able to read his email with the assistance of a special computer magnifying glass.

Morice Glick '51



Mark le Roux, Class of 2003, lists his own wine label

Hi there,

Just got this mail from my brother and thought I would share it with you, as he will not. As this is how I was casually informed with a short bio and an image of his label. This is always a landmark achievement for any winemaker, listing your very own label and should be celebrated and shared! Not that you are struggling to find content on old boys achievements. Its just that he has silently gone about dominating the wine industry in the Western Cape with very little broadcasting of the success with old school friends.

Cheers,

Pieter le Roux '03

Basics

2003 – Matric Grey High , Meriway boda (Half colours for academics & Athletics)

2007 - Graduated @ Stellenbosch University – BSc Viticulture & Oenology

2007 – 2012 – Wine Assistant @ L'Ormarins Wine Estate (Franschoek),
Wine Assistant @ Waterford Wine Estate (Stellenbosch)

2012 – Present – Wine Maker at Waterford Wine Estate

2017 - South Africa's young winemaker of the year

2019 - First batch of Mark le Roux wines are released

Headmaster's Newsletter: Term 4, 2019



Rector's Newsletter: Term 4, 2019



Past Events



Old Greys Sydney

It was the first gathering of its kind in Sydney since 2012 and those who attended are of the opinion that an Old Grey gathering must be held on an annual basis in Sydney! This city has attracted many old boys in recent years that have settled happily into their new surroundings and made new careers. But there is that yearning to meet up with like-minded friends and age differences do not matter! This was all so evident when about 30 Old Greys accompanied by wives and partners met for drinks at the Longueville Bowling Club.



Old Greys took over a private and sheltered area adjacent to the bar and good camaraderie followed with the bar being well patronised and all enjoying the tasty snacks that had been provided. Our thanks are expressed to Shaun Povey '72 and Graham Hardy '72 for organising the occasion.

Ian Pringle, the former Executive Manager of the Old Greys's Union was present – he was on a visit together with his wife Pixie to visit family. He had an opportunity to address the gathering and to impart on all that was taking place at Grey and the efforts made by both Union and The Grey Foundation to assist the school. The beaded car rings similar to the Grey badge which he had made and brought with him as gifts were received by old boys with delight. They are quite unique! Among the “elderly” we had Lawrie Scheckter and John Pagden in attendance with the former proudly wearing his Old Grey tie. John brought along his Colours award that he had won back in 1958 – all of more than 60 years ago. The youngest Old Greys present were Justin Knott (2013) and Matthew Lawson (2015) and it was good to meet up with the likes of David Akers (2000) and Zander De Klerk (2002) We also caught up with Andrew Broom, Jayson Connacher, Mike Edelson, Will Hayes, Andrew Howcroft, Vallance Kennelly, Marius Burman, Steven Shearer, Hugh Colborne and Julian Hill amongst others. We had apologies from Brian Thiel, Greg Cunningham, James Dewar, David van Blerk and Murray Sutherland. We look forward to our next function planned for October 2020!

Old Grey Monthly Mixers - Farewell to Lindsay Pearson

The Monthly Mixers are held on the last Wednesday of each month. It is a social, informal event for all of our local Old boys to catch-up and network. This past Wednesday we bid farewell to Mr. Lindsay Pearson who has dedicated 22 years to Grey Junior School.



Looking Back with Ian Pringle

I am indebted to former 1961 Head Boy Robert “Kip” Fowlds for this recollection of this memorable event that took place after the Collegiate Gala in St. George’s Park back in 1960. Thanks Kippie – you have an excellent memory! I have also taken the liberty of adding to this incident which was reported a week later in The Sunday Times in a story headed, “Elite schoolboys in a fight over girls!” In the typical journalism of the day, the incident was certainly sensationalised making for a good read. Kip added; This was a long time ago and the passing of time has dimmed the memory. However, what can be remembered is the following. The incident started at the Collegiate swimming gala in St. George’s Park. A large group of unruly and noisy youths were making a lot of noise and being generally disruptive. It was not known why they were there other than to cause a problem. There was a Ducktail element present among this lot but some were, in fact, schoolboys from a rival school in Walmer.

