

# Christ's College Old Boys Association

## 2021 Annual General Meeting



CHRIST'S COLLEGE  
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

### AGENDA

**Date:** Friday 19 February 2021, 4.30pm

**Venue:** Coles Room, The Miles Warren Building

### Officers 2019-2020

**President:** RT Polson  
**Vice President:** NH Harvey  
**Honorary Treasurer:** M G Bolderston  
**Board Representatives:** TM Kerr  
C M McMillan

### Committee:

MJ Fisher A R W Dysart-Paul JJ Blyth  
WP Vink GEC Sullivan

**Secretary:** L M Dyer  
**Auditors:** Price Waterhouse Coopers

### Honorary Life Members:

I W Gallaway M A W Hindmarsh M J Rosser T S Weston  
D S Banks J J D Holderness F M Warren J Nicholl  
G I Town

### BUSINESS

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. In Memoriam
4. Executive Principal's Address
5. To approve minutes of the last Annual General Meetings held on 21 February 2020
6. To consider matters arising from the minutes
7. To receive and adopt the President's report
8. To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2020 (copies available at the meeting)
9. Appointment of an Auditor reviewer
10. To elect Officers and Committee members
11. To thank retiring Committee members
12. General Business

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## MINTUES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21 FEBRUARY 2020, 4.30PM.



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### 1.0 WELCOME

The President welcomed and thanked members of the Association and invited guests for their attendance at the AGM.

### 2.0 APOLOGIES

The Secretary advised the meeting that she had received apologies from: Johnny Cochrane (10406), Sam Cowdy (12018), Hugh Lindo (9722), and Ben Tohill,(9520).

**MOTION:** That the apologies be accepted. **Geoffrey Sullivan/ Richard Polson. CARRIED**

### 3.0 IN MEMORIAM

The President asked those in attendance to stand for a moment's silence in memory of Old Boys of the College who had died during the past year.

### 4.0 EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Garth Wynne thanked the President for the invitation to speak at the meeting. He advised:

- The past 12 months have been filled with successes for both College and the Association.
- The Board continues to grapple with the financial challenges which College faces. The Board and management are committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the School.
- 2020 is the final year of the current Strategic Plan. The plan centres around four themes: Internationalism; ensuring a common experience for all boys; personalisation and tailored teaching; and health and wellbeing.
- As part of the implementation of the plan, College has grown the number of international boarders, who widen the perspective of the School, to 30. The strategy has also emphasised the importance of maintaining small classes and improving the School's pastoral care programme. The creation of vertical mentor groups of around 15 boys (each led by a dedicated staff member) and the appointment of Deputy Day-Boy House Housemasters has further improved pastoral care. Counselling services have also expanded over the past year. Finally, the health and wellbeing programme— which draws upon Christian values, bi-cultural understanding and Māori tikanga, and positive education—continues to play a greater role in College life.
- In 2019, the College fundraising campaign concluded. It aimed to partially fund the construction of a new sports facility at Cranmer Square. The campaign failed to fulfil its goal of raising \$7.5 million. Mr Wynne announced— for the first time publicly— that the College's Board had approved a new health and wellbeing centre to be constructed at the end

of Upper. The Upper West facility will be completed in 2022. Mr Wynne emphasised that continued financial support from the community would be needed to see the project through to completion.

- The Upper West development will include a new basketball court. The current gym's court is not full sized, which presents a significant challenge as basketball is now one of the most popular sports at College.
- Old Boy engagement with the College continues to improve. Many Old Boys have reconnected with College through the career mentoring programme run by the Careers office.
- The School and the Association have continued to work together. The newly created Alumni Manager role has been merged into the Advancement office.
- College has a roll of 677 boys, of whom 160 are boarders; the School's maximum capacity is approximately 700.
- Mr Wynne concluded by introducing Mrs Dyer to the Association.

## 5.0 MINUTES

**MOTION:** That the minutes from the 2019 Christ's College Old Boys' Association Annual General Meeting be taken as read and accepted as true and accurate. **Geoffrey Sullivan/ Richard Polson. CARRIED**

## 6.0 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arose.

## 7.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A written report had been circulated in advance and appeared in College's biannual magazine, *COLLEGE*. The President spoke to his report, noting:

- That the Association has adopted a new, unofficial motto: "Connecting Boys for Life." It reflects the Association's aim of ensuring that when boys finish school, their connection with College does not end.
- The members of the Committee are younger than has historically been the case. The President views this as a strength.
- College Fellow Mr Peter Davie (8882) is retiring from the Board. Mr Sullivan thanked him for his service to both College and the Old Boys' Association over the past eight years.
- Justine Nicholl, was farewelled as CCOBA Secretary at the end of last year. The new position of Alumni Manager has been created. The Alumni Manager will work within College's Advancement office. Lizzie Dyer has been appointed the first Alumni Manager. She will assume the responsibilities for the Secretary of the Association's General Committee.
- A new artwork was commissioned for the CCOBA art collection. The work will be unveiled at the Cocktail Party following the meeting. The painting, by Old Boy Toby Raine (12100), depicts a former College master.
- Five new Old Boys posters will be unveiled at the Cocktail function. They recognise Professor Robin Clark (5742), Sir Tim Wallace (6029), Bishop Peter Carrell (8724), Robbie Deans (8732) and Alex Reese (13463),
- The Association is setting its sights on the 175<sup>th</sup> celebrations in 2025 and is beginning to plan for the occasion.

