



# OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

• **NOV 1, THURSDAY OLD GREY EUROPE DINNER**

18:00 - 23:00 LANSDOWNE CLUB, LONDON

• **NOV 12, MONDAY REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

GUESTS TO BE SEATED 11:50AM. GREY HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL QUAD.

• **NOV 14, WEDNESDAY JOHANNESBURG DINNER**

18:30 BRYANSTON COUNTRY CLUB

• **NOV 16, FRIDAY GHS CRICKET GOLF DAY**

HUMWOOD GOLF CLUB, PORT ELIZABETH

## From the Old Grey desk

Welcome to September / October 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.

### Old Grey Reunion 2019

Our Annual Reunion dates have been set for 8 - 11 May. If you have yet to hear from your Reunion group then please contact Lauren Malan at the Old Greys' Union Office on [ogu@thegrey.com](mailto:ogu@thegrey.com) for further particulars.

Those groups returning this year will be the years of: 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! This year we were fortunate enough to host a 70th Reunion group and a table of young Old Greys celebrating their 1st Reunion. We hope the legacy continues.

We look forward to welcoming you back to The Grey.

## Old Greys in the News

### QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE VASE 2018 - R & A AUTUMN MEETING

Source: [randainsa.weebly.com](http://randainsa.weebly.com)

Well done to Keith Simpson ('74) who celebrated his second Jubilee Vase triumph, having previously won the prestigious trophy in 2015. In Saturday morning's Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase Final, South African Keith Simpson (8, Humewood) beat Andrew Soulsby (5, Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society), 3 and 1.

Photo credit: Keith Clark



### The Absa Jewish Achievers Business Award

Source: [www.sajr.co.za](http://www.sajr.co.za)

Congratulations to Mike Abel ('84) who recently received the Absa Jewish Achievers Business Award.

**Read the article.**

### Maties Rugby Annual Awards Dinner - Dux Award

Source: [www.facebook.com/Matiesrugby](http://www.facebook.com/Matiesrugby)

Congratulations to Johann van Niekerk (2014) who won the Dux Award at the Maties Rugby Annual Awards Dinner.

Maties has had a successful season winning the Western Province Super League A and Varsity Cup earlier this year.



### Bandmaster bows out after 29 years of all that jazz

Source: [www.news24.com/PE-Express](http://www.news24.com/PE-Express)

Farewell to bandmaster Jeff Taylor who is retiring after 29 years at Grey Junior School. **Read the article.**

## Mauritius Turf Club: South African Named CEO

Source: <http://www.mauritiusturfclub.com>

Mike Rishworth has been appointed as the CEO of The Mauritius Turf Club. Mike, who will take up his new position in February, has had a rich career in the horse industry. Mike is a passionate Old Grey having served as School Treasurer 2008 - 2010 and has been involved in various school activities over the years.

**Read the article.**



## John Dunne Field to be Developed

The Grey Foundation has entered into a joint venture agreement with an Independent Old Grey Property Developer. An application has been submitted for the land use change from sport and recreation to residential 2 zoning. The developer has applied to rezone, subdivide and ultimately market and develop the John Dunne field in Mill Park to become a security estate of 45 erven. Plots will range between 450m<sup>2</sup> to 750m<sup>2</sup>. Houses in the scheme will range between 180m<sup>2</sup> to 340m<sup>2</sup> and sold on a plot and plan basis.

Grey Old Boys will be presented with an exclusive opportunity to purchase 10 erven within Phase 1 at a discounted rate. This window period of sales will be on a first-come-first-serve basis ahead of the official launch.

To express your interest contact [foundation@thegrey.com](mailto:foundation@thegrey.com)



## Siya Kolisi receives Honours Blazer

*photo by Mitch Lovemore*

On Friday 19 October Siya Kolisi was awarded with an Honours Blazer at a special assembly held in the De Waal Hall. Siya is the 11th recipient of this award. Although Siya received the award in retrospect the award only canvases men of The Grey from 2008 onward. Recipients are as follows:

1. 2008: Kevin Paul (swimming)
2. 2009: Siya Kolisi (rugby)
3. 2010: Quintin van Staden (quiz)
4. 2013: Sergeal Petersen (rugby)
5. 2014: Chris Reid (swimming)
6. 2015: Curwin Bosch
7. 2015: Tiago Vital (music)
8. 2015: Jason Everzard (water polo)
9. 2016: Matt Breetzke (cricket)
10. 2016: Lutho Sipamla (cricket)
11. 2017: Murray Schepers (squash)

## Rector's Report Term 3

Click the below icon to read the Rector's Report.



