

OLD MUIRITE UNION NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter, 2024



LEAVING A LEGACY: THE LOCKER PROJECT

In 2023 an inspiring initiative took shape to raise funds for new equipment for the upgraded gym at Muir College – The Locker Project.

The heart of The Locker Project lay in honouring the legacy of past First Team Rugby players. Many of these legendary players were personally contacted to participate by purchasing a plaque bearing their name and the year/s they represented Muir College on the rugby field. These plaques have found their rightful place on the new lockers in the gym, serving as a permanent tribute to their contributions.

From July through to November we managed to sell 64 plaques. Phase 2 opened in February and concluded at the end of March 2024, allowing for those who missed out on the first phase to join in, commemorating their Muir College journey.

R60 000-00 was raised during Phase 1, and this was used to purchase essential gym equipment. This amount, along with the equipment, was ceremoniously handed over to Muir College at the Teacher Welcome Back event in January.

Our thanks to all who participated in The Locker Project and purchased plaques for themselves, for their family members or for their teammates who have passed on. Your generosity has left a lasting mark on your alma mater, ensuring that future generations continue to thrive in the spirit of excellence and camaraderie that defines Muir College.



Alan Nyoni, David Francis, Gert van Wyk, Andrew Binning, Lyntin Gouws, Geoffrey Hoppner, Claude Smith, Zarrin Zehmke

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Old Muirites Zarrin Zehmke and Geoffrey Hoppner with some of the 1st team rugby players



Claude Smith, Ryan Bhana, Joel Katz and Alan Noyani assisting a 1st team rugby player with the equipment



Peter Clark, Alf Coetzee and Ashley Goosen learning a few tricks from the 1st team rugby players



Ryan Bhana joins some of the School staff in lifting some weights... the 1st team rugby player



First team rugby players enjoying the gift of new equipment for the gymnasium



OMU President's Message

I have never felt so proud – joining over 60 Old Muirites in the middle of London for a Reunion of old boys living and working in the UK and Europe. Many guys had made a serious effort to be at the Greenwood Kitchen & Pub adjacent to the Victoria Underground Station. Stories of driving hundreds of miles, catching a 6 hour train, waiting for the last minute to catch the last train back home at 01.30 were stories doing the rounds – but what really hit home were the stories of school days, NC Dugmore shenanigans, sports stories, stories of teachers who had made a lasting impact and how proud everyone was of their alma mater, Muir College – situated 13 500 kilometres away. Plans for other Get-togethers and Reunions in Nelson Mandela Bay, Joburg, The United Arab Emirates and New Zealand are underway. This is what I signed up for – Old Muirites sticking together, networking, friends for life with a common and unified vision.



An annual highlight – Founder's Weekend – is also on the radar – and the OMU looks forward to welcoming old boys who will be celebrating special milestone Reunions in August. The annual OMU Golf Day & annual OMU Dinner are just two of the highlights planned for Founder's Weekend that should not be missed. Online bookings are open!

The OMU and Old Muirites have been able to make a contribution to supporting Muir College and its quest to upgrade and purchase further gym equipment by encouraging all previous 1st XV rugby players to purchase a plaque for the 1st XV Locker Room. This project has been well received and we encourage all old boys who played for the 1st Team to add your name to the many already purchased. Remember – you are supporting your alma mater – having your name erected on the locker is just a bonus!

Now – for the exciting part – the OMU is extremely excited about supporting the Muir Foundation in a series of identified Foundation Projects. The total estimated amount needing to be raised for these projects is ZAR 30m / US\$1.6m / Pound Sterling 1.25m. It is envisaged that the funds could be sourced from corporates, international funding organisations, Lotto, Foundations – as well as from Old Muirites willing to leave a legacy to their alma mater. **Project Champions and Project Assistants are sought – so if you feel you can play a role, please contact any of the OMU Committee members or Foundation Directors – this needs to be a Team effort.**

As my 5-year term as OMU President comes to an end I am excited about what lies ahead and would like to thank all stakeholders for the incredible support and for giving me the opportunity to lead such a vibrant, willing and enthusiastic Team. I look back with a sense of pride at all that we have achieved – and I look to the future to find ways of how I can continue to support the future Leadership. A special thank you to my classmates from the Class of 1988 – Mark Manlee, Joel Katz & Mark Bakker for joining us on the journey of OMU Leadership – long may our friendship and support of the OMU and our alma mater last gents.

Enjoy this bumper Newsletter Edition and make sure you also follow the recently-launched OMU Podcast series – hosted by Ncedo Marele, Class of 2005 – with an interview shared via OMU social media channels every 2nd Wednesday.

Nec Pluribus Impar

Andrew Binning
Old Muirite Union President

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STOP PRESS!

News has just reached us that Old Muirite **Frank Greenstein** (Class of 1968) has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (MOA) for his community work in Melbourne.

THE MUIRITE CLUBHOUSE COMES ALIVE

Friday 23 February marked the launch of our inaugural Social Get-Together at the Muirite Clubhouse on the Muir College campus. It was a relaxed evening filled with laughter, music and the unmistakable camaraderie of the Muir community.

The braais were blazing, the beats were pumping and DJ Darryn was on the decks! From Old Muirites to beloved teachers and friends of Muir, the clubhouse was abuzz with old tales and new connections.

It is intended that social get-togethers will now become regular events, taking place on the last Friday of each month. So mark your calendars and get ready for some fun on the following evenings:

- Friday 26 April
- Friday 31 May
- Friday 28 June
- Friday 26 July
- Friday 30 August
- Friday 27 September
- Friday 25 October
- Friday 29 November



Don't let FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) get the better of you! Grab your classmates, rally your crew and join us for these gatherings. And guess what ... we've got you covered. We now have card machines for your convenience.

Remember to BYOM (Bring Your Own Meat) (salads will be supplied), along with your tongs, cutlery and crockery. And most importantly, bring your charming personalities and fun attitude, because that is what will make these events truly special.

See you there!

Wendy Knott-Craig

OMU Manager



OLD MUIRITE UNION UK GET TOGETHER

On Saturday 9 March a vibrant gathering of 60 Old Muirites (and some friends) took place in a pub conveniently situated across the road from the Victoria Station in London, to reconnect, socialise, reminisce and have some fun.

Old Boys journeyed from far and wide to get to London – from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and all four corners of England. OMU President, Andrew Binning, travelled from South Africa to attend the event, and there were a few other “foreigners” in attendance, amongst them two from France and one from Germany.

The festivities started in the afternoon and ended at closing time, just after midnight. There was quite a vibe in the pub, with the Old Muirites chatting at full volume to the accompaniment of the commentary on a Six Nations match emanating from a TV in the corner (England defeated Ireland 23-22 in a dramatic contest at Twickenham to keep the Championship alive and sink Ireland's Grand Slam bid)

A particularly esteemed guest, Peter Muir Elliot, who is the great grandson of Sir Thomas Muir, made a special journey from France to be present at the gathering, adding an extra touch of significance to the occasion.

Andrew Binning shared some insights into the Old Muirite Union, The Muir Foundation and today's Muir College, giving the gents an overview of activities and future projects.

Many thanks the OMU's UK Representatives, Craig Cuyler, Carl Harrison and Mark “Buddy” Beckett for their efforts in putting this event together – and also to those who attended and contributed to the success of an amazing event.

Wendy Knott-Craig
OMU Manager



*Carl Harrison (UK Representative), Andrew Binning (OMU President),
Craig Cuyler (UK Representative) with
Peter Muir Elliot (Sir Thomas Muir great grandson)*



Peter Muir Elliott, Mark Pinnick, Dominic Lagan



OLD MUIRITE UNION UK GET TOGETHER



GET TOGETHER OF OLD MUIRITES IN THE UAE

On Friday 22 March, seven Old Muirites, residing in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), gathered in Dubai for an evening of camaraderie, food and conversation to acquaint themselves with one another.

The event took place in the Els Club located at Dubai Sports City.

Our thanks to Neil Hamp-Adams, OMU UAE Representative, for orchestrating this event and maintaining communication with all the Old Muirites in the region.



Edward Prinsloo (Class of 1993); Paul Miller (Class of 1990); Wayne Robertson (Class of 1987); Warren Hartley (Class of 2000); Neil Beaumont (Class of 1973), Neil Hamp-Adams (Class of 1987); and Damian Dennis (Class of 2006)



FOUNDERS' WEEKEND 2024



DIG OUT YOUR DIARIES - FIX UP YOUR FLIGHTS - FILL YOUR FERRARIS
SEARCH FOR YOUR TIES - BUTTON YOUR BLAZERS - WAVE TO YOUR WIVES ...
(AND RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!)

*But whatever it takes ... **BE THERE !***

FOUNDERS' WEEKEND, 8 – 10 August 2024

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Thursday 8	09h00	Founders' Assembly	Muir College Hall
	12h30	OMU Annual Golf Day	Walmer Golf Club
	Evening	Milestone Class Reunions	Each group to organise its own reunion
Friday 9	Evening	OMU Annual Dinner	Muir College Hall
Saturday 10	10h00	Muir Rugby Festival	Muir College Campus
	16h00-21h00	Opskop at the Clubhouse	The Muirite, Muir College Campus
Sunday 11		Milestone Class Reunions	Each group to organise its own reunion

Bookings have opened – please visit the OMU website to book your spot.
[\(https://muircollege.co.za/omu/omu-reunion-team/\)](https://muircollege.co.za/omu/omu-reunion-team/)

FOUNDERS' WEEKEND 2024

Old Muirites who will be celebrating Milestone Reunions are encouraged to attend this year's festivities and to make the most of a fun-filled weekend.

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25 years	1999	Mario Campbell	mrmpcampbell@gmail.com	+27785125970
25 years	1999	Afrika Mlahleki	afrikamlahleki39@gmail.com	+27736668888
25 years	1999	Lukhanyiso Msutu	lmsutu123@gmail.com	+27839855834
25 years	1999	Sipho Mavikela	sipho@llmconsulting.co.za	+27793903996
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40 years	1984	Antonie v.d Hoek	vanderhoek@mweb.co.za	+27824950884
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55 years	1969	Bill Stephens	stephens.willie@gmail.com	+27825589761
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PODCASTS COME TO THE OLD MUIRITE UNION



For those not in the know what a Podcast is:

Podcast (Noun)

a digital audio file made available on the internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device, typically available as a series, new instalments of which can be received by subscribers automatically.

In other words, it's similar to a radio show that you can listen to whenever you want to. It is usually made up of episodes on different topics. These podcasts can be found online and can be listened to via your smart phone, computer, or tablet.

Staying abreast of technological advancements and contemporary trends, the Old Muirite Union has embarked on a fortnight Podcast initiative. The inaugural episode aired on 6 March 2024 featuring **Andrew Binning**, OMU President.

These Podcasts episodes will be released every 2nd Wednesday and made available on the OMU's YouTube channel, as well as shared across the social media platforms.

