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# OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union*



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

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- **LONDON DINNER** 29 JUNE
- **JHB DINNER** - 31 AUGUST
- **CAPE TOWN DINNER** - 20 SEPTEMBER
- **CAPE TOWN FOUNDATION GOLF DAY** 21 SEPTEMBER
- **VALEDICTORY & OGU INDUCTION LUNCH** - 18 OCTOBER
- **NIGHT WITH THE CLASSICS** - 4 NOVEMBER
- **REMEMBRANCE DAY** 11 NOVEMBER
- **PE SENIORS LUNCH** TBC
- **ST FRANCIS** TBC

## From the Old Grey desk

Welcome to the May 2023 edition of the Old Grey Newsletter. We encourage Old Boys to connect, contribute and share their news, accomplishments, and old-school memories. Contact the Old Grey office - [ogu@thegrey.com](mailto:ogu@thegrey.com)

We are now almost halfway through the year and much has been achieved. The highlight thus far was a successful Reunion Week which was attended by hundreds of Old Greys from near and far.

We continue to encourage our Old Greys to give back and become a donor to The Grey Foundation. We rely on your support to safeguard The Grey's future and enable our schools to meet standards of excellence in Body, Mind & Spirit. To join The Grey Foundation - and automatically receive your OGU membership - please consider a donation of R100 or more per month (or R1200+ per year) and join the growing community of Old Grey donors.



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# THE KOLISI FIELD

SYAMTHANDA KOLISI; BORN: 16 JUNE 1991, MATRICULATED: 2009  
SPRINGBOK DEBUT: 15 JUNE 2013 VS SCOTLAND  
RUGBY WORLD CUP WINNING CAPTAIN: JAPAN 2019

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

THE GREY FOUNDATION TRUST  
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## Old Grey is proud of



**CELEBRATE:** Celebrating the Bands family who have all played for The Grey First XV and who have all played in the same three positions for the First team - 15,12 and 10, - Nigel in 1967 and 1968, Nick in 1993 and 1994 and Josh in 2022 and 2023. Some 56 years apart!!

Nigel and Nick were both Head Boys of Grey Junior and this year Josh is the Grey High Head Prefect. What a marvellous accomplishment and what a special picture.



Thank you to Old boy James Bedford '18, now a SuperSport Schools cameraman, who returned to The Grey campus to share his knowledge with the Sight & Sound Club.

PROTEAS MEN CONTRACTED PLAYERS 2023/24	
TEMBA BAYUMA	DAVID MILLER
QUINTON DE KOCK	LUNGI NGIDI
DEAN ELGAR	ANRICH NORTJE
BJORN FORTUIN	KEEGAN PETERSEN
REEZA HENDRICKS	WAYNE PARNELL
HEINRICH KLAASEN	KAGISO RABADA
MARCO JANSEN	RYAN RICKELTON
SISANDA MAGALA	TABRAIZ SHAMSI
KESHAV MAHARAJ	TRISTAN STUBBS
AIDEN MARKRAM	RASSIE VD DUSSEN

Congratulations to Old Greys Wayne Parnell '07 and Tristan Stubbs '18 on your selection to the Proteas Men Contracted Squad 2023/24



Congratulations George van Heerden '21 on being called up for the CSA National Academy Squad



## **CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF THE INEX DEVELOPMENT FUND - CHARITY WRAPPED IN DIGNITY**

The Inex fund was created in April 2022 to help boys of The Grey who are in need of funding for extra school expenses and necessities. To date, the fund has helped seventeen boys and raised R140,000 in total. It is heart-wrenching to see who and for what reason the money has been paid. One boy had his tutor costs paid for as his single parent is terminally ill. These funds are utilized to assist boys with expenses such as school uniform, sporting equipment, music instrument hire, reading glasses and academic tutoring.

On the occasion of the one year anniversary of this initiative, it is an opportunity to get to know the founder - Old Grey Morgan Morris '86 who is a business partner of Inex Developments and currently building the Mill Park Estate on the former John Dunne field.

Morgan's personal story served as his motivation to give back and create a positive narrative. In his Grade 10 school year his father was unemployed and a move out of Port Elizabeth, to East London, was looming. It was The Grey Rector and his wife, Dieter and Maureen Pakendorf, who came to his aid by offering the Morris family a boarding bursary for Grades 11 and 12. This kind offer helped Morgan complete his schooling at The Grey. Unfortunately school fees were not the full extent of the financial hardship. A lack of funds meant that Morgan had to borrow cricket equipment, tape up old rugby boots, rely on the kindness of Old Greys to lift him to league squash and even help fund a tour or two. What may be affordable to many, can be a desperate need to some.

We jump forward to the present and in the spirit of 'paying it forward' Morgan is appealing to Old boys and Friends of The Grey to get on board and help this fund stay afloat. In order that the small things can be paid for where otherwise a boy would go without. Corporates, individuals or class years can easily rally to support the Inex Development Fund to help the boys. It could be a R100 debit order or a once-off amount, no amount too small. It all helps!

The Grey Foundation acknowledges and sincerely thanks Morgan and other donors for identifying this essential funding need.

**If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, your kindness will go a long way for a boy in need. Click **CONTRIBUTE NOW** and follow the link, select **INEX DEVELOPMENT FUND** under Project.**



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## Africa Padel opens 10th Club at Old Grey Club

Old Grey is excited to announce the opening of Africa Padel's 10th club in Gqeberha at the Old Grey Club! As the first Padel club and courts in the region, we are thrilled to offer enthusiasts the opportunity to experience the fastest-growing sport in the world, right here at Africa Padel Old Grey.

Sincere and grateful thanks must be paid to Old Greys' Union committee members Dave Hurr, Scott Rollo, Bryan Knox, Brett Weddell and Peter Simmons who were instrumental in the project development.

To celebrate the opening of the courts and pro shop, the Old Grey Club and Africa Padel invited special guests to an intimate gathering. Old Grey Club Chairman Scott Rollo, Old Greys' Union President Dave Hurr and Africa Padel Ambassador Patrick Grewar '75 welcomed the guests and thanked all involved.

To find out more contact [office@oldgrey.co.za](mailto:office@oldgrey.co.za)



To book simply download the **Playtomic App** & register. Search for "Africa Padel Old Grey" and book your slot!



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## News from The Grey



### Headmaster's Newsletter: Term 1, 2023

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### Rector's Newsletter: Term 1, 2023

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# Grey High School

## Sight & Sound Society

The Old Greys' Union is indebted to the Grey High School Sight & Sound Society. These are the talented Men of The Grey that are responsible for photography and videography at Grey. The work they do feeds social media, marketing, sports analysis, and provides us with a a rich database for promotional and archival material.

Recently they received a newly designed Media Trailer, which has been kitted out to facilitate live streaming despite poor weather conditions and loadshedding.

A big thank you to Old boy, Grey staff member and Master in Charge, Simon Sonderup '00 and the Sight & Sound Society for all of your hard work in keeping us CONNECTED over the Reunion week and throughout the year.



# Reunion 2023

It was a pleasure to welcome our valued Old Greys from near and far back to The Grey Campus. Reunion Week requires immense planning and we are most grateful to the schools, who continue to assist us wherever possible, to make this a memorable occasion for one and all. This is the highlight event in our calendar each year and we are grateful for each and every Old boy who returns to CELEBRATE.

For those who were not able to attend, have a look at our gallery below:



**The Grey Foundation Memorial Lecture**



**Learners to Leaders interview with Andrew Lang and Basil Murray**



**Trooping the Colour**



**The Robert Selley Memorial Concert**



**Grey Junior Assembly with guest performance from John Fryer**



**Learners to Leaders interview with Kurt Pakendorf**



Click here to **VIEW THE REUNION GALLERY**

# Looking Back with Ian Pringle

## NEIL ANDERSON – LEGENDARY WOODWORK MASTER – 1966/ 1997

The Grey has a long history, over the generations, of masters who have spent a near lifetime teaching at the school. Names that readily come to mind include the likes of Neil Thomson, Louis Du Plessis, Dudley Clear, Winkie Nel, Plum Lubbe, Fon De Villiers etc. and included among this number would be Neil Anderson – Old Grey and Class of 1962. Neil was destined to make the Woodwork Room his domain for more than 30 years.

Neil relates that Bruce Clements, his predecessor, said to him in his final year “Go off and qualify yourself and I will keep this position open for you”. Neil duly did so and returned to Grey by which time Bruce had decided to join Industry and leave the profession. Neil was only 23 years old when he was appointed and in his early years, there were some woodworkers of almost his own age in the class.

Neil took an early retirement at the age of 53 which was rather sad but it was then an unsettling time in education and many changes were being made. The profession lost many teachers in the prime of their lives but the financial incentive to do otherwise tempted many to seek greener pastures. Neil took to woodwork and turned his garage into a workshop and for many years either made or repaired items – and he never had to advertise his services!

He left behind him an enviable record at Grey. For a period of five years, Grey had the best woodwork results in the Cape and that included consecutive years in 1996/97. In his farewell speech at his final assembly, he brought the house down with laughter. He turned to Rector Pakendorf and said that the school owed him at least a pair of new shoes as a parting gift! He had calculated that over the years he had walked so many times between the Woodwork Room and the Staff Room that it was equivalent of twice the distance to Cape Town!

Neil has kept a record of all his old pupils and to date 23 have passed on. He openly says that of the many classes that he has taught the Class of 1967 is his most memorable. Not because of their results but of their absolute loyalty not only to him but to themselves. When his wife Jenny passed away fairly recently, no less than 8 of the 12 members phoned to pass on their sympathies to him. Dougie Pearson died many years ago and the other three were abroad at the time. Well done Neil – it was a pleasure having tea with you to recall all the good times we had at that far-flung venue on The Grey Campus.

*Ian Pringle- Class of 1967 Woodworker*



# In Memory

## **Robert Nevay – Class of 1967**

It is with great sadness that we report the very sudden passing of Robert who died in his sleep on 31 March. Reg, as he was known to all was a staunch Old Grey and had a remarkable career at Grey. His father died when he was at a young age and he was destined to spend his senior years in Way House where he was a popular figure in the Grey Hostel. In his last year, he was the Adjutant in the Grey Cadet Detachment, obtained Colours for Rugby, was the Grey Gymnastics Champion and was a fine all-round athlete. The First XV Coach in 1967 was Johnny Johnson who described him as “A fast hard running, tough winger who was inclined on occasion to play the man rather than the ball!” But that was Reg and he was always right up there for any challenge.

Rob qualified as a Quantity Surveyor which was to astound his close friends. They were after all to be found at either the bottom of Plum Lubbe or Winkie Nel’s Math classes! But persevere he did and he settled in George where for many years he was a well-known practitioner much respected in the profession. He married Guthrie, a school teacher and they had Joanne and James. He took up hockey after school and played for Old Grey. He was a keen enthusiast and excelled at the senior level and later for a number of years was actively involved with the sport in the South Western Districts. It was only less than two weeks after he had met up with a group of old hostel mates for a reunion on the West Coast that he died. The friendships linked the five friends for 60 years and dated to their days in the Grey Hostel. It was thus with a shock that the news emerged when one of the friends phoned the others to say “Our Adjutant has died”.

RIP- Ian Pringle

## **Ian Stickland - Class of 1955**

Ian passed away on Sunday 19 March aged 84. He had been suffering from Alzheimer’s and had been in care for more than 2 years, lovingly visited by Hilary, his wife of over 57 years.

Ian was an accomplished pupil at both Grey Junior and High schools where he was both a prefect and Cadet Officer. He consistently recorded good academic results throughout his time at Grey which continued in Cape Town University where he graduated in Civil Engineering. He subsequently became a partner of a leading firm of consulting engineers, having responsibility for designing many of the bridges on the blue route in Cape Town, as well as other major civil engineering projects such as the new Sharkrock Pier in Humewood, Port Elizabeth. Ian was very involved with the South African Institute of Civil Engineers, serving a term as their President.

Ian and Hilary subsequently relocated to the UK where Ian continued in practice, pending retirement. They enjoyed touring the English canals on their Narrowboat for some years, finally settling in a delightful Buckinghamshire retirement village. Their daughter and 2 sons gave them 5 lovely grandchildren of whom Ian was immensely proud.

## **Timothy James Kevin White - Class of 1986**

The untimely passing of Tim earlier this year came as a shock to all. Tim was a popular member of the 1986 Matric class who enjoyed cricket, hockey and golf. His sense of humour always lightened a moment as he was always on hand with a quick chirp. He was undoubtedly one of Eastern Province sports greatest fans with huge scrapbooks of every cricket and rugby season and a never ceasing belief that EP would one day win the Currie Cup.

After school, Tim went to the army and during this time met his first wife Joy. After the army, Tim joined Standard Bank in Port Elizabeth and had a stellar career with initial success in the bank exams leading to a bank-supported Batchelor of Commerce through the University of Port Elizabeth. It was during this time that Tim and Joy welcomed their daughter Stacey. After his divorce, Tim moved around in the banking industry and later met and married Karen while living in Gauteng.

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In 2007 Tim and Karen moved back to Port Elizabeth and while settling in was diagnosed with a brain tumour that was attached to the back of his eye. The tumor and the treatment thereof unfortunately made it impossible for Tim to re-enter the formal job market.

After his divorce from Karen, Tim lived with his parents in Port Elizabeth until his mother passed a few years back. Tim continued to live with his father and at the time of his death leaves his Dad and his daughter, who is now married and living in Gauteng, with Tim's one grandchild.