



OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union



UPCOMING EVENTS

**• 18 - 22 APRIL:
ST STITHIANS RUGBY FEST**

SUPPORT THE FIRST XV RUGBY
THURS, 16:00 VS MICHAELHOUSE
SATURDAY, 12:15 VS RONDEBOSCH

**• 8- 11 MAY:
OGU REUNION 2019**

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE
EVENT INVITATION PLEASE CONTACT
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**• AUG 01, THURSDAY
OLD GREY GOLF DAY**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**• SEPT 14, THURSDAY
CAPE TOWN FUNCTION**

From the Old Grey desk

Welcome to the March edition of the Old Grey Newsletter. We encourage our old boys to write in and share your stories, accomplishments and adventures. Let us know what interests you so we can keep you connected to the greater Grey community.

REUNION - Celebrating 125 years!

The Old Greys' Union invites you to attend the annual OGU Reunion Week 2019 to be held from Wednesday 8 to Saturday 11 May 2019. This year we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the OGU and we look forward to welcoming you back to join us for the commemoration of occasion.

Those groups returning this year will be the years of: 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009.

Please remember that Reunion is open to all Old Greys and not only the returning classes.



[Click here to view the Reunion Schedule](#)

RINGING IN A NEW TRADITION

The Grade 8 Induction

Initially, Grade 8s entering the school need to understand what it means to be a Grey Man. Boys arrive from different schools and come from many different backgrounds. Simply enrolling and arriving at the school is not sufficient to establish a common identity as a man of The Grey. Therefore, on entry to the school, the new boys are not allowed to wear their school tie, but must first go on camp where they learn about the heritage, traditions and the values of our school.

On their first day at school after the camp, they are then inducted into our Grey family. This begins with the Grade 12s each presenting a Grade 8 with his tie. The Matrics are our school leaders and they have this opportunity to impart a word of wisdom or guidance to the juniors. By receiving their ties from the Matrics, the Grade 8s acknowledge that they are the new arrivals in the school and that they accept the responsibility of upholding the legacy created by the previous generations of Grey Men. Additionally, the tie completes the uniform and, in wearing the uniform, the Grade 8s understand the responsibility that they now have in upholding all that it represents. Being able to wear the full uniform recognises that they are all now Men of The Grey and they then announce their arrival to the rest of the school by ringing the bell.



The Bell, which the Grade 8s ring, is one of three bells that used to hang at the original Grey Institute building on the Donkin. The Faith Bell, which is the smallest, hangs in the Junior School. The Charity Bell, the largest of the three bells, has stood for many years on the Eastern side of the Quad. The Hope Bell, which represents the Old Greys, has now been hung below the Tower on the Northern side of the quad. It is therefore fitting that the Grade 8s ring this bell on entry to the school as they become Men of The Grey. The knell of the bell echoes back in time and represents The Grey's heritage and traditions, while at the same time symbolising the hopes and aspirations for a future generation of Grey Men.

The ringing of the bell, like the Matrics entrusting the ties to the Grade 8s, represents the cycle of life at Grey. Each new generation entering the school does so in the context of what has come before them. They acknowledge and respect this and, at the same time, bring their own unique talents and backgrounds that add to the rich heritage of our school.



Matrics, on leaving The Grey, will ring the bell as they walk 'neath the Tower for the last time as a schoolboy. This time, they do so to sound their goodbye to their High School years, and to ring in the next phase of their journey as Men of The Grey – now as Old Greys. It also serves to mark their unique contribution to the school as a Matric year-group.

Old Greys are then allowed to ring the Hope Bell one more time on their return to The Grey for their first Reunion. When they do so, they announce their continued commitment to their alma mater and express their hope for future generations of Grey Men. It also serves as a reminder of the historic roots of the school and as an acknowledgment of the role that each Old Grey has played in shaping our school – a reminder to Old Greys that they are part of a brotherhood and to the boys still at school that their journey as a Grey Man continues for the rest of their lives.

Sincerely,
Christian B Erasmus
Rector

Headmaster's Newsletter: Term 1, 2019



Rector's Newsletter: Term 1, 2019



In Memory

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

Michael Bester – Class of 1956

Mike passed away in Bedford where he spent a lifetime as a very successful sheep farmer & wool producer. He played First XV rugby at Grey and captained the EP School team which played against the touring Welsh Dragons at the Crusader grounds. This was a rare match in that EP selection at that level seldom took place and the Welsh team was the first of similar age to undertake a tour of the country. The Besters are an old Grey family and Mike's father, Sonny, presented to the school the cup for the Senior 200 meter athletics event.