Ncedo Marele, Class of 2005, spearheads the production of these podcasts on behalf of the OMU. Serving as interviewer, Ncedo excels in his role.

To date the following Old Muirites have been showcased:

- **Andrew Binning**, OMU President and Class of 1988
- **Lungile Maqoma**, Class of 2002
- **Jason Zehmke**, Class of 1994

Stay tuned for upcoming episodes featuring more distinguished Old Muirites

Headmaster's News

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - William Butler Yeats

The following is a summary of the First Term's happenings at Muir College.

Staff

Mrs Nombulelo Tyali retired at the end of the term, marking the end of her 17 years of service to Muir College, primarily as a teacher of Xhosa. Mrs Tyali's contributions have left an indelible mark on our school community, and we wish her well for the future.

After 20 years of dedication to our school, Mr Vincent Raepsaet resigned at the end of 2023, and he and his wife have now emigrated to Ireland. His commitment and his passion for education are sorely missed.

We welcome Mrs Theofista Young as our new Computer Applications Technology (CAT) teacher, replacing Mr Raepsaet.

Congratulations to Mrs Cherine van Tonder and her husband, Jonathan, on the recent birth of their son Noah; and to Mr Fritz Mynhardt and his wife, Almari, on the birth of their daughter Alri.

A warm welcome to Mr Rob Sharman, Old Muirite from the Class of 1971, who is teaching Mrs van Tonder's English classes while she is on maternity leave.

School Governing Body (SGB)

Our School Governing Body elections took place on 11 March. A complete list of the members of the new SGB has been posted on our social media platform. We welcome the new SGB members as they commence their term of office.

Academics

The matric class of 2023 made us very proud, sharing first position out of the 28 high schools in the Tinara education district with Hoërskool Brandwag, achieving a pass rate of 97,8% and a 66,3% 'Bachelors' (ie university entrance) pass rate. Daniel Beckley, Lonwabiso Gavani and Likhaya Loyiti all passed with distinction, with Loyiti as our top achiever.

Leadership Camp

The senior prefect and RCL leadership camp was held over two days in January at InniKloof in Hankey, under trained facilitators from Get Real Adventures. Our prefects had the opportunity to engage in team-building activities and to develop their vision for the school's discipline and learner body.

Grade 8 Welcome

The Grade 8s were welcomed into the senior school on 16 January, during the annual welcome event for new learners. This exposed the students to the school's culture and principles, while also encouraging them to foster close friendships and enduring memories.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cricket

In last week of the summer vacation, the Muir 1st XI played in the Makhanda Schools' Cricket Festival against Dale College, St Andrew's College and Woodridge College. Although Muir lost all three matches, there were some promising performances, with S. Soyaya and M. Lipskey returning excellent bowling figures of 5/22 vs Dale and 4/36 vs St Andrew's respectively.



During the First Term the 1st XI produced pleasing results against York (won by 7 wickets, S. Soyaya 4/32, J. Meyer 4/33 and H. Dingane 58), Brandwag (won by 5 wickets, A. Latola 3/8, B. Kilani 51 not out) and Union High (won by 5 wickets, L. Murray 5/6 and S. Soyaya 3/20, including a hat-trick), but lost to Graeme, Framesby and Westering.

The 2nd XI had a good term, with several wins, and 5-wicket hauls being achieved by R. Richards (5/20 vs Union High) and A. Roussouw (5/17 vs Alexander Road and 5/11 vs Brandwag.)

The U15A, the U14A and the Primary School cricketers also had a reasonably successful term, with some pleasing individual results.

Rugby

The first rugby fixtures of the 2024 season took place against Daniel Pienaar Technical High School on 2 March, this being the first round of the Tinara Cup. Unfortunately the results of our teams' efforts were not favourable, but it was encouraging to see that we were comfortably able to field the requisite ten teams against Daniel Pienaar – proof of the high level of interest in rugby at our school.

The Tinara Cup is a tournament involving collaboration between three schools: Hoerskool Brandwag, Daniel Pienaar and Muir College. Mr Wikus Viljoen, a coach from Brandwag, came up with the idea of the competition to promote greater interest in rugby at these three schools, and to develop talent among the participants. The tournament follows a format similar to the rugby championship, with 10 teams from each school competing in home and away games. Our next round of fixtures is on 12 April, when we will play against Brandwag on our home grounds.

On 16 March our senior teams participated in the Graeme Rugby Festival, while the U11 teams participated in the Clarendon Park Junior Festival. The U13A has had a particularly good start to its season, winning all four of its matches at the Bergsig Rugby Day.

Primary Athletics

After the Interhouse Athletics, 17 boys were chosen to represent Muir College at the Zonal athletics meeting, from which five went on to represent the Zone at the District meeting. Joshua Akilo (80m) and Zaheer Abrahams (100m) were chosen to represent the Uitenhage/Despatch District at the Metro Champs held at the Westbourne Oval on 17 February, and both qualified to run in the Eastern Cape Championships, held in Queenstown on 5 & 6 March.

Senior Athletics

The 2024 Athletics season started with a competitive athletics day. Dugmore was crowned the winner, with Sutherland in second place and Inggs in third place. 35 boys were selected to represent Muir College at the Uitenhage/Despatch district athletics meeting held on 8, 9 and 10 February at Bergsig High School, with our boys once again proving that they were second to none, achieving four gold, twelve silver, and three bronze positions.

Sixteen Muir boys then represented the Uitenhage/Despatch district at the Metro high schools' championships on 24 February at the Westbourne Oval. Special congratulations go to Tyler Jansen, who was selected to represent the Metro Team in the 100m at the East Cape high schools' championships.

Tennis

Tennis remains an important sport at our school, but unfortunately the first tennis team managed to win only two of its five matches in the first term.



Interact Club

In January the Interact Club held its executive board member induction ceremony for 2024, bidding farewell to the outgoing board members while expressing gratitude for their dedicated service. Mr Clive Hassel and Mr Leo Doria of the Uitenhage Rotary Club were the guest speakers.

The Club held three fundraising events during the 1st term: **Civvies Day**, a Rotary Club 4km Fun-Run and a Flip Flop Day: the funds raised are to be used to support children and teens with cancer.

The next Interact event will be a **ROCK-A-SOCK** day for children with Down's Syndrome.



Environmental Club

This term the Environmental Club conducted a clean-up at Willows Dam where our learners, equipped with gloves and bags, walked through the public park picking up and carefully disposing of litter. Litter control is one of the key focuses of the Environmental Club, as it teaches our learners about respecting the natural environment and the value of keeping the environment clean and safe for future use.



Our members also attended a hike up the Lady's Slipper via Falcon Rock. Many of the learners found the red trail challenging, but also uniquely rewarding due to the tremendous array of floral diversity and impressive vistas.

At the end of the term, ten of our experienced members hiked the Alexandria 36km trail with Mr Field and Mr Evans, covering the distance over two days.

Matric Dance Committee

The Dance Committee held a fund-raiser during the annual school gala, with a second event planned for the second term, this being the annual Roar Talent show. Funds raised will go towards the Matric dance, which is due to take place on 5 July.

Blood Donations

The first 2024 Blood Drive took place in January in the Muir College School Hall. More than 50 units of blood were collected by SANBS from Grade 10, 11, and 12 blood donors.



Student Christian Association

The year kicked off with the annual SCA Leadership Camp at the Leaders In Life School & Sports Camp in Addo. The event consisted of SCA groups from both Muir College and Riebeek College, and was an enjoyable, memorable and spiritual experience for all involved.

This event was followed by the Grade 8 SCA Welcome Evening at Riebeek College. The night comprised exciting icebreakers and games, and ended with a praise and worship session.

Debating

The season started with the Framesby Debating Festival at the end of January. This was a productive and enriching introduction to the season, as it offered new debaters an opportunity to learn the ropes and to face their fear of speaking in public. It also prepared them well for the league.

Two teams were registered in the senior Gqeberha/Kariega league. Muir 1 worked hard in every preparation session. The team unfortunately won only one of their debates, for which Thabang Dilika was adjudged the Best Speaker. Muir 2 did exceptionally well, being undefeated by the end of the league rounds, and was ranked 6th in the league, qualifying for the quarter finals in March. Unfortunately the team was knocked out by Alexander Road 1 in the semi-finals.



This year, for the first time, we also registered a primary school team in the Gqeberha Primary School Debating League. Their performance exceeded expectations, as they managed to beat an experienced Erica Girls' Primary team.

General

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support of our Old Boys. Schools like ours are fortunate to have such a strong organization aiding us in our endeavors. We are particularly grateful to the Class of 1980 for its recent generosity in donating a noticeboard and an overhead projector for use in Mrs Noma Vokwana's classroom. The primary boys are having much more fun in the isiXhosa class now!

We wish all Old Muirites and their families a happy and blessed autumn holiday.

David Francis

Headmaster

TEACHERS' WELCOME TEA



On Monday, 15 January 2024, the Old Muirite Union continued its new tradition of showing appreciation for the important role that teachers play in the life of Muir College, with the 3rd Annual Welcome Tea for returning teachers – and a warm welcome for those who joined the staff this year.

Old Muirites spanning many generations gathered in The Muirite to welcome the teachers to the 2024 academic year, and to assure them of the support of the OMU.

During the event, we revisited cherished school traditions that have shaped Muir College into the institution it is today. Information was also shared about the role and support provided by the OMU to the school.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Levyvale Spar for their generous sponsorship of the delicious cupcakes, which were much appreciated by all in attendance.



THE MUIR FOUNDATION BURSARIES



THE MUIR FOUNDATION

The Muir Foundation acts as a vehicle for the raising of funds and the provision of bursaries for deserving learners at Muir College, thereby supporting the commitment of various donors and stakeholders to education in general and Muir College in particular, while enabling deserving learners to pursue their academic and personal development within a well-managed and disciplined academic environment.

OMU Solar Project (R100 000 per annum)

The establishment of Muir College bursaries to be funded from income derived from the Solar Project was announced in 2021. The initial commitment of the Foundation was to provide R100 000 per annum from this source, but it is intended that this amount will escalate in years to come, not only compensating for inflation, but also assisting more learners.

The number of recipients each year, their selection and the extent of support extended to each individual (full or 50% school fees, full or 50% hostel fees, or a combination of such amounts) is determined by the Muir College Scholarships Committee, which includes the Headmaster and the Chairman of the School Governing Body.



Class of 1980 Bursary

The Class of 1980 actively raised funds for several years to establish a bursary aimed at supporting a deserving young man. The funds collected were entrusted to The Muir Foundation for management purposes.

This bursary is available to prospective learners who are not currently enrolled at Muir College but who will be given the opportunity to become a "well-rounded" Muirite.

Members of the Class of 1980 were provided with a list of candidates by the School's Scholarship Committee, from which they selected Jaden Smith to be the recipient of their bursary.

