

OLD MUIRITE UNION NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter, 2022



2022 FOUNDERS' WEEK

Plans are being finalised, business partners are being confirmed, activities are being marketed. So much is happening in the build up to the 2022 Founders' Week, which will be a week to be remembered.

Activities that are taking place that week are:

Wednesday 3 August 2022	10h00 - 12h00	Careers Symposium	Muir College Boys' High School
	11h30	Old Muirite Union Golf Day & Prize Giving	Uitenhage Golf Club
	Evening	Golf After Party	The Muirite Clubhouse
Thursday 4 August 2022	08h00 - 09h00	Time Capsule Ceremony	By invitation
	09h00 - 10h30	Launch of 200 Life Lessons Leadership Booklet	Muir College Boys' High School
	10h00 - 12h00	Careers Symposium	Muir College Boys' High School
	14h00 - 16h00	Interactive activities between Old Muirites, Learners, Parents, Educators	Muir College Boys' High School
	18h00 - 22h30	Honouring current & past teachers' Event	Walmer Golf Club
Friday 5 August 2022	08h00 - 10h30	Corporate Executive Business Breakfast	Muir College Boys' High School
	09h00 - 11h00	Careers Symposium	Muir College Boys' High School
	11h30 - 13h30	School Assembly	Muir College Boys' High School
	14h00 - 14h15	War Cry	Muir College Boys' High School
	14h15 - 15h00	NC Dugmore Reunion	Muir College Boys' High School
	18h00	Launch of the Muir College 200 Year Rugby Festival (By invitation)	Muir College Boys' High School
Saturday 6 August 2022	08h00 - 17h00	Day 1 of the Muir College 200 Year Rugby Festival	Muir College Boys' High School
	11h00 - 12h30	Ladies' Brunch - Celebrating the Women of Muir College	Muir College Boys' High School
	18h30 - 23h00	Gala Dinner	Boardwalk Hotel & Convention Centre
Sunday 7 August 2022	10h00 - 11h30	Remembrance Day	Muir College Boys' High School
	12h00 - 16h00	Spit Braai	Muir College Boys' High School
Monday 8 August 2022	08h00 - 17h00	Day 2 of the Muir College 200 Year Rugby Festival	Muir College Boys' High School
Tuesday 9 August 2022		Farewell Function	

BOOKINGS AND ORDERS

All activities, clothing and memorabilia can be booked and purchased online:

www.muircollege.co.za

Follow the link to the 2022 Founders' Week and then click on Register

Booking deadline: 30 June 2022



CLOTHING AND MEMORABILIA

JACKET

S-XL R350

2XL-5XL R400

This unisex Jacket is a great way to keep the cold at bay whilst at Founders' Week. It's lightweight but quite a thick jacket that is also water resistant and fully lined in a mesh fabric. We have kept the branding elegant by placing the OMU logo on the back of the jacket.



MENS' LONG SLEEVE LOUNGER

S-XL R280

2XL-5XL R300

This brushed cotton long sleeve shirt is perfect for corporate wear, as well as attending Old Muirite Events in the future. The OMU logo is placed on the back of the shirt so that it is more elegant and subtle.

The shirt has double cuff buttons, which adds to the elegance of the item.

HOODED SWEATER

S-XL R280

2XL-5XL R300

This hoodie is unisex and is perfect for the cooler days of August and September. It has a lovely kangaroo pouch in the front and is a polycotton blend. The 200 Year logo has been placed on the chest, with no other branding on it.



MENS' GOLFER

S-XL R280

2XL-5XL R300

This golfer is a great addition to your wardrobe as it can be worn to work, golf, braais, weekend wear, etc.. The fabric is the e-Dri fabric so has moisture management.

We have branded it as follows: 200 Year logo on the left chest and the OMU logo on the back.

BUT, that's not all... we would also like to encourage classes to have their class year embroidered on the left sleeve. The price for this is, and includes the above mentioned standard logos:

S-XL R310

2XL-5XL R340

LADIES' GOLFER

S-XL R250

2XL-5XL R280

We have a ladies' golfer which is shaped in at the waist and has the 200 Year logo on the left chest. It is a polycotton single jersey fabric. This is a great item for educators, spouses and mothers of Muirites.



CLOTHING AND MEMORABILIA

SUN VISOR

R80

Here's a great accessory for those long hot summer days for both men and women. The sun visor has Velcro at the back which is used to adjust the size accordingly. The branding includes the 200 on one side and "Muir College 1822 – 2022" on the other side.



CAP

R80

This is a structured, 6-panelled cap that has a Velcro adjuster at the back. The 200 Year logo will be placed on the left hand side of the cap. This item is perfect for your golf games, time on the beach, relaxing in the bush or just chilling at home and keeping the sun off your face.



BEANIE

R65

This is another wonderful item for those cold moments at Founders' Week. This beanie has a turn up at the base where the 200 year logo is embroidered. The fabric is a polyester micro fleece fabric, which will ensure extra warmth in winter.



APRON

R140

For the men and women who love to cook. Great for braai days, skottles and potjies, or just in the kitchen. It can also be used for messy craft work to protect your clothes. The 200 year logo will be placed at the top bib of the apron.



SOCKS

R102 per pair

Socks have become quite the fashion lately and the Old Muirite Union is following trend by offering you a pair of 200 Year socks.

Branding includes the OMU logo on the back of the calf, "200 years" on the front and "second to none" on the sole of the foot. Be a trend setter and grab a pair or 2.



BRAAI TONGS

R110

These are exactly what they say they are.... Tongs for the braai. They can also be used in the kitchen over the stove and oven.

They are made of stainless steel and a plastic handle, with "Muir College 1822 – 2022" on the handle.



CLOTHING AND MEMORABILIA

BOTTLE OPENER

R80

This on trend, elongated, arched bottle opener is a must have for each household. Great for the kitchen, bar area, camping, picnics... the list goes on.

"Muir College 1822 – 2022" will be printed on the arch of the bottle opener.



MEMORY STICK

R85

This 16gig, black & chrome swivel memory stick will fit comfortably in your pocket, bag, on your desk, in your child's pencil case. Branding will be "Muir College 1822 – 2022" on the chrome cover of the stick.

POWER BANK

R450

This 11000 mAH capacity power bank is a must for those who are on the go to keep your phone and gadget batteries full.

This is a sleek 15.2 x 7.2 x 1.5cm device that you can easily keep next to your bed, in your car, on your desk, etc. "Muir College 1822 – 2022" has been printed on one side of the item.



UMBRELLA

R325

This is a great addition to your golf cart. Or keep it at home for those rainy days, or even in the boot of your vehicle. It has 8 panels with fibreglass ribs and a plastic handle.