Ernst Manus Bonnet - Class of 2016

Ernst passed away suddenly on the 22nd of January 2019. Described as a loyal and respectful young man during his school years he held the position of Deputy Leader of Grey Voices in 2015 and received Colours for Music Service in 2016. Our deepest condolences to the Bonnet family and the Class of 2016.

Wilfred Rosenberg - Class of 1950

A former Grey pupil who played under 15A for Grey High and was later a star at Jeppe High School for Boys. Wilf was a South African rugby union and rugby league player of the 1950s and 1960s. Wilf passed away 14 January 2019 in Herzliya, Israel and is survived by his children Nicola, Andrea and Adam.

Michael Boyley - Class of 1962

Michael worked for Ford and retired in Pretoria before returning to PE a few years ago. He regularly visited the campus to pay his respects at the Remembrance Day Service and watch the Trooping. Condolences to his wife Deanne and children Anthony and Michelle.

Tristan Oliver - Class of 2015

Tristan sadly passed away early February. At school Tristan played music for many years and received Colours for Music Service in 2014. Our sincere condolences to the Oliver family and the Class of 2015.

Patrick Kohler - Class of 1963

Patrick passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 29th January in the UK. He was the younger brother of Old Grey, Derek Kohler '59. Patrick is survived by his wife Jane, children Camilla, Charlotte and Phillipa and grandchildren Nicola and Alexander.

Bob Ford - Class of 1963

Bob passed away in Port Alfred where he was well known in bowls circles and a contributing writer for local newspaper, Talk of the Town. During his school years Bob played first XI Cricket and formed part of the team that won the Port Elizabeth Senior Men's League in 1961 - a first in the history of Port Elizabeth cricket. Our deepest condolences to brother Peter '64 and the Ford family.



THE GREY FOUNDATION

Projects and news at a Glance

Welcome Andrew Bradley



The Grey Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of Andrew Bradley (Class of 1981) as a Trustee. Andrew is the owner and CEO of Fiscal Private Client Services, a wealth and investment management business. He was previously the CEO of Old Mutual Wealth, a wealth and investment company within the Old Mutual Group that is responsible for over R300bn in assets and more than R2bn in annual revenue. He was also Chairman of Acsis, an independent asset consulting and financial planning company, which he founded and Old Mutual acquired.

During his career he has also served as chairman on the boards of the South African Savings Institute (SASI), the Financial Planning Institute of South Africa (FPI) and the Cape Town Chapter of the Young Presidents Organisation (YPO), as well as board member of the Association of Collective Investments (ACI), the South African Rugby Players Association (SARPA), and the international Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) Council.

He currently serves on the boards of RDC Properties and the Nelson Mandela University (NMU) Business School. Andrew has a B.Com from NMU (1984), an LLB from the University of Natal (1986), an AMP from Harvard Business School (2011) and is a Certified Financial planner.

Andrew enjoys running, cycling, playing golf and spending time on safari in the bush, but his passion is financial planning, wealth management and investments. He enjoys nothing more than sharing this passion, which he continues to do through ongoing appearances on radio and TV, writing various columns and articles for a number of publications and co-authoring three books – the latest of which is the best seller, *How much is enough?*

Andrew is based in Cape Town and enjoyed attending the Old Grey dinners and Grey Foundation functions in Cape Town, London and New York last year.

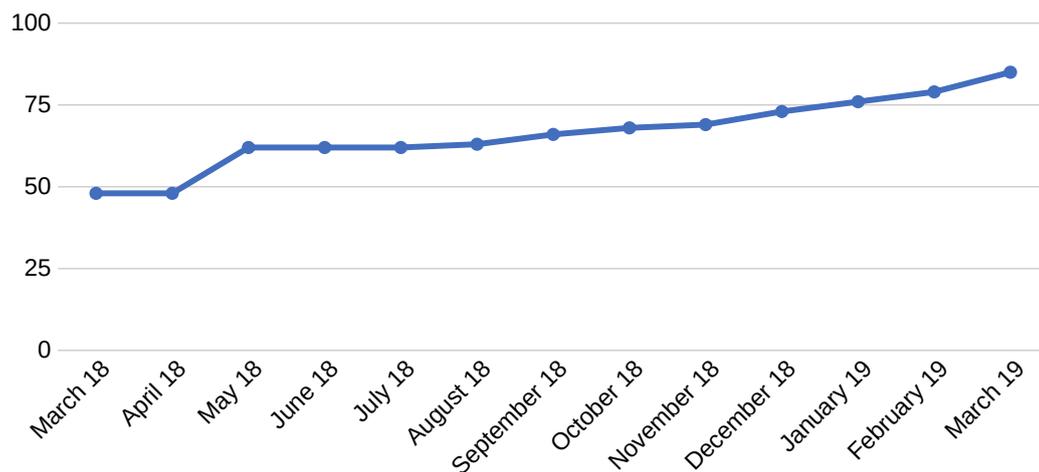
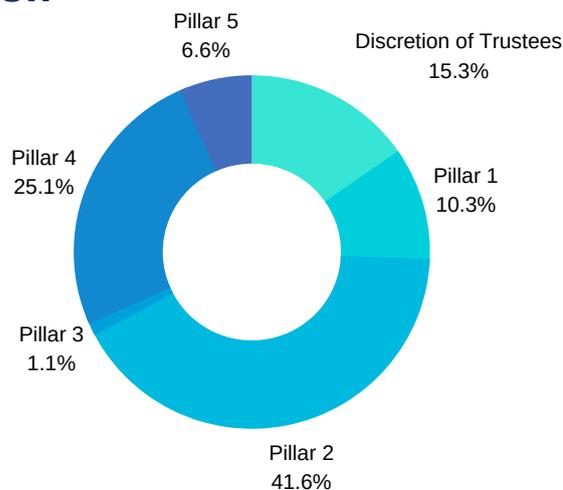
We welcome Andrew as the 8th Trustee to The Grey Foundation Trust, and look forward to his leadership and strategic participation in achieving our objectives.

Debit Order donors to the Foundation

Donors to the Grey Foundation who have signed up for **MONTHLY DEBIT ORDERS** have all just received their consolidated tax certificates for the 2018/2019 tax year.

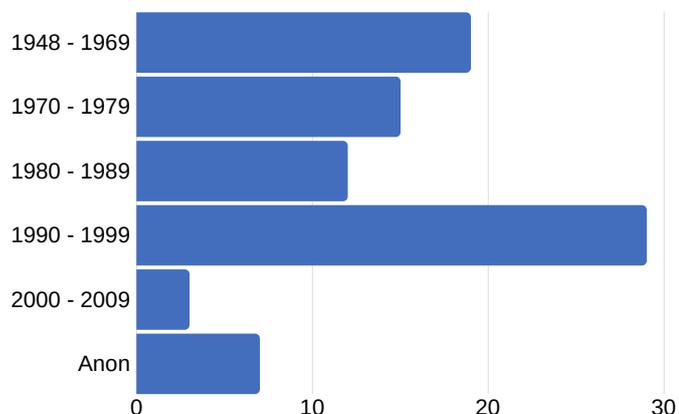
We thought it may be interesting to have a look at how the Debit Order program has grown and how these collective contributions – large and small – make a significant difference to each of the 5 Pillars of Investment...

The Grey Foundation Trust is a registered Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) which means that tax benefits apply to donors. Tax relief is a wonderful benefit to donating and donations of up to 10% of annual taxable income qualify for a tax deduction.



37 New debit order donors have signed up in the past 12 months.

Debit Order donors by decade



Another benefit for our Old Grey donors is complimentary membership of the Old Greys' Union when signing up as a donor to the Foundation. Donations of R1200 or more per annum (just R100 per month!) qualify for this benefit. Dual membership is therefore simpler in one easy pledge, and the benefits of both can be enjoyed. We look forward to hosting a great number of Old Greys in May for the bumper Reunion celebrating 125 years of the Old Greys' Union.

OGU members can enjoy a reduced Reunion fee and observe the difference on campus of what generosity and paying it forward can do.

To JOIN as a new DEBIT ORDER DONOR – please [complete and sign this form](#), and return it to Bev McCarthy at foundation@thegrey.com