We had the opportunity to meetup with Jaden and other bursary recipients, during which Jaden shared the following insights with us.



Jaden Smith

Grade in 2024 8 (Standard 6)

Which Primary School did you attend?

Kabega Primary School

Share one memory of Primary School

Winning the rugby 7s tournament at Tjaard van der Walt

Tell us about your family

I have a mother and father and we usually play outside. I have 2 older brothers and one younger one, who attends Hill College.

Who is your role model & why?	Cheslin Kolbe because he is a very good rugby player
What are you most looking forward to by being at Muir College? OR What do you enjoy most about being at Muir College?	Playing rugby for Muir College and using the gym to improve myself.
What is your favourite school subject?	Mathematics
Which is your favourite sport?	Rugby
Do you have any ideas for a future career, if so, share some information with us.	Professional rugby player
If you could meet any well-known personality in the world and spend a day with him/her, who would it be and why?	Cheslin Kolbe to talk about us and rugby
If you could go back in time and change anything – what would you change?	Missing Prestige Evening for my Grade 7 rugby accomplishment
Water / coffee / energy drink / cooldrink?	Coffee
Pasta / meat / vegetables?	Pasta
Watch a live sports match or a match on TV?	Watch a live sports match
Rea / watch TV / social media?	Social Media
Favourite music style	Rap
Favourite artist?	Lil Baby
Favourite Series?	Rick & Morty

The VW Trust Bursaries (R250 000 per annum, initially for 5 years from 2023)

At the gala dinner celebrating the Bicentenary of Muir College in 2022, Volkswagen South Africa announced that it would be providing the school with an annual amount of R250 000 for bursaries over the following five years – a total of R1 250 000.

These bursaries cover tuition and hostel fees, and the funding is received via The Muir Foundation which collaborates with the VW Trust and Muir College in the selection of the recipients.

Meet the Recipients of this bursary.



Achumile Nzewuza Grade in 2024 Grade 11 (Standard 9)

Which Primary School did you attend?	Susanha Fourie Primary School
Share one memory of Primary School	When I was a cheerleader for the Athletics day
Tell us about your family	My family is my inspiration to work. They are people who I am eternally grateful for because they push me to work hard.
Who is your role model & why?	Cristiano Ronaldo because of his incredible work ethic.
Which House are you in at Muir College?	Dugmore
What are you most looking forward to by being at Muir College? What do you enjoy most about being at Muir College?	The brotherhood within the school. Everyone in the school is together
What is your favourite school subject?	Computer Applications Technology (C.A.T.)

Which is your favourite sport?	Rugby
Do you participate in any societies at Muir College?	No, I do not participate in any societies
Do you have any ideas for a future career, if so, share some information with us.	I'm interested in doing robotics engineering
If you could meet any well-known personality in the world and spend a day with him/her, who would it be and why?	Cristiano Ronaldo because I would want to hear how he works so hard and what motivates him.
If you could go back in time and change anything – what would you change?	It would be apartheid because it set South Africa back
Water / coffee / energy drink / cooldrink?	Water
Pasta / meat / vegetables?	Meat
Watch a live sports match or a match on TV?	Watch a live sports match
Read / watch TV / social media?	Read
Favourite music style	House music
Favourite artist?	Kelvin Momo
Favourite Series?	How I met your mother



Eshaan Vasi

Grade in 2024 10 (Standard 8)

Which Primary School did you attend?	Muir College
Share one memory of Primary School	When it was Covid-19 and all the Grade 7's were bunched up in the hall and we had to learn from the projectors instead of white boards.
Tell us about your family.	I am the only child and we have 2 dogs
Who is your role model & why?	David Coggins, because of his work ethic and discipline
Which House are you in at Muir College?	Sutherland
What are you most looking forward to by being at Muir College? OR What do you enjoy most about being at Muir College?	The brotherhood and the spirit of Muir College, as well as the 2024 rugby season
What is your favourite school subject?	Mathematics
Which is your favourite sport?	Rugby
Do you participate in any societies at Muir College?	Social Christian Association and the Environmental Club
Do you have any ideas for a future career, if so, share some information with us.	I would like to do something in the medical field, although I am not quite exactly sure what just yet.
If you could meet any well-known personality in the world and spend a day with him/her, who would it be and why?	I would spend my day with Lewis Hamilton because he is very likeable and looks like he's a fun person to talk with.
If you could go back in time and change anything – what would you change?	I would change the period where inequality started and end it.
Water / coffee / energy drink / cooldrink?	Water
Pasta / meat / vegetables?	Meat

Watch a live sports match or a match on TV? Watch a live sports match

Rea / watch TV / social media? Social Media

Favourite music style 90's R&B

Favourite artist? Usher, Frank Ocean and SZA

Favourite Series? Prison break



Izzudeen Kharva

Grade in 2024 9 (Standard 7)

Which Primary School did you attend? Dower

Share one memory of Primary School I became the Head Boy

Tell us about your family. I have a brother, Haythaam. Every Saturday our family likes to go fishing

Who is your role model & why? Nelson Mandela. He stood up against apartheid and fought for the rights of all South Africans

Which House are you in at Muir College? Dugmore

What are you most looking forward to by being at Muir College?

OR What do you enjoy most about being at Muir College? Watching sport events and being with my friends

What is your favourite school subject? Natural Science

Which is your favourite sport? Karate

Do you participate in any societies at Muir College? I am planning to participate in something, but I do Karate

Do you have any ideas for a future career, if so, share some information with us. When I grow up I would like to become a zoologist. Subjects needed for this are Natural Science and Maths.

If you could meet any well-known personality in the world and spend a day with him/her, who would it be and why? Nelson Mandela, he fought for South Africans' rights

If you could go back in time and change anything - what would you change? I would stop people from polluting the earth

Water / coffee / energy drink / cooldrink? Cooldrink

Pasta / meat / vegetables? Meat

Watch a live sports match or a match on TV? Live sports match

Rea / watch TV / social media? Watch TV

Favourite music style I don't really listen to music but I would choose classic

Favourite artist? I don't have a favourite artist

Favourite Series? Kurulus Asman



Luviwe January

Grade in 2024 9 (Standard 7)

<i>Which Primary School did you attend?</i>	Little Flower Primary School
<i>Share one memory of Primary School</i>	At the primary school I was elected to be a prefect
<i>Tell us about your family.</i>	I have two sisters and I am the last born child and the only boy
<i>Who is your role model & why?</i>	Makazola Maphimpi because he was an orphan but he still succeeded
<i>Which House are you in at Muir College?</i>	Dugmore
<i>What are you most looking forward to by being at Muir College? OR What do you enjoy most about being at Muir College?</i>	What I enjoy about the school is how we are treated as a brotherhood.
<i>What is your favourite school subject?</i>	Mathematics
<i>Which is your favourite sport?</i>	Tennis
<i>Do you participate in any societies at Muir College?</i>	No
<i>Do you have any ideas for a future career, if so, share some information with us.</i>	In the future I want to be an electrical engineer
<i>If you could meet any well-known personality in the world and spend a day with him/her, who would it be and why?</i>	Makazola Maphimpi, to ask him how he succeeded and how it felt
<i>If you could go back in time and change anything – what would you change?</i>	I would try to stop people from using coal, to reduce global warming
<i>Water / coffee / energy drink / cooldrink?</i>	Cooldrink
<i>Pasta / meat / vegetables?</i>	Pasta
<i>Watch a live sports match or a match on TV?</i>	Watch a live sports match
<i>Rea / watch TV / social media?</i>	Watch TV
<i>Favourite music style</i>	Rap
<i>Favourite artist?</i>	Rod Wave
<i>Favourite Series?</i>	The Kingsman



Onwaba Nkahlhla

Grade in 2024 9 (Standard 7)

<i>Which Primary School did you attend?</i>	Dower Practising School
<i>Share one memory of Primary School</i>	Winning the soccer school tournament at Dalerose Primary school
<i>Tell us about your family.</i>	It is me, my sister, my other and great grandmother.
<i>Who is your role model & why?</i>	Lionel Messi, the way he dribbled past players
<i>Which House are you in at Muir College?</i>	Dugmore
<i>What are you most looking forward to by being at Muir College? OR What do you enjoy most about being at Muir College?</i>	The many events

<i>What is your favourite school subject?</i>	IsiXhosa
<i>Which is your favourite sport?</i>	Soccer
<i>Do you participate in any societies at Muir College?</i>	No
<i>Do you have any ideas for a future career, if so, share some information with us.</i>	Yes, a Soccer player or being an accountant
<i>If you could meet any well-known personality in the world and spend a day with him/her, who would it be and why?</i>	Lionel Messi so he can teach me what effort you will need to put in to become a great player.
<i>If you could go back in time and change anything - what would you change?</i>	Apartheid and racism
<i>Water / coffee / energy drink / cooldrink?</i>	Energy drink
<i>Pasta / meat / vegetables?</i>	Pasta
<i>Watch a live sports match or a match on TV?</i>	Watch a live sports match
<i>Rea / watch TV / social media?</i>	Social media
<i>Favourite music style</i>	Amapiano
<i>Favourite artist?</i>	Lil Baby
<i>Favourite Series?</i>	Chucky

OMU SURVEY FEEDBACK

OMU President Andrew Binning recently conducted an on-line survey, which was distributed via bulk email to all Old Muirites globally. 522 individuals responded and completed the questionnaire.

The aim of the survey was two-fold:

1. To allow Old Muirites the opportunity to provide feedback; and
2. For the OMU to gather information to further enhance the OMU Database.