Lockhart Pringle was the Head boy at the time and when he requested the unruly mob to quieten down as the diving events were about to take place and quiet was needed all he received was abuse and threats and that they would “see” us in the park after the gala. Lockhart was a First XV lock and captained EP Schools and his youngest son Bruce (2001) was his look-alike. He was not a small guy and he took no prisoners. A rallying call to the boarders went out and after the gala, all boarders encircled the “Ducktails” who were waiting for us in the park. There was much shouting, waving of fists and middle fingers being stuck in the air but not much action was evident

Finally, Manfred Wienand lost patience with this lot and took off like a wing three-quarter and tackled the first “Ducktail” in line. Others would say that the pugnacious Lennie Harvey and First XV scrumhalf who was always ever ready to swing a fist was the first to deliver a blow. There had been some talk about lining up the “new-pots” in the front line to deliver a charge of the “Light” Brigade” but fortunately the old-pots took command and fronted up to the enemy with the new pots behind. Manfred’s action opened the flood gates and all the seniors charged in, as one, in an almighty wave, followed by the new-pots, who darted in through the ensuing dust and noise to deliver a kick or two to anyone of the antagonists, unfortunate enough to be lying on the ground.

The so-called “Ducktail” mob was simply overwhelmed by superior numbers and they retreated. In making their withdrawal they shouted out that they would be waiting to sort out any Grey boys that went into Town. We made sure thereafter not to be found alone in town and there were no unfortunate incidents that can be recalled. At the following Grey gala, a contingent of police was present to prevent any mishaps, but gladly there were none.

The Ducktails or so-called Teddy Boys were a gang of idle youths who frequented the billiard saloons and other dens 60 odd years ago. They all had long hair, wore black jeans and leather jackets, used plenty of Brylcream and were invariably up to no good. Their leader went by the name of “China”. Who can recall him? Their favourite pastime was to hop on the buses and refuse to pay over the due fare to the conductors. This practice came to an end when off duty bus conductors one day joined together and went to find where the Ducktail element had holed up for the day and that was a spot in the then Main Street. The conductors who were mostly a hard-nosed crew of Afrikaans speaking guys waltzed in and gave the Duckies the thumping of their lives!

In Memory

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the following Old Greys who have passed on:

Dennis George Goldsmith – Class of 1947

Dennis passed away peacefully at Mackay Queensland, Australia in early November. Dennis was a Life member of OGU, a staunch member of the Old Grey Club when he was a local, and played hockey for Old Grey. Our sincerest condolences to his son Duncan '77 and family.

Keith (Kim) Morris – Class of 1948

"Kim has died after a short illness. Our friendship went back to Form 1 at Pretoria Boys' High in 1943. We moved together to Grey as boarders in 1945 and after matriculating in 1948 we returned for reunions in 1998, 2008, and 2018. Kim graduated in architecture from U.C.T. in 1953 and practiced successfully in N.Rhodesia and, more recently, in Gaborone. Short and very slight in build as a boy he was almost inevitably to be a scrum-half on the rugby field where he played with great guts and good spirit. But it was at university that he found his sporting niche - in rowing - then not offered at Grey. He rowed successfully for many years at U.C.T., club and national level recalling with particular pleasure the regattas on the Zambezi above the Falls. He was the warmest and most generous of friends always with an impish sense of humour. We did art together with 'Muff' Ford at the Tech and it was typical of Kim that he recalled in 2018 that Muff had asked him one day what he proposed to do after school; when Kim had replied that he hoped to become an artist, Muff had in no uncertain terms advised against it!"
With best wishes, Andrew Lang '48.

Gordon Stuart Pope – Class of 1983

He suffered a serious stroke on Wednesday and passed away on Thursday evening. Gordon was an attorney, having studied at UCT and graduated in 1991. He worked at various attorneys firms in the East London and King Williams Town area, over the years. He went out on his own in 2009, in KWT, where his family currently resides. He will be remembered as a loving family man, for his ready smile, quiet demeanor and his "wicked" sense of humour. Now he rests in peace. He leaves behind his wife, Helen, his daughter, Emma (14) and son, Jack(12).



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**The trustees and staff of The Grey Foundation wish you all
a very happy holiday, and health and happiness in 2020!**

'TIS THE SEASON
TO WISH ONE
ANOTHER JOY
AND LOVE AND
PEACE

*Merry
Christmas*