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## **FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER 2 - JUNE 2007**

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Greetings. This newsletter profiles Bob Smith and Mary Lewin (neé Humphries) who have generously given the school \$5,000 each towards a Jack Macartney Scholarship. These donations came from a deep respect for a man who worked very hard to help young people take an interest and achieve in science. When Jack died, his funeral notice mentioned that he was a former Head of Science at Gore High School. I have his cap and Dux badge in the archives at Gore High School. I often use these in my first assembly with Year 9 students to give them a sense of history around the school as they begin their education here. Jack Macartney is very much entrenched in the history of this school and it is appropriate that this scholarship is established to honour him and the contribution that he has made. Thank you Bob and Mary for taking this initiative.

Eoin Crosbie  
Rector

### **FEEDBACK FROM FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER**

Your newsletter was particularly interesting for me, because the story told by Leslie Black at the Rugby Sevens in Invercargill in 1994 was one, which I attended, and remember watching the Gore High School team win the tournament grade.

It was my third form (Year 9) at Gore High School and I remember all of those players very well, as they were Prefects or sergeant in the Army Cadets.

I believe the tournament took place on Queen's birthday at Rugby Park. I often spent long weekends in Invercargill with my grandparents and that is probably why I was there.

It was a nice story to read and I do remember the day, as it was my first year at Gore High School.

I also watched the 1<sup>st</sup> XV playing in some local matches against Mataura and a combined Gore team, usually at the Hostel ground.

I did not remember Leslie Black until I read the story and it brought back so many memories then of a rugby enthusiast with very little opportunity to play any games in the first year at High School.

Looking back I suppose it developed a desire to play rugby as long as I could, eventually retiring from Southland after beating the Lions and Otago in 1966.

Robin Archer

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - IAN TULLOCH**

The Gore High School Foundation continues to focus on co-ordinating and overseeing its primary project at this time which is, of course, the celebration of 100 years of Gore High School next Easter 2008.

Over 600 pre-enrolment requests for registration have already been received and so we anticipate a particularly strong response to registrations when they open next month.

The Centennial Committee has been doing a tremendous job co-ordinating the various functions. The biggest question that we are faced with is the number attending the various events, and in particular the formal dinner. This function is to be held at the new Sports Stadium presently under construction with a targeted completion date of November this year. It is the only venue in Eastern Southland large enough to hold a function of this size and most of the detailed planning for that function is already completed. The first 1500 registrations for the dinner will be the maximum we are able to accept and so I would encourage you all to send your registrations in as soon as possible. Also let any other friends or family, who are Gore High School ex pupils, know of this unique social event coming up in heartland Southland.

A book of 100 years of Gore High School will also be available. This has been a massive undertaking for a relatively small team. It is both educational and humorous and you will receive a copy as part of your registration.

We look forward to providing a further update in our next Foundation newsletter.

### **ROBERT (BOB) F. SMITH**

I commend my secondary education at Gore High School in 1947 where I was a boarder in the school hostel. Prior to 1947, I had attended Wendonside Primary, which was a one teacher school with approximately 20 pupils.

During my five years at Gore High School, I pursued a Science based academic course and in 1951 was Dux.

I was very interested in sport during my school years and played rugby for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV for four years. Gore High School had many fine rugby players during this period and I have fond memories of great victories over Southland Boys' 1<sup>st</sup> XV in 1948 and 1951. I also played cricket for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for three years.

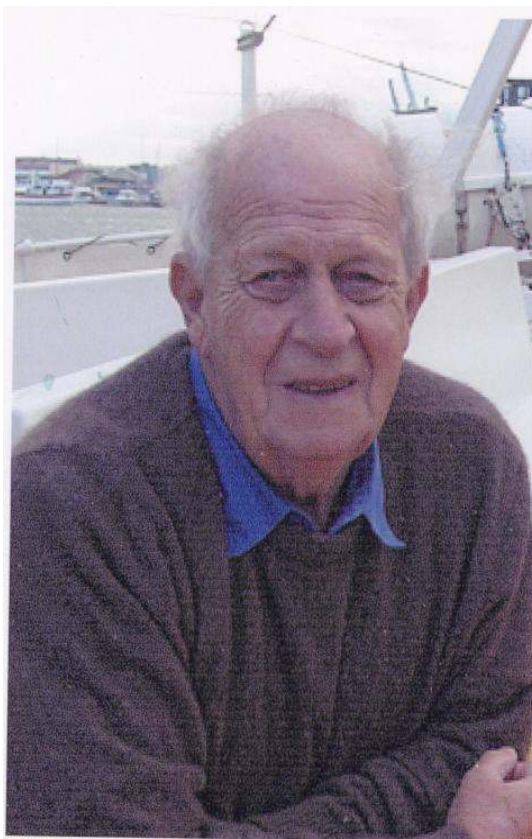
In 1952, I started a Science degree course at Otago University, majoring in chemistry. It is pertinent to note that all 6 pupils in 6A (seventh form or Year 13 in today's language) went on to study science with a chemistry bias. This was undoubtedly due to the influence and the excellent teaching of Macartney.

My studies at Otago University concluded with the award of a PHD in 1962 and having won a NRC (National Research Council) Postgraduate Scholarship I spent three years at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Returning to New Zealand in 1965 I was appointed to the staff of the Chemistry Department at my old university where I worked until my retirement in 1992.

During my early years in Freshford, I spent much of my spare time wandering the hills, dredging, tailing and rabbiting. This progressed to deer stalking and eventually to tramping where I became interested in wildlife. Living in Eastern Canada, with its lack of high country made me turn to bird watching as an incentive to get outside even during the cold snowy winters. I have continued this interest in New Zealand and as a volunteer worker for DOC have been lucky to take part in surveys in some remote parts of the country.