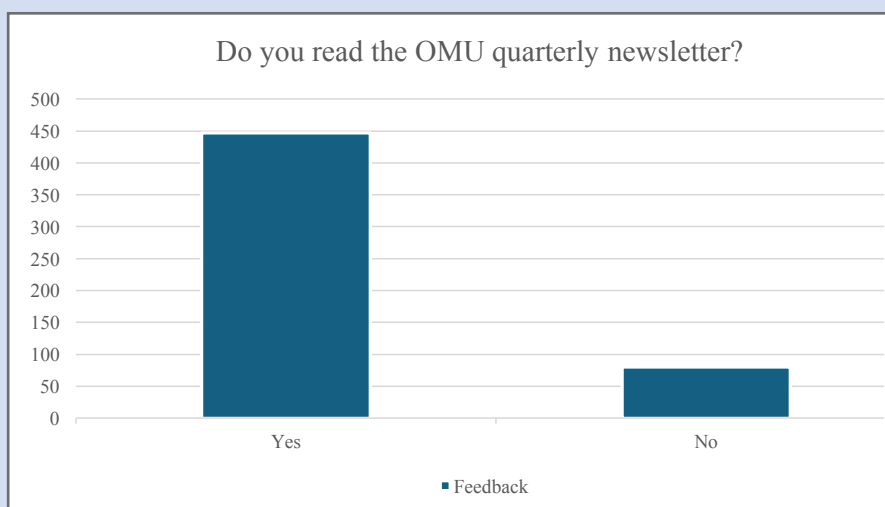
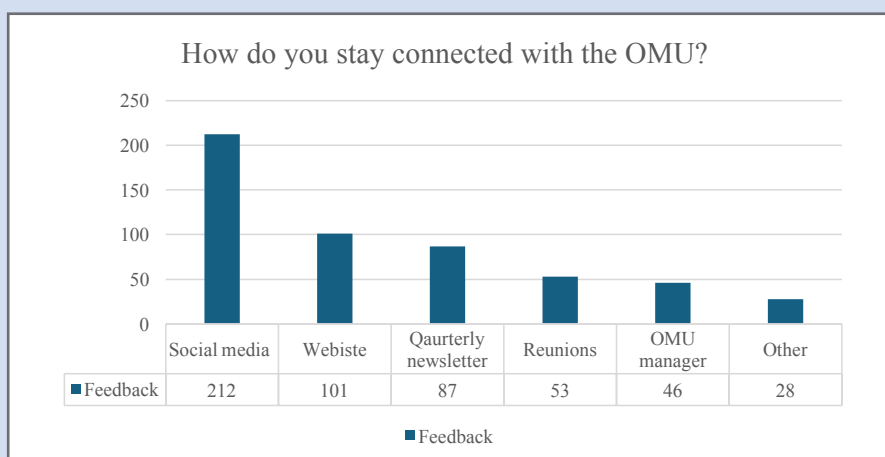
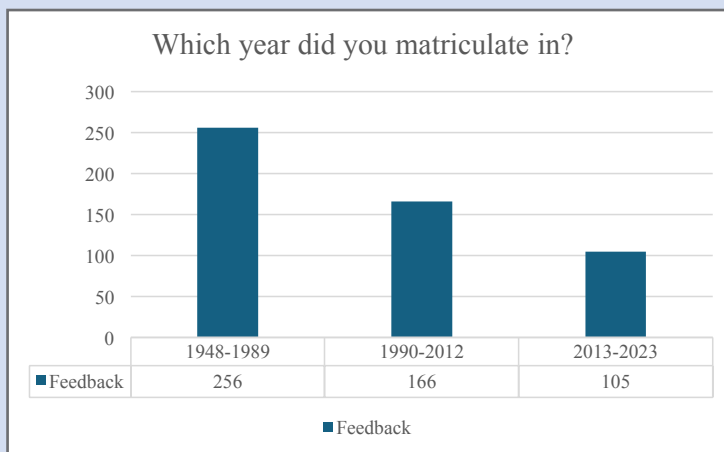
Many thanks to those who took part in this initiative which has given a lot of insight into what is enjoyed by Old Muirites, what we can change and some suggestions going forward.

TOP 5 CLASSES TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

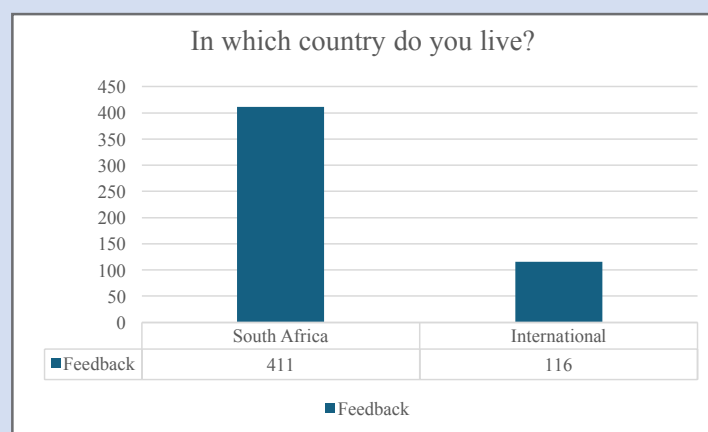
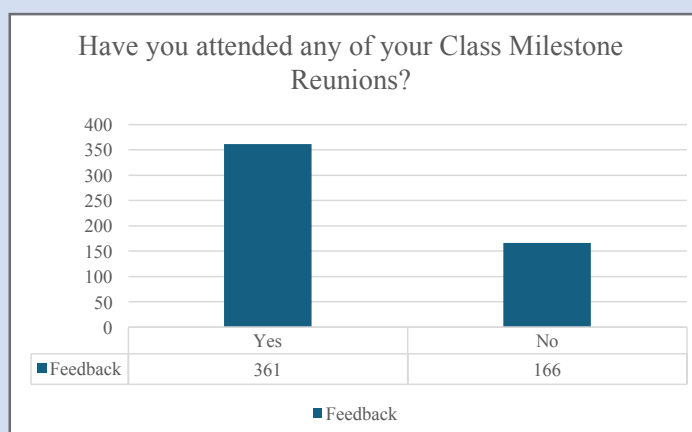
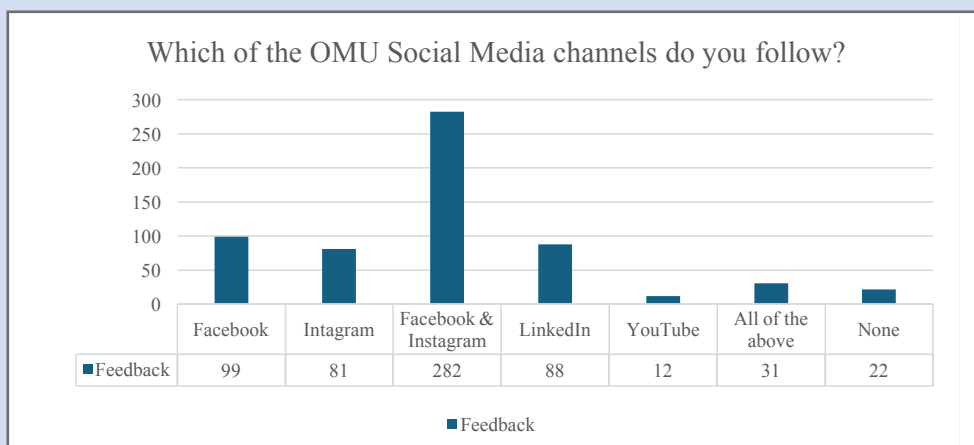
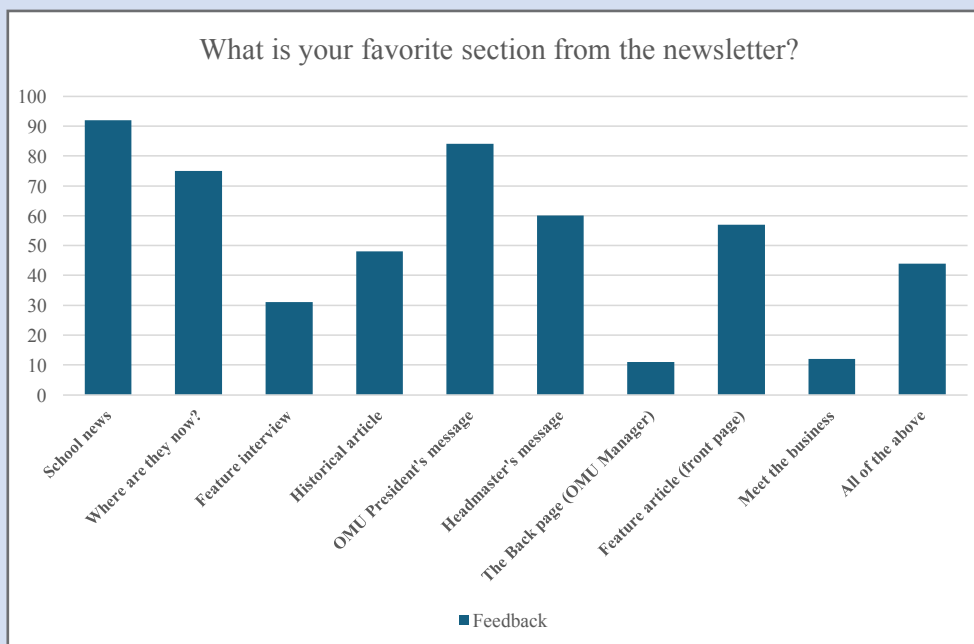
1. Class of 1988
2. Class of 1991
3. Class of 1984
4. Class of 1974
5. Class of 2023

OMU SURVEY FEEDBACK

The following are some of the findings from the survey:



OMU SURVEY FEEDBACK



SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS MADE:

- Let's continue making the College great.
- Keep up the good work!
- Maybe if the get together can be in the holidays like June or long weekends or maybe during the Principal's Symposium in PE from 1 to 4 September normally. It would be nice to see all my old colleagues.
- Thank you for keeping the ship afloat!
- Thank you for a sterling job. Would be great to request the school to share its vision on how to keep improving matric and sporting results.
- Great to catch up at the 200, lots of change, mostly good.
- Looking forward to our 40th reunion later this year.
- Just keep the Old Boys news flowing and thanks for all the hard work and time. It's quite a sacrifice delivering your quality of service to us old boys.
- The class of 1961, inspired by PC Ellis, were the first to have a 25-year reunion during Founders' Weekend in 1986. HO Skillicorn and Tom Ferreira were special guests at our table. We are proud to have begun an OMU tradition, despite what the class of 1962 wish to claim!
- Our class of '63 are very active via our Class WhatsApp group. It's fond reminiscence (sic) among mates of the same age and era.
- I appreciate getting your emails. I was born in 1931 so there are not many of my classmates still with us.
- I humbly believe that we need to bolster sponsorships in Muir, sponsoring the flagship teams – the 1st Teams in their codes, the Colts teams and ... the U13A teams. Ultimately, we are all proud OMU members and proud Old Muirites, but how many have their children at Muir College? How many would enrol their children at Muir? We need to do our best to build up the good name of Muir. We need and can do more. Our young lads must look the part, feel the part and get the correct training and coaching to be the part.
- Very happy with the current way the committee runs and organizes things, as well as always being kept informed of any news and developments by Wendy.
- Pleased to find out about the UK Get-together. Hoping to have more of them to become more involved in supporting the OMU and the school.
- Many Muirites now live in Europe, and building a robust networking plan would be good.
- I have supported the OMU since leaving school and it has never been run as well as over the past few years under Andrew Binning's leadership with support from his team and excellent service provided by Wendy.
- Have the Founders' Day / Reunion celebrations in March again.
- I look forward to receiving the high-quality OMU Newsletter. Also appreciate the responsiveness to my emails and inquiries. All very professional and a credit to the school.
- Although I am overseas, I love following the OMU and feel very proud to be a member. Love your work boys!!