## Headmaster's Newsletter- Term 3

Click the below icon to read the Headmaster's Newsletter.



## Chatter Board

### **Grey Angling**

*I would like to do something on behalf of John Clark, who was a well-respected and much loved teacher at Grey High School for many years. He was a passionate teacher and a fair disciplinarian, but he also had a great passion for salt water rock & surf angling and was a key motivator for the Grey angling club which was formed in 1975/76 (not sure of exact date) with Theo du Plessis as the first chairman. As far as I know the club is still going but it would be great to dig up the history of the school club and have it written down somewhere. In the beginning we used to go and fish at Sonop our Grey camp and it was a great getaway for the Bodas. I can tell you that many Grey boys have represented Eastern Province and South Africa over the years in Rock & Surf angling and on behalf of John who carried on fishing despite his terrible illness due to grit and determination and won the respect of the entire EP angling fraternity I would like to mention the teachers and pupils at Grey High and Grey Junior who have represented EP and SA. If I have left anyone out it would be great if they could contact [ogu@thegrey.com](mailto:ogu@thegrey.com) and add their names to the list.*

***Click here to view the Listing***

*Kind Regards,*

*Darian Keeton ('77)*

Thank you to Gavin Cowley ('71) for sending in the photo to the right. This photo was taken in Cape Town after bumping into past Grey Geography teacher, John Martin.

John joined the Grey High School in January 1964, in Stan Edkins second year and left in April 1984 to become Deputy at Westerford H.S. In a recent mail John wrote, "I do not often get to PE these days, but am always highly proud to be associated with Grey."



## Upcoming Events

### November 1: Old Grey Europe Dinner

It's time again for the annual dinner and all Old Greys are cordially invited to the Old Grey Europe Dinner at the Lansdowne Club. The ballroom will be setup with tables of 10 and will have a fully stocked cash bar setup in the rear of the Ballroom.

**Date:** Thursday 1st November 2018

**Time:** 18:00 - 23:00

**Dress Code:** Suit/Jacket and tie

**Venue:** Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, London

**Cost:** To be confirmed. Cash bar available

**RSVP:** [chairman@oldgreyeurope.com](mailto:chairman@oldgreyeurope.com)

### November 12: Remembrance Day Service

This year marks the 100th anniversary of WW1. Parents, Old Greys and all friends of the Grey are invited and most welcome to attend.

**Date:** Monday, 12 November 2018

**Time:** 11:50 (Please be seated by 11:45)

**Venue:** The Grey Memorial Quad

### November 14: Old Grey Johannesburg Dinner

The Johannesburg Old Grey Committee invites you to join us for dinner at the Bryanston Country Club on Wednesday 14 November. This marks the annual JHB Dinner and we look forward to hosting new Rector of The Grey, Christian Erasmus.

**Date:** Wednesday, 14 November 2018

**Time:** 18:30

**Venue:** Bryanston Country Club, 63 Bryanston Dr, Sandton

**Cost:** R275 per person. Cash bar available

**Dress code:** Smart

**RSVP:** 31 October for catering purposes - [ogu@thegrey.com](mailto:ogu@thegrey.com) or 041 392 7625

### November 16: Grey High School Cricket - Golf Day

Grey High School has enjoyed a rich cricketing tradition dating back to the first game in 1861 and the current 1st XI Cricket Team will have the privilege of touring the UK in July 2019. These tours come as a direct cost to the parents and the R630,000 required is a mammoth task. This however has not dampened any spirits and the cricketers are willing to do whatever necessary to raise the funds. Please support their Golf Day on the 16th of November this year.