Over ten years ago, I was diagnosed with cancer in my right leg, which was amputated above the knee. This has restricted my tramping/bird work, but I still manage to travel overseas, do the gardening (vegetables) and live a great life aided by Jane, my wife of 50 years.



## **COLIN MCPHERSON, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

The programme of events for the Centennial celebrations has now been finalised (see overleaf for details). We trust it meets with your approval. We believe there will be something to suit everybody and hope that as many as possible will join us for the weekend. The emphasis on the whole event is to create an opportunity for people to meet and enjoy each others company in what we hope will be a relaxing and friendly environment.

For those people who have pre-registered using the internet or other means, registration forms will be sent to you automatically. If you are not sure about your pre-registration, may I suggest that you go on to the Foundation website and check or write to Trish Morris, Centennial Secretary, Gore High School, Private Bag, Gore requesting a registration pack. The deadline for receiving registrations is 11th January 2008.

The Committee has decided for anyone to participate in any of the Centennial events, they must be registered for the Centennial itself. Obviously, the costs associated with organising and running the Centennial are far greater than each individual event. The registration fee is to cover the whole organisational cost of the weekend and the Committee's view is that everyone involved should contribute to this.

By visiting the Foundation website, you can see an alphabetical list of all people who have pre-registered. This facility is designed to encourage people from far and wide to come to the celebrations. The names of people registered (including maiden names) will be posted on the website in decades so that ex-pupils can search for friends with eager expectations of meeting them again in Easter 2008.

Please spread the word as wide as you can so that this Centennial can be a wonderful celebration for as many people as possible.

### **MARY LEWIN**

As Mary Humphries, I was one of about 18 pupils at Tutura Primary School before entering Gore High School in 1947 and becoming a boarder at the Hostel. I have some clear memories of those first few weeks there. None is clearer than sitting on a stool in the Chemistry laboratory watching Mr. Macartney mix two clear liquids together to make the most wonderful colours – yellow, blue, green – it was magic! That was a great teacher at work! I still remember other science lessons, probably from the fourth or fifth form. It is hard to describe how or why a teacher makes you want to know more, but Mr. Macartney has that ability. I am forever grateful for the education I received at Gore High School which has helped me to meet a variety of challenges during my career.



In 1955 I completed a Bachelor of Home Science at Otago University. After obtaining a Post Primary Teachers Certificate at Auckland Teachers College, I returned south and taught at Southland Girls' High School for two years. During the next two years overseas, I held various teaching positions in London and Edinburgh. I return to a position as lecturer in Foods at the Home Science School and to further my interest in food science went to the University of Minnesota where I completed a Master of Science in 1964.

On my return I joined the staff of the Food Technology department at Massey University lecturing in quality control and also setting up a sensory evaluation facility. In 1969, I joined the Dairy Research Institute and developed a sensory evaluation programme for dairy products, using experience I had gained in the United States. The functional properties and nutritional value of milk protein products were also studied.

A move to Auckland Milk Corporation as Food Technologist followed in 1978. The company produced an extensive range of cultured food products. New product development, as well as changes in processing equipment, made it an interesting and challenging job.

In 1977, I was appointed to the Nutrition Advisory Committee formed by the Minister of Health. The Committee drew up a Food and Nutrition policy for New Zealand and set nutrition goals and recommended dietary allowances. I was also involved with the Nutrition Society and NZ Institute

Following my move to Auckland, I married Harry Lewin. I retired from full time work in 1988 and now have more opportunity to support Soroptimist International (a Women's Service Club) and also the Friends of the Auckland Botanic Gardens. I also play golf and ski as often as possible!

## **GORE HIGH SCHOOL CENTENNIAL PROGRAMME 21ST, 22ND AND 23RD MARCH 2008**

If you wish to attend the Centennial, please register your interest by visiting the school website [www.gore-high.school.nz](http://www.gore-high.school.nz) and completing the registration form. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Trish Morris on 03 208 5360.

<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>FRIDAY 21ST MARCH</b>		
10.30 am – 1.00 pm	Golf Tournament	Gore Golf Course, Reaby Road, Gore
10.00 am – 12.00 noon	Bus Trip	Sightseeing tour of Gore
10.00 am – 2.00 pm	Old Gore High School open	Corner of Norfolk and Richmond Street
2.00 pm onwards	Meet and registrations	Gore Town & Country Club, Bury Street
4.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Hostel social function	Gore High School Hostel, Coutts Road
7.00 pm – onwards	Social function (Supper and cash bar available)	Gore Town & Country Club, Bury Street
<b>SATURDAY 22ND MARCH</b>		
9.00 am – 10.00 am	Old Gore High School open	Corner of Norfolk and Richmond Street
9.30 am – 10.30 am	Registrations and official welcome	Gore High School, Coutts Road
11.00 am – 2.00 pm	Photos and lunch	Gore High School, Coutts Road
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Gore High School Hostel grounds and buildings open	Gore High School, Coutts Road
3.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Staff function	Gore Bowling Club, Corner Irk and Ardwick Street
5.30 pm – 6.30 pm	Pre dinner drinks and nibbles	Sports Stadium, Off Robertson Street, Gore
6.30 pm – onwards	Two course buffet dinner and speeches, with cash bar	Sports Stadium, Off Robertson Street, Gore
<b>SUNDAY 23RD MARCH</b>		
10.30 am - 11.30 am	Church Service	Calvin Church, Robertson Street, Gore
11.30 am onwards	Barbeque Lunch	Sports Stadium, Off Robertson Street, Gore
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Concert of ex-pupils	Sports Stadium, Off Robertson Street, Gore