- Remember that Muir College is in Uitenhage and not PE. So other than personal functions held, social functions should be held at The Muirite club and /or school hall, not at a golf club in PE.
- The current Committee is doing a great job in socializing the school's activities, news and upkeep of information for the Old Boys. Keep up the great work!
- Keep up the good work (and it was great witnessing the career expo that took place at the 200th year celebrations). I'm curious if there's ever thoughts or conversations around mentorship for the young Muirites and those in their early years of varsity. Just fruit for thought.
- I really appreciate everything that that is done by the committee. I would like to ask if they can arrange an Old Boys' Rugby match every year on the Reunion Weekend. It would be nice to see the Old Boys playing a Cricket Match against the 1st XI.
- Keep those veins running BLUE.
- Tap into all Old Boys' knowledge locally and globally. Have more info sessions vlogs, podcasts or talks and encourage more involvement where applicable.
- You are all doing a great job. Your work ethic and discipline is evident in the manifestation of your events and functions. We appreciate your investment in the OMU.
- We need to find solutions to be more competitive. A lot of good is happening, but solutions need to be found.
- Please publish the OMU's and the Trust's Financials.
- Gratitude for all you do for all of us. Special thanks to Wendy, she is brilliant!
- I am especially happy with the newsletter keeping us updated with what's going on at the College, also because it makes it easier to create connections with other Muirites who are perhaps in the same field as I am.



FIVE YEARS AT THE HELM

*Rob Sharman interviewed **Andrew Binning** on the eve of the latter's recent departure for London, where the OMU President was due to meet and address a gathering of Old Muirites who are currently resident in the UK.*

Born in 1971, **Andrew Binning** (Class of '88) was destined to be a commuter for all of his high school career. Catching the morning train as it passed through Redhouse, he joined some 30 other boys in blue from PE, Sydenham, Despatch and other stops – many frantically trying to complete their homework as the train rocked back and forth. Upon arrival in Uitenhage, they would hurriedly alight and cram themselves into a large school bus that would all-too-soon deposit them on the doorstep of the famous red-brick buildings in Park Avenue – just too late for the formalities of morning assembly, but not too late for the special post-assembly hair and uniform inspections to which the regular latecomers were periodically subjected. The afternoon return train trip was, however, frequently prefaced by a long, hot footslog to the station in full uniform – blazer et al, in the true Muir tradition.



Andrew fondly recalls the halcyon days of his boyhood in Redhouse, once home to the famous River Mile in which so many Muirites excelled in the past, and still home to the pink-blazered Zwartkops Rowing Club (ZRC) that was for many years run by Old Muirite Cedric Ferreira and that is in its 150th year under the watchful eye of his

widow, Denise. He recalls that his seven years at Redhouse Primary School were particularly happy, perhaps because the classes were very small, with only seven pupils in his Standard 5 class.

Although he regrets never having been a boarder at Muir, Andrew participated fully in school life. Sport was something of an obsession for the young Binning, with tennis (Muir 1st Team, coached by Old Muirite Jeff Myburgh), cricket and hockey amongst his most memorable pastimes. He also enjoyed his involvement in lower-league rugby which apparently blossomed at Muir College in the late 1980s when a major drive led to unprecedented levels of enrolment, with the Muir



9th (open) XV enjoying a fairly successful season in '88, punctuated by occasional victories against the 3rd and 4th teams of rival schools.

Andrew's prowess in tennis seems to have had its roots in his youthful participation, egged on by a supportive father, in the activities of the Redhouse Tennis Club, the annual championship of which Andrew won several times, his first taste of such victory being while in Standard 9 at Muir, just after the school's move to the new Vanes Estate campus.

While academic activities held little attraction for Andrew during his school days, he nevertheless gained admission to the University of Port Elizabeth where he registered for a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He initially intended to major in Law, but his focus soon shifted to Marketing and Industrial Psychology. While at UPE he became involved in the Student Christian Association, and this eventually led to his participation in two missions as part of international student groups, one in Poland and the other in Italy. In both instances the students were billeted with local families, and Andrew well recalls how his then scrawny frame led to his being plied with heaps of food by no-nonsense hostesses. Upon his return to South Africa, the somewhat less scrawny Binning was invited to become a youth camp promoter and organizer for The Scripture Union, a position he held for three years before taking the plunge into the business world in partnership with Rhodes Pharmacy graduate, Mkhululi Palane. Twenty-six years later, Andrew is still running Inkanyezi Events,



organizing trade shows, product launches and other events from his home base in Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

Given his experience in community service and events management, it was not surprising that in 2019, having already spent a few years on the OMU committee, Andrew Binning accepted the role of point man in the OMU's campaign leading up to Muir College bicentenary celebrations in 2022. Little did he know at that time that the Covid-19 pandemic was looming, and that the lean times during lockdown (when no gatherings were permitted and, therefore, his company had no events to manage) would leave him with time on his hands – and we all know what the devil does with idle hands! From March 2019 the new OMU President had committed himself to injecting new life into the Union, and his enthusiasm soon led to the decision to take steps to ensure that the administration of the organization was placed on a more professional footing. The consequence of that decision was the employment of Wendy Knott-Craig – and the rest, as 'they' say, is history.

As he approaches the end of his stint as President, Andrew can look back on the past five years with considerable satisfaction, with the Union stronger than it has ever been, largely as a result of greatly-intensified marketing and communications, of which this regular Newsletter is a prime example.

Amongst the achievements of the past five years have been the Union's vastly-expanded membership database, an enlarged leadership team that includes members in all major centres in South Africa and in numerous countries worldwide, well-attended regular gatherings of various kinds (including particularly well-attended AGMs), the establishment of The Muir Foundation and, of course, the overwhelmingly successful celebrations of the bicentenary of South Africa's oldest boys' school in 2022.

In spite of the impact that Andrew's commitment to the OMU must have had on his family, zoologist and self-taught company bookkeeper Karen, whom Andrew met at the Walmer Methodist Church and married in 1997, has been very supportive of his efforts, as have their three daughters, one of whom regularly wears Muir200 regalia.

And what of the future? Andrew points out that one of the less-publicised achievements of the Union in recent years has been leadership succession planning, and he is therefore confident that his successor will enjoy the support of a strong team, of which, it seems likely, Andrew will be a key member for many years to come.

I am sure that all Old Boys will agree that Andrew Binning's contribution to the Old Muirite Union has been invaluable, and will join me in thanking him for his energetic, enthusiastic and highly-effective leadership.



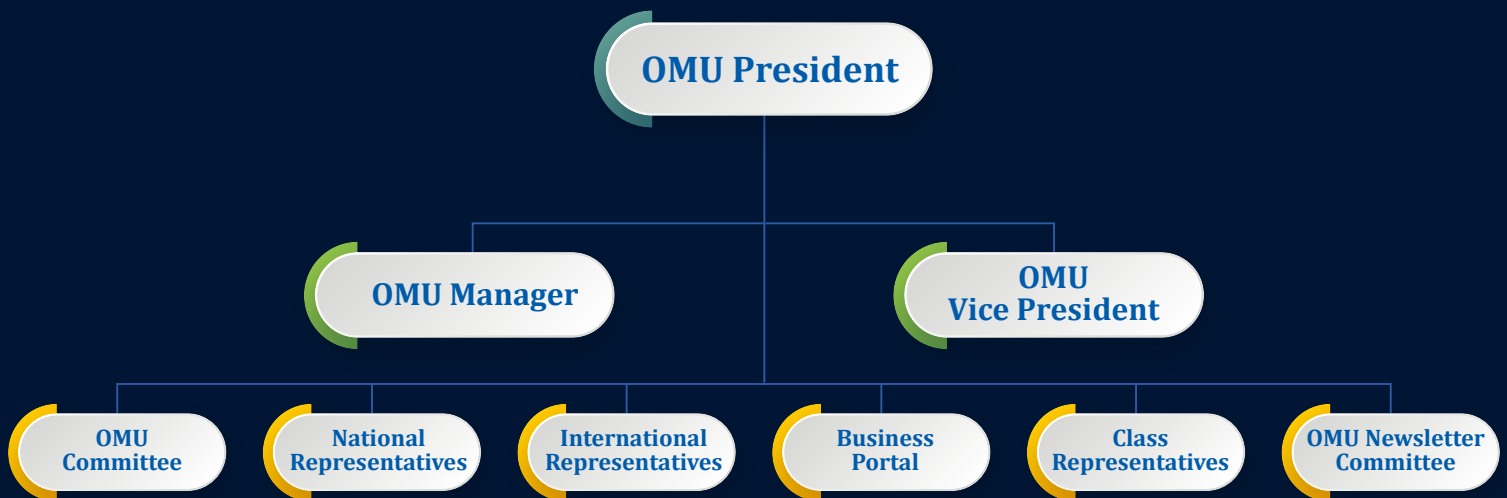
Listen to Ncedo Marele's podcast interview with OMU President **Andrew Binning** on YouTube, at <https://youtu.be/2Lv2wPpecyI>

Written by:
Rob Sharman,
Class of 1971





OMU Leadership Structure



The full breakdown of the OMU Leadership, with their photos, can be found at the end of the newsletter (pages 46-54).

Alternatively, please visit for the full document:

<https://muircollege.co.za/omu/omu-committee-members/>

OMU LEADERSHIP

We are excited to introduce the following eight Old Muirites who have been invited onto the Leadership Team.



Eshaan Prag

Class Representative,
Class of 2023



Lilitha Hempe

Class Representative,
Class of 2017



Vuyo Kwindla

Class Representative,
Class of 2015



Siphesihle January

Class Representative,
Class of 2014



Nonelela Gada

National Representative,
Nelson Mandela Bay Region,
Class of 2012



Mfundo Magongo

National Representative, Gauteng,
Class of 2005



Brent Robey

National Representative, Gauteng,
Class of 1977



Grant Wilkinson

National Representative, Gauteng,
Class of 1997

GOING BACK IN TIME

‘RENAISSANCE MEN’ OF MUIR

In a Founders’ Day address to the school in 1999, guest speaker Michael Strohman, an Old Muirite and former Muir staff member, paid tribute to his former teachers, in particular to Michael King and Neill Hoare, whom he described as embodying the spirit of ‘renaissance men’. By this he meant their demonstrated ability to combine the sciences and the arts to achieve a balance as educators. Neill Hoare was the Senior Science teacher who produced many acclaimed plays and musicals for the school, while Mike King, Muir’s vice-principal, Senior Maths teacher and an accomplished musician, was musical director of several Muir College productions directed by Neill Hoare. Strohman described both men as having exemplified the ‘nobility of the teaching profession’.



Mike King

Early in his address he raised the prospect that most school leavers would have to find employment outside the formal sector, and would have to provide for themselves and explore their skills as much as possible. Strohman’s audience could thus conclude that an array of different interests and talents could stand them in good stead when they left school. A well-rounded education, not only inside the classroom, but in extra-mural activities that encouraged cultural and sporting pursuits, was something that the likes of Neill Hoare and Mike King stood for. How appropriate then, that leading participants in musical productions driven by these two educators should in a large number of cases have been first team players in various sports, especially perhaps, in rugby.