- This year, for the first time, five boys are being supported through College on scholarships funded by the Association. The scholarships fund 30% of the College's fees.
- The President thanked the Committee members for their service to the Association. And acknowledged those retiring from the Committee.

**MOTION:** That the President's report be accepted: **Geoffrey Sullivan/ Bill Knight CARRIED**

## 8.0 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer spoke to the meeting. Financial statements were made available to those in attendance.

- PricewaterhouseCoopers completed a review of the Association's 2019 accounts in December.
- Referring to the reviewed Performance Report, Mr Bolderston noted that the Association fulfilled its charitable objectives and outputs. The Association granted \$33,000 to four boys on CCOBA funded scholarships. In 2020, the Association will fund five scholarships.
- In the wake of the Mosque Shooting, the Association donated \$5,000 to Al Noor Mosque.
- The Association donated a total of \$16,000 during the 2018/2019 financial year.
- Each year, the Association continues to hold more events throughout the world.
- The statement of financial performance records a surplus or profit of \$307,000. The increase in profit can be attributed to the performance of the portfolio, which appreciated an impressive 15% after fees.
- The portfolio is now valued at over \$3 million.
- The Committee has begun to put funds aside for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**MOTION:** That the statement of accounts and the financial reports be taken as read and adopted. **Mac Bolderson/ Geoffrey Sullivan. CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That PWC be appointed independent reviewers of the Association's financial accounts for the current financial year. **Mac Bolderson/ Richard Polson. CARRIED**

## 9.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There being only one person nominated and seconded for the position of President of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association, Mr Geoffrey Sullivan (9514) declared Mr Richard Polson (11785) duly elected. Mr Polson replaced Mr Sullivan in the Chair.

There being only one person nominated and seconded for the position of Vice President of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association, the newly elected President declared Mr Nick Harvey (11731) duly elected.

There being only one person nominated and seconded for the position of Treasurer of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association, the President declared Mr Mac Bolderston (13962) duly elected.

There being only five seconded nominations Jono Blyth (12002), Angus Dysart-Paul (14434), Michael Fisher (11877), Geoffrey Sullivan (9514) and Will Vink (12892) were declared duly elected to the General Committee of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association by the President.

The newly elected President acknowledged Sam Cowdy (12018), Edward Glubb (12797) and Andrew Springford (13478) who retired from the Committee.

#### 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

In accordance with article 5 of the Association's Constitution, the Committee had nominated former CCOBA Secretary, Mrs Justine Nicholl and former Board Chair, Dr Ian Town to be elected Honorary Life Members of the Association.

Members of the Association were emailed notice of both nominations on Thursday, 20 February 2020. Some members of the Association had expressed to Mr Sullivan, prior to the meeting, their concern that the written notice had been brought to members' attention with insufficient time for consideration. The email had not been received by some until 4pm yesterday.

Mr Sullivan apologised that notice of the nominations had not been communicated earlier. Members in attendance expressed a desire that the nominations proceed to a vote, given that both candidates were very worthy of the honorary membership. Notwithstanding, Mr Sullivan proposed a motion that the vote be deferred.

**MOTION:** That a vote on the nominations for Honorary Life Membership of Justine Nicholl and Ian Town be deferred until such a time when the membership has had sufficient opportunity to consider the proposal. **Geoffrey Sullivan/ Julian Holderness. NOT CARRIED**

The meeting then proceeded to a vote on the following motions:

**MOTION:** That Justine Nicholl be elected an Honorary Life member of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association. **Geoffrey Sullivan/ Bill Knight. CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That Ian Town be elected an Honorary Life member of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association. **Geoffrey Sullivan/ Edward Glubb. CARRIED**

The President opened the floor to further general business.

A Sydney based member of the Association inquired as to why the School Song was no longer sung at College. The College song was remembered with fondness by many of the members present. The Old Boy who raised the issue offered to perform the song. However, it was decided that the reunion dinner may be a more appropriate occasion to break into verse. The President assured the Sydney Old Boy that the matter would be looked into.

Mr Polson concluded the meeting by thanking Geoffrey Sullivan for his two years of service as President.

The President declared the meeting closed at 5:17pm.