**Date:** Wednesday, 14 November 2018

**Venue:** Humewood Golf Club, Port Elizabeth

**Cost:** R2200 per 4-ball, supper incl. Betterball Stableford

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW MORE INFORMATION**

# In Memory

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

**Cecil Beyleveld - Class of 1975**

Respected past Chairman of The Grey High School Governing Body, passionate Old Grey and friend. Condolences to Lindsey, Michael, Janine and family.

**Dr Stewart Young - Class of 1958**

Stewart was known by his peers for his kind and knowledgeable approach. He was a pianist, a reputable piano teacher, a notable Beethoven scholar and vibrant departmental head at Bergvliet High. Stewart was also a very keen squash player and continued playing squash right to the end.

**Dr Bruce Meredith Ilesley - Class of 1954**

Bruce was Head boy of his year and vice captain of the First XV Rugby team. After school he studied Chemical Engineering and there received a doctorate. Later in his career Bruce moved into financial planning and became CEO of Sage Holdings. Condolences to his wife Rose-marie and children Michael, Bruce, Janine and Cathy.

**Grant Hutchinson - Class of 1978**

We are sad to announce the passing of Grant Hutchinson who lost his battle with cancer. Grant was the New Zealand Choral Federation's Chief Executive since 2008 and was the hub and face of the organisation for the past decade. He dedicated himself tirelessly to choral music in Aotearoa.



# THE GREY FOUNDATION

*Projects at a Glance*

## ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE

The Grey Music Department is one of the focal departments of the school and, as a subject and skill discipline, it is a key factor in the overall academic success of a large percentage of Grey boys. The **number of Grey's musicians are consistently in the region of 140 boys** (approx. 17% of the school). This is roughly one in five boys, a figure set to be sustained.

In recent years, the growth of the Music Department has left the school little choice but to capture an ever increasing amount of surrounding space, to cater for growing needs. Originally serving only 40 boys, the Music Department has, over time, **accommodated the extra 100 boys** by extending into two large portions of a change room and a large area of passageway. Other improvisations include changing music entrances and building of storage cupboards in passageways to accommodate libraries, equipment and uniforms.



Music groups operate in cramped and inadequate rehearsal spaces. One of these groups consists of 94 members and is confirmed to be **the largest of its kind in the world** at present, by a large margin. An additional rehearsal facility would split this group into two groups, with the senior group aiming for a higher standard, and the junior one more carefully geared toward improved training for the future.

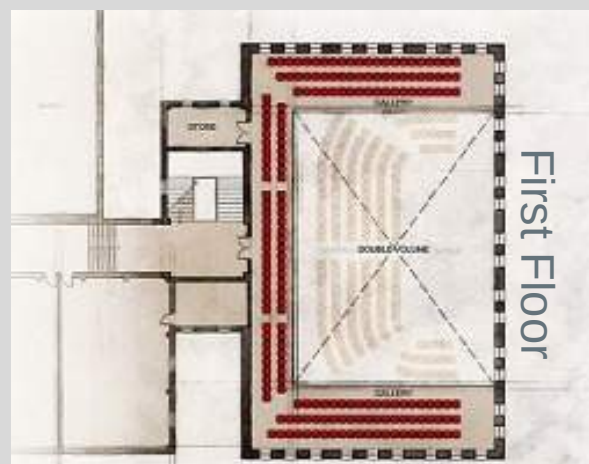
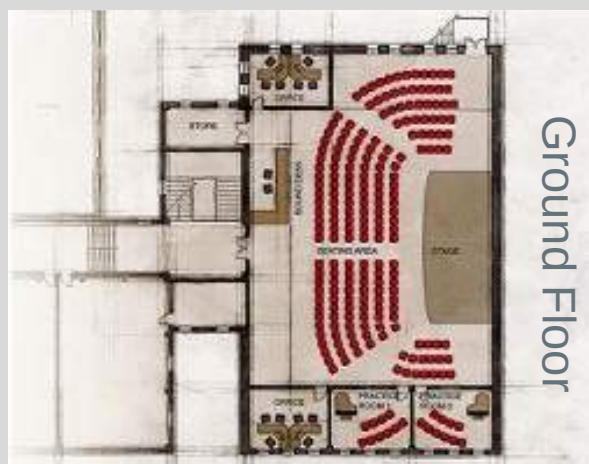
The Music Department has **no Concert Facility** of its own in which to perform, which makes it unique in the world in the most unfortunate possible way. The future needs of the Music Department have been examined in painstaking detail, and one of the crucial future developments has to be that any new facility has to be close to the school's hall, which needs to be equipped to provide a concert facility. The Grey School band has established itself as a household name in the hearts and minds of the Port Elizabeth and Old Grey communities. The Music Department continues to take new ground as a leading school ambassador. The current facilities are inadequate and many of **Grey's competitors enjoy a dedicated music facility and mini-concert hall.**