It was not surprising that some of this should have rubbed off on Muir boys who were receptive to a diversity of interests. In terms of a harmonious blend of sporting and cultural pursuits in one individual, no Muir pupil in the past few decades is likely to have exemplified this more than 1996 matriculant, Mandla Busakwe.



Mandla Busakwe

Mandla’s most outstanding achievements in sport were in rugby, in which he was selected for the EP U/17 Academy in 1994, EP U/19B in 1995, and EP U/19A in his matric year, 1996. In the same year Mandla was selected for the South African Academy side that played against the touring Scottish Schools team in a curtainraiser to the Springboks versus All Blacks test match in Durban. A front ranker for the Muir 1st XV, he was awarded colours by the school. An extremely versatile sportsman, Mandla also played first team soccer and excelled in athletics, holding the Muir record for the U/17 discus as well as being an accomplished sprinter – perhaps rather unusual for a front ranker in rugby?



Mike Strohman



Neill Hoare

Some might also have seen something unusual in a school rugby star at international level having a fine singing voice and occupying a leading position in the school choir, as well as being selected for the East Cape Youth Choir, in which he was deputy lead chorister. Mandla appears to have inspired fellow school choristers to follow his example in choral work: in 1997 no fewer than thirteen Muir College choristers were selected for the Eastern Cape Youth Choir. Pursuing a diversity of interests with distinction was quite the order of the day for Mandla Busakwe, who was both a school and a hostel prefect, and also involved himself in other worthwhile projects such as the school's Interact Club.

Mrs Cheryl Vermaak, who trained the Muir College choir during Mandla's day, was requested to write a few lines about Mandla for this short article, and this is what she said:

Mandla often pops up in my memories of my thirteen years at Muir. He was a talented foundation member of the College Choir, and was selected for the East Cape Youth Choir, where he became Deputy Head. He also had a role in the 1997 Muir/Riebeeck production of the musical drama, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Always positive, loyal and enthusiastic, he was the epitome of a true Muirite.



Mandla Busakwe

Mandla was an inaugural Enrichment Year pupil at Muir in 1997, having earned a special acknowledgement in school magazine, *The Muirite*, at the end of the previous year. It concluded as follows:

Mandla achieved on the sports field and still managed to remain humble. He is a true gentleman on and off the rugby field and the younger boys would do well to use him as a role model.

Mandla Busakwe was also a role model as a multi-dimensional achiever at school. It would be no exaggeration to compare him in similar vein to the teachers mentioned earlier, as embodying the spirit of 'renaissance men' in the diversity of his interests and talents, and what this could mean for him in the future.

When interviewed by the Old Muirite Union many years after his school days, he expressed an element of his personal philosophy:

'Every mountain top is the valley of another... Keep Climbing.'



Written by:

Charles van Renen,

Class of 1963

OLD MUIRITES GIVING BACK

Old Muirite brothers, Nyameko Magongo (Class of 1993) and Mfundo Magongo (Class of 2005) are changing the narrative in disadvantaged communities.

Through the JB Magongo Foundation NPO, a foundation that they co-founded with their family and that is led by their father, the Reverend TR Magongo, they are establishing Sports, Arts, and Culture platforms to use as game-changers, primarily in disadvantaged communities.

Julius Bonakele 'JB' Magongo is the grandfather of Nyameko & Mfundo whom, during apartheid years, supplemented his gardening income by becoming a golf caddie at the Royal Port Alfred Golf Club. JB would have been awarded provincial and national colours, but because of the era he lived and played golf in, he could not be awarded these acknowledgements. His passion and love for golf lead him to play for various clubs in the Eastern Cape and it changed the trajectory of his future generations by opening his world view and insisting on a better education and future for his children and thus his grandchildren.

The recent JB Magongo Golf Challenge (JBMGC), held on 26 December 2023 at the prestigious Port Elizabeth Golf Club, is an example of their socially impactful efforts. Juniors (12 to 18 years) participate for free in the tournaments and are transported at no cost from Port Alfred and Gqeberha townships. Junior [Boy and Girl] champions are awarded functional personal and family prizes and receive school bursaries.

The JBMGC 2023 was the fourth annual tournament arranged by the Foundation, and it was a resounding success, with no fewer than 120 golfers (80 seniors and 40 juniors). This year's tournament received great support and participation by the following key personalities:

- the Mayor of the Nelson Mandela Bay, Coucillor Gary Van Niekerk
- trailblazing fashion icon from Nelson Mandela Bay, Mr Laduma Ngxokolo of the MAXHOSA AFRICA global boutique
- award-winning motivational speaker, Mr Putco Mafani
- aspiring professional golfer and role model from Nelson Mandela Bay, Mr Fezekile Kana
- supportive Old Muirite, Mr Thando (JR) Headbush

The brothers are excited at the prospect of returning to the Port Elizabeth Golf Club on 26 December 2024 for the 5th JBMGC tournament.

Should any Old Muirites wish to become involved in this initiative, please reach out to the OMU for contact details.



Mfundo Magongo, JR Headbush and Nyameko Magongo getting ready to tee off



Fashion Icon, Laduma Ngxokolo, of the MAXHOSA AFRICA Clothing range

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Lonwabo Marele
(Class of 2012)

Lonwabo Marele recently interviewed Athenkosi Faku and Oyintanda Gqomo.

with friends, he understands the significance of finding balance amidst a busy schedule.

In his leisure time, Athenkosi immerses himself in the pages of "The Family Upstairs". Additionally, house music tops his playlist.

Looking back on his time as a Muirite, Faku recalls a humorous incident involving singing in the corridors:

Athenkosi Faku, Class of 2011

Meet Athenkosi Faku, a proud Muir College alumnus who graduated in 2011. Hailing from Paterson and Motherwell in Gqeberha, Faku's journey from the rugby fields of high school to managing a lodge at a game reserve is nothing short of inspiring.

During his time at Muir College Boys' High School, Athenkosi discovered his love for sports, particularly rugby. The thrill of the game, the camaraderie with teammates, and the lessons learned on the field all contributed to his growth as a young athlete.

After matric, Athenkosi pursued a degree in Sports Management at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU). This academic journey equipped him with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in the dynamic field of sports and hospitality.

Currently, Faku holds the position of Lodge Manager at Amakhala Game Reserve, in the Eastern Cape, near Grahamstown / Makhanda, specifically overseeing the Bush Lodge.

Despite his professional commitments, Faku chooses to reside in his hometown of Paterson. The sense of community, familiarity of surroundings, and close ties to family keep him rooted in his origins.

As he looks forward to his upcoming wedding, he reflects on the importance of family and the joy that comes with building a life with a loved one. His commitment to both his career and personal life exemplifies a well-rounded approach to success.

Working within a cycle of 21 days on and 7 days off can be demanding, but Faku values his free time immensely. Whether reconnecting with family or enjoying moments



"One afternoon me and the guys were singing in the corridors and Mr Francis caught us. When he called out our names we hid behind the pillars. We had prefects among us and they were begging me and Xhanti (Makubalo) to take the blame for them because they would be in bigger trouble. As we got to Mr Francis' class, Xhanti said we must throw the prefects under the bus for detention credits! Mr Francis said he would give us five credits each. It was tempting but we never did throw them under the bus. We both got five headmaster detentions in lieu of getting a "jacking" (hiding).

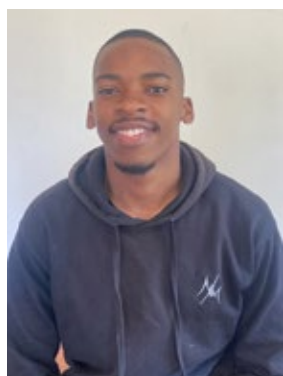
One valuable lesson Faku imparts is to embrace high school life fully and make the most of every opportunity. He emphasizes the importance of academic diligence and achieving good marks, as these achievements can pave the way for future success beyond the school gates.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Oyintanda Gqomo, Class of 2022

We are proud to shine a spotlight Oyintanda Gqomo, who matriculated in 2022. Oyintanda, from Uitenhage, made a lasting impact during his time here, showcasing his talents both on the rugby field and within various school societies.



Oyintanda's athletic prowess was evident as he excelled in rugby at U/14A and U/16A levels before the unprecedented Covid period disrupted many activities. Undeterred, Oyintando became the Head Boy at Muir College Boys' High School in 2022. He immersed himself in the school's Environmental

Society, the SCA, the Media Society and first aid initiatives, demonstrating his versatility and commitment beyond sport.

"I enjoyed having challenging conversations with my peers, watching rugby matches on Saturdays and first aiding at some of these games. I also loved singing the school song and hymns during assembly," he said.

He is currently in his second year of a Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree at Rhodes University in Makhanda, residing at Centenary House on the Rhodes campus.

A pharmacist-in-training, he aspires to become a guardian of health, preparing and dispensing medicinal drugs with care and precision.

Despite the challenges he faces, Oyintanda remains rooted in faith and family values. His family in Uitenhage consists of his father, stepmother, and sister, and together, they navigate financial struggles with resilience and faith, never compromising on essentials like food. Their strong bond is fortified through prayer, biblical teachings and support for each other's endeavours.

In his leisure time, Oyintanda finds solace in bible study and prayer sessions, emphasizing the importance of spiritual growth alongside academic pursuits. His favorite scriptures from the Gospel of Matthew guide him, complemented by worship songs from Theophyllus Sunday and praise songs from Prophet Joel Ogebe.

His message to all is: *"Your purpose is within you, locked in your search for He who has created you for it. Don't look far."*

OMU Manager and OMU Newsletter editor, Wendy Knott-Craig, caught up with Old Muirites around the world

Warwick Owen, Class of 1962

Growing up in Uitenhage, Warwick was a Muirite for his entire school career, and matriculated in 1962. His favourite sport whilst at Muir College was rugby and he played for the 2nd team.

In 1965 Warwick joined Volkswagen South Africa as a production trainee, in what was to become a long career with VWSA, albeit with some interruption. At the age of 21, Warwick was promoted to Foreman and later to General Foreman. He then enjoyed two years of training in the paint shop, whereafter he was told that he had his "full production ticket".

In 1970 he took unpaid leave and toured Europe for three months with a group of under-30s, and also spent time in the UK. After returning to South Africa, he resigned from

VWSA and moved to Pretoria to run a panel shop, but soon decided that this was not for him, and he moved back to Uitenhage. Warwick and his father bought a BP franchise in Zwartkops and ran that for eight years before Warwick returned to VWSA, where he picked up the position of R&D Workshop Supervisor, overseeing 15 artisans, later becoming Special Assignment Manager in which position he enjoyed his remaining 25 years with VW. During his working career, he also periodically enjoyed travelling, mainly to Germany, Austria and Belgium.

Warwick married Lyn Tamblyn (a Convent girl) in 1978, and they had a daughter who has now given them two grandchildren. They currently live in Port Elizabeth, and enjoy doing long motoring trips around South Africa together.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Warwick Owen is very instrumental in keeping the Class of '62 together, along with Neville Ross. The "Nostrils" (as they are called) meet every Friday at the Southender Pub for lunch and a social catch up. They also do odd maintenance work for the Southender's

owner (fixing chairs, tables, hanging things on walls, etc), in return for which they have been permitted to display

Muir memorabilia in the group's special corner. They also fly the Muir flag at the Southender on Fridays, as an invitation to other OM's to join them.

Warwick has moments where he loves to read, and when he is reading it is usually anything by Harry Bosch. His music of choice is anything from the 1960s – that amazing era for popular music.

Some words of wisdom that Warwick would like to share are, "Always be overly honest with yourself – and with others."

John Matthew Abel, Class of 1966

John grew up in Worcester and Uitenhage and was a boarder at Muir College. Whilst at school he played 1st team cricket and was the captain of the 3rd rugby team.



After leaving Muir, John decided not to study further, but he did become the youngest and first South African to hold the position of Managing Director of United Artists Corporation (SA), an international movie distribution organisation, from 1972 to 1982. During this period he lived in Johannesburg.

From 1982 to 1987 John owned a recruitment/placement agency in Johannesburg, then moved to Toronto, Canada, where he owned and operated a recruitment agency until 2022.

John is currently retired and living in Toronto. He and his wife have been married for 49 years (Wow!) and they have three children and six grandchildren.

John is currently reading *Playing the Enemy*: Nelson Mandela and *The Game That Made The Nation* by John Carlin, while his music tastes vary from Moody Blues to the Beatles to the Four Tops, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, Walker Bros., some Led Zeplin, Phil Collins and Rare Earth.

His fondest memories of his time at Muir College include his sporting achievements and his lifelong friendships with fellow school mates.

John closes with a life lesson: "The discipline, pride in one's self esteem and the ability to stand on your feet – all learned at school – were much appreciated, enabling me to withstand the rigors of army training and competitiveness in the business world."

His life story serves as a testament to the transformative power of education, the importance of lifelong learning, and the enduring value of friendship and community.

Ronnie Kingwill, Class of 1970

Ronnie grew up in the picturesque town of Graaff-Reinet, in the heart of the Karoo, and was a boarder at Muir College for his entire school career. His biggest passions at school were sport, sport and more sport.

He participated in tennis, cricket, rugby and cross country, and he spent many hours hitting the tennis ball against the hostel wall. His fondest memories from his time at school include presenting a Muir College tie to Brian Lahore, captain of the 1970 All Blacks, and he also fondly remembers some wonderful meals in NC Dugmore House, the preparation of which was overseen by the amazing Matron Howard.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ronnie's tertiary education included a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Rhodes University, qualifying in 1975, followed by a CA(SA) in 1979.

His employment career has been varied, and includes articles at Coopers & Lybrand, joining the Dions Group, working at Eskom for 15 years (back when Eskom actually worked!), a number of years at Portnet, at the Fresh Produce Terminals, focusing on fruit export. Ronnie also did a lot of consulting, sat on various committees and on the boards of various organisations. He is currently the Managing Director of the Water Research & Monitoring Company in the Western Cape.

Ronnie Kingwill lives in Somerset West and has three children and three grandchildren. It is, in his words "a wonderful reason to be alive".

Ronnie is currently reading Andre de Ruyter's Truth to Power and enjoys listening to LM Radio. In his spare time you will find him either on the golf course, looking at the sea or walking his dog.

To close: "The reason I get up every morning is to see in what small way I can help the economy grow so that there is a future for our children and grandchildren."

Craig Lightfoot, Class of 1983

Craig Lightfoot grew up in Uitenhage and, although he wasn't a boarder, spent a lot of his time at both the Muir College hostel – and the Riebeeck College hostel.

As with many boys of his era, Craig was sport mad and participated in as much and as many sports as possible. He spent two years in the 1st Rugby team (and received his Colours for this), represented Eastern Province in diving and won the Nationals in his age group. Besides all of this, Craig also represented Muir College in athletics. Nowadays his sport of choice is golf, but he doesn't play as often as he'd like.



After matriculating, Craig went on to study Sales and Marketing at the Port Elizabeth Technikon, which is now part of the Nelson Mandela University. Most of Craig's working career has been in the paint industry, first in the Sales and Technical departments, and later in Logistics at a leading paint manufacturing company. He is currently the Logistics Manager at DP World in Durban.

Craig and his wife Karen live in Amanzimtoti, south of Durban. They have two children – Dylan, who is 26 and lives in England, and Kelly, who is 23.

When asked what he is currently reading, Craig informs us that it's Bob Dylan's Chronicles, a copy of which was a recent present from his son, Dylan. His music choice varies a lot, from rock to reggae and almost everything in between. His current favourites are Chris Stapleton and Teddy Swims.

Craig has this to say about his favourite memory from his time at Muir College:

"There are so many memories from a time of great friendships, sport and cruising around Uitenhage on my bike. I look back now and realize that we were so fortunate to attend a good school with its values, traditions and brilliant teachers. A particularly fond memory is of the walk from the hostel to the field as a 1st team rugby player, with the whole school there in their uniforms to do the war cry. Another is sitting in Jurie Swart's car, psyching ourselves up every morning before Matric finals by listening to two particular songs on his rigged-up tape deck. In terms of results, it seemed to work better for Jurie than for me. I'm sure that is the only reason why he got better marks than I did."

His parting words of wisdom are, "Stay true to who you are and be genuine in what you do, and you will be content with yourself and life."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Gary Page, Class of 1984

Gary Page grew up between Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Cape Town, and was a boarder at the Muir hostel for a number of years. At one point he moved to Cape Town with his family, but longed to return to Muir College, which he duly did.



His sports of choice whilst at school were hockey, rugby and cricket, and if he wasn't participating in these events, he was supporting other Muir College teams from the sidelines.

After matric Gary completed an N4 at Maitland Tech, and thereafter his career saw him going from toolmaker

to packaging designer and machinist, to hydraulic maintenance and, currently, barista in Rotorua, New Zealand. After he and his wife, Tracy, moved to New Zealand with their three children more than twenty years ago, Gary discovered some of his newer passions: hunting and beekeeping. He has always been a keen fisherman.

Recently, he has been listening to the audio books of 1984 and Animal Farm, which he feels are so relevant today. His favourite band is Pink Floyd.

On some words of wisdom, Gary has the following to share: "Question everything! Very little is 'for your own good'."

(A note on the side: It's a small world! - Gary is the cousin of OMU Manager, Wendy Knott-Craig, and Wendy has a few more family members who attended Muir College: the Hoyles, the Dennises and the Knott-Craigs.)

Mark "Buddy" Beckett, Class of 1989

Mark Beckett, better known as 'Buddy' Beckett, spent his childhood in Uitenhage, attending Muir College and matriculating in 1989. When asked what his passions were at school, he answers, "Safe to say, my passion was not academic." He did have a passion for sports, however, and played rugby, hockey and cricket, and when he wasn't on the sport field, he was in the water boogie boarding in J-Bay.

After matric, Buddy studied for a BSc in Business Studies, and since then has been in the manufacturing industry for most of his career. He started off as production foreman in 1993, and in 2003 he started his own sewing business, then bought an upholstery business in 2009. In 2016 he and his family emigrated to the United Kingdom, initially selling the upholstery business, and in 2020 also sold the sewing business. He is currently the Operations Director for a furniture manufacturing company in Scotland, where he lives with his wife of 28 years, their daughter and son.



In his spare time, Buddy can usually be found standing next to a rugby field, watching his son play. If he's not there, he loves spending time outdoors, particularly at the sea. Sundays are for church and then "chilling", ideally with a fire, tanning in the sun (when it shines!) and having a braai with some good Aberdeen Angus beef.

Buddy's current reading choice is *Lead like Jesus* by Ken Blanchard, and his music playlist depends on the activity: driving – Dire Straights / Chris Stapleton; "kuier-ing" – Bon Jovi; chilling – Angus & Julia Stone. (Good taste, young man!)

His fondest memory at Muir College was opening the batting for the 1st team with Graeme Smith, aka 'Baff'.

"Treat people as you would want to be treated", are Buddy's parting words of wisdom.

INTERVIEW WITH MUIR COLLEGE STAFF

Nicole Pretorius

At the end of 2023, Muir College's Marketer, Thoriso M-Afrika, left Uitenhage to take up a position at boy's school in the Western Cape.

This portfolio was upgraded to Marketing/Admin Officer, and it was filled by Nicole Pretorius in January this year. Nicole also manages the school's clothing shop.

Let's get to know Nicole a bit better:

Which high school did you attend?

I matriculated at Oranje Meisies Hoërskool in Bloemfontein.

What are your tertiary qualifications?

I have a Bachelor's of Technology in Marketing. BTech for short.

A brief overview of your career.

Where to start? I started at PG Glass as an admin assistant covering in a maternity position, and stayed on for about two years before I was offered a sales position at Clover, starting there two days before I got married in 2018. From there I climbed the corporate ladder to ultimately become an Account Manager for Clover.

What TV series are you currently watching?

Op my eish! and *The Walking Dead*

What music would we find on your playlist?

You will definitely find Bryan Adams and Lana del Ray, and some classic 80s rock. Oh yes – and Cocomelon!

Any words of wisdom you'd like to share: some life lessons?

Leave a sparkle wherever you go! Live life beautifully.

We'd like to wish Nicole all the best in her new position. I'm sure we'll be seeing her at future OMU events, with a camera in hand, keeping everyone updated on the Muir College social media pages.



Wendy Knott-Craig

OMU Manager



LIFE LESSONS

Taken from the 200 Leadership Life Lessons book of 2022

Tyrone Bayman, Class of 1983

***It does not matter what they think;
it matters what
YOU think !***

***It does not matter who they are;
it matters who YOU are !***



Lubabalo Bonga, Class of 2007

Success in life is relative and it's up to each man to define his own success. Some will be good sportsmen, some businessmen and some family men, etc.

***Every path in life requires a sacrifice and it's
up to you what you're willing to sacrifice to get
where you want to be!***



Bertie Cook, Class of 1937

It has been my experience that it is well worthwhile to invest significant time and effort in nurturing and maintaining good relationships with family and friends as this support system, together with always maintaining a positive attitude, will prove invaluable in giving one the ability to cope with the many challenges life will inevitably send one's way. Being an only child I treasured the time I spent as a pupil and boarder at Muir College from 1932 - 1937 and I am forever grateful for the sound education I received and the valuable life skills I learned from the teaching staff and fellow pupils and boarders during that time.

As the oldest known Old Muirite alive, I am most thankful to be able to continue to connect to Muir College through the vibrant and effective Old Muirite Union, which keeps me updated on all the interesting developments at my old school.



MEET THE BUSINESSES

in the OMU's Business Portal

O'Connell's Wines & Spirits

An interview with the business partner **Keith Clark**, *Class of 1972*

O'Connell's is listed on the OMU's Business Portal, which can be found on the website:

<https://muircollege.co.za/omu/business-listing-management/>

- **What's the elevator pitch for your business?**

We provide "better for less".

We source and supply the best quality and priced wines and spirits, with uncompromising commitment to top quality products.

- **What was the main driver behind starting this business?**

International buyers were buying our wines cheaper than locals could, and we felt this was unfair, if not immoral. And at that stage we were consultants and felt that wine pricing did not reflect value, only perception.

- **Are you local, national or international and when was this business founded?**

We are an international distributor, founded in 1995. We represent a portfolio of estate wineries from South Africa for local and international sales export: this includes brands like Mischa Wine Estate, Leopard Frog Vineyards, Frisky Zebra and Louisvale Wines.

- **What do you love most about this business?**

The most enjoyable feeling is the feedback we get when people are blown away by our quality. Of course, the many accolades we've had and the business success also helps.

- **What advice would you give to other entrepreneurs?**

It's deceptively simple advice but it is: 'Keep costs low. Debt will kill you.'

- **What is the secret sauce of your business?**

Essentially, our secret sauce is the value of the long-term relationships we have. And the fact that our word is our bond. In addition, we provide a perfect balance between quality and price. Our innovation and our international accreditations when it comes to technology like bottling, are also a secret sauce.



O'CONNELL'S
WINES & SPIRITS



- **If you could do it all over again. What would you do differently?**

Personally, I would start my business earlier. The South African market could and should have benefitted from a service such as this in earlier years.

- **Who would play you in a film about this business? And why?**

It would have to be Charles Bronson, because we look people in the eye, provide a clear cut and honest offering. And our actions speak louder than words.

- **Which well-known business personality do you admire, and why?**

It's an obvious one, especially in the wine industry, but one must admire Anton Rupert – as an entrepreneur, as a leader and as a great South African. He had a vision of the victory before it was. He saw the triumph before anyone else.



- **What's your leadership philosophy or approach?**

Simply to do it better than those who follow you. As Alexander the Great said (and I paraphrase) - "More fearsome are ten sheep led by a lion than ten lions led by a sheep."

- **What's been your most exciting/rewarding project over the years?**

We've represented some amazing South African brands, contributed to the Eastern Cape economy and won many sales awards and commendations. More recently, we're launching two new product presentations, and we can smell a whiff of triumph on the wind.

- **What are you curious about over the next two decades, for your business or sector?**

I'm excited about the future of the business and its continued growth. As long as we continue grow organically, as we have, we are happy. And I'm curious about what the day may bring. We live every day to the full, because tomorrow is promised to no man.

- **What's the best thing South African businesses can do for the wellbeing of all citizens?**

To treat our consumers with respect and give them true value.



Interviewed by:
Roland Cox
Class of 1987



WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Our condolences go to the families and friends
of those we have lost in the first quarter of 2024.

If you hear of a classmate who has passed on,
please contact Wendy Knott-Craig
(oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com)
with the information.

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1956

David Leach
1958

Winston Canter
1958

Alexander Sharp
1960

Peter MacCullum
1961

Douglas Thomson
1966

Marc Feltham
1982

Chule Timothy Ralo
1996

Ludwe Matomela
2007

SOCIAL PAGES

BRIAN LODGE

Brian Lodge - Class of 1985 - with commentator Pommie Mbangwa at a recent SA20 Cricket match at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth / Gqeberha. Brian lives in Pretoria but sets up the live feed for many sporting events.

Pommie also attended an all boys high school, Milton High School in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.



CLASS OF 1982

The Class of 1982 (and one from the Class of 2013... the "baby" of the group) recently got together for a braai.

A lot of laughs and reminiscing took place. Here's to many years of friendship.



THE MUIRITE STRIDERS

The Muirite Striders Running Club is growing from strength to strength and caters for ALL, not only for Old Muirites.

Pictured at the back (the thorn amongst the roses) is Old Muirite, Warren Griffiths (Class of 1982).

Contact Margie du Toit for more info and to join the Club (+27 82 496 2926)



CLASS OF 1988

Seen supporting the Sunrisers Eastern Cape T20 Cricket team at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth / Gqeberha were classmates from the Class of 1988 - Andrew Binning, Dave Reynolds and Billy Jackson.



GRANT HOYLE

Grant Hoyle, Class of 1991, spotted OMU President, Andrew Binning, through a coffee shop window and couldn't resist showing off his Muir College 200 year socks



JURIE SWART MEETS THE PRESIDENT

Jurie Swart (Class of 1983) and the South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa, having a few words about Muir College's bicentenary.

Each year President Ramaphosa hosts an "Adopt-a-School Foundation Fundraiser" which Jurie and his colleagues attend. In 2023 Jurie decided to proudly wear his 200 Year Celebration tie and had the following conversation with the President:

Jurie: "Sir, I need you to hold my tie and inspire the young men of Kariega/Uitenhage."

President: "200 years old!?! Really? Wow!"



ALLAN GREENSTEIN VISITS HIS CLASSMATES

Early in February well over 30 Old Muirites came together to reconnect with legendary Old Boy, Allan Greenstein (Class of 1975). Allan was visiting from Melbourne, Australia, and took time out for a mini reunion with gents from his era (and some younger ones too). Allan Greenstein's family, and Allan himself, have been very involved and committed to Muir College over the years.



BRAAI TIME

A few Old Muirites from the 1960's and 1970's met at Mike Bosman's (Class of 1973) home for a special treat of tasty boerewors that Mike made for the braai.



THE BACK PAGE

Welcome to 2024, which has started with a bang for the Old Muirite Union. As you can see from this bumper edition, we have been quite busy working on numerous projects.

Please take note of the following forthcoming events:

- OMU Annual General Meeting – 4 April at the Walmer Golf Club, starting at 17:00 sharp.
- OMU 'Get Togethers' in Uitenhage – Please see the separate article with dates for the rest of this year (Gatherings are usually held on the last Friday of the month, except for the months where public holidays fall on the last Friday.)
- New Zealand 'Get Together' – Date and venue to be confirmed. Old Muirites in New Zealand are encouraged to attend this gathering in Auckland. (More details will be announced shortly.)
- Founders' Weekend – 8, 9 & 10 August 2024. (See separate article for list of events.)



Wendy Knott-Craig
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The OMU Newsletter Committee consists of the following:

- **Thomas Terblanche:** Class of 2008 and representative for the OMU Committee
- **Wendy Knott-Craig:** OMU Manager and editor / writer / gatherer of contributions / proof reader / coffee maker
- **Robert Sharman:** Class of '71, copy editor and a regular contributor
- **Charles van Renen:** Class of '63 and contributor of regular historical articles
- **Roland Cox:** Class of 1987 and author of "Meet the Business".
- **newcomer Lonwabo Marele:** Class of 2012 and author of "Where are they now?", tracking the younger generations of Old Muirites.



Thomas Terblanche



Wendy Knott-Craig



Robert Sharman



Charles van Renen



Roland Cox



Lonwabo Marele

Our heartfelt thanks go to previous Newsletter Committee members who have recently decided to take a break, namely Lance Dodd, Fenner Barnard and Grant Kunneke. (Any OM wishing to become a contributor to the Newsletter should contact me at oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com.)

Work continues on updating the OMU's database of members, because we there are still a lot of contact details that are missing. In addition, many members are on the move, occasionally changing email addresses and telephone numbers without notifying the OMU. If you know of anyone who isn't receiving our correspondence, please send me his email address, WhatsApp number and the name of his city and/or country of residence. I'll then initiate contact with him.

The Union has recently introduced a new form of communication with members, namely our fortnightly OMU Podcast. Thanks go to Ncedo Marele for the great job he is doing in putting this together. Please keep a look out for a new Podcast every second Wednesday.

AND ... big congratulations to Buhle Gayika, (aka 'Booshle G') of the Class of 2016 on reaching Number One on the Algoa FM Top 30 with his song, These Days. Do yourself a favour and follow this young man.

AND don't forget to follow our other international artist, Lloyiso (Loyiso Gijana, Class of 2017), who has a voice like hot chocolate and some incredible songs on various streaming platforms.

Until next time, stay safe and keep smiling

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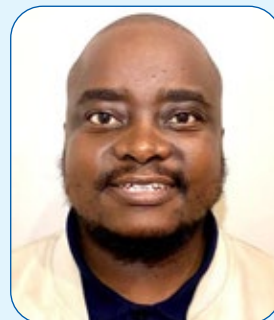
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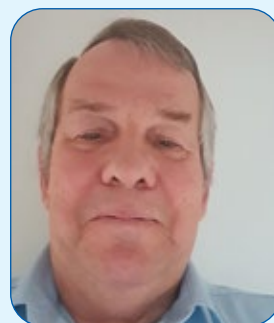
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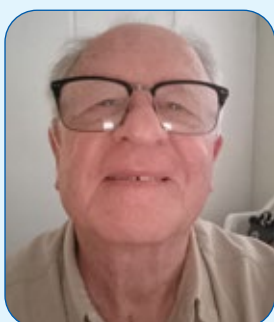
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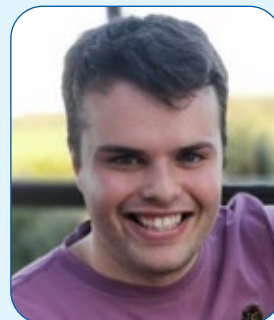
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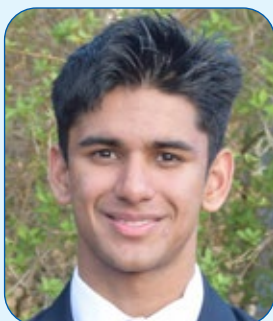
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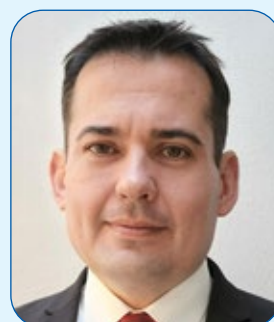
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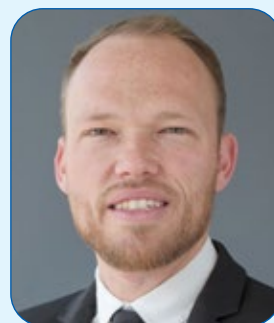
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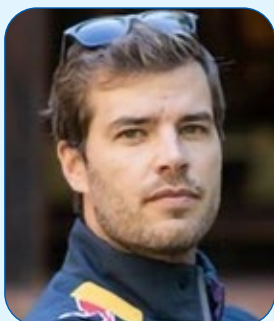
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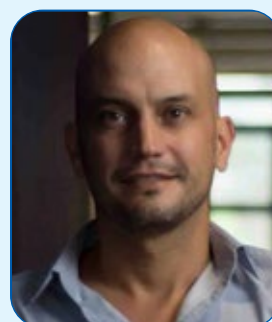
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