# The proposed refurbishment & extension of existing music facilities to create an ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE

It is proposed that the current Gym hall – which is located adjacent to the current music department be converted into a **mini-concert hall for performances and rehearsal** facilities. The department will have a separate vehicle and pedestrian access, alleviating the vehicle congestion observed along the school perimeter. In addition, the department will be located at a distance from instruction classroom block thereby reducing noise issues.

Projected costs for this new and refurbished facility as a whole amount to R26 million. This includes Alterations, Additions, Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) installation, Sound & lighting installation, and Green technology and building initiatives.

The following are architect's impressions and layouts of a new Arts & Culture Centre, a state of the art facility for musicians and performances.





## Inspiring facts about the Grey Music Department:



Over 100 Grey musicians take Graded Performance Exams through two British examining bodies, allowing achievement and music ability to be qualified and secured on an ongoing basis.

The Music Department teaches all Brass, Woodwind, Stringed, and Percussion instruments, as well as Piano.

We regularly have musicians who are members of the National Youth Orchestra and the National Youth Wind Band, (currently 4).



The Eastern Cape Philharmonic Orchestra is highly dependent on Old Grey Musicians for its survival. There are up to 12 Old Greys on their stage at the majority of their concerts.

Apart from South Africa, Grey musicians are all over the world pursuing successful careers, such as in New Zealand, Australia, Austria, Holland, Germany, the USA and the UK.



The Bands are:

The Grey Symphonic Winds (94 members);

The Grey Military Band (61 members);

The Grey String Orchestra (32 members);

The Grey Full Orchestra (70 members);

The Grey Voices (22 members).

**... and numerous boys participate in more than one orchestra / group!**

CONTACT BEV IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO



### MAKE A DONATION

TOWARDS THE ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE

Bev McCarthy

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The Grey Foundation Trust is a registered Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) enabling donors to receive a tax deduction on donations of up to 10% of annual taxable income.

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For those in the USA and UK, we have international registered Trusts to receive donations and offer applicable benefits to donors.



# THE OLD GREY CLUB

*The latest updates from The Old Grey Club*



## Halloween Drive-In at Old Grey

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE! Nothing NEW to do this Halloween? Book your ticket to a Drive In with a plot! Dress-up, show up and be part of a SPOOKTACULAR experience! Gates open at 18:00. Movie will start when the sun sets and darkness is upon us.... Best dressed prize up for grabs! R150 per car. Movie snacks and light meals available at the venue. Contact 041 373 8325



## JOKER JACKPOT - 11 cards remaining

The Joker Jackpot earnings are up to **R26 000** with only 11 cards remaining. Your R10 ticket could be the lucky number earning you the jackpot! The Draw takes place each Wednesday at 19h00, tickets available from 16h00.

## Dave Callaghan joins EP Board

Source: [www.sacricketmag.com](http://www.sacricketmag.com)

Former Proteas all-rounder Dave Callaghan ('83) has been elected to the board of Eastern Province Cricket. Dave is largely involved in both the Old Grey Cricket Club and The Grey Schools Cricket.

**Read the article.**



## Old Greys' Union Induction Lunch - Class of 2018

On Thursday 11 October the Old Grey Club welcomed 164 Matric boys and their fathers to lunch.

This lunch is a long standing tradition and follows the Valedictory Service which is held in The De Waal Hall. After the Valedictory Service the new Old Greys don their Old Grey ties and proceed 'Neath the Tower' to the Old Grey Club. There they were hosted by Gary Sim, Club Chairman, and Dave Hurr, National President. Wishing the Class of 2018 all the best with their final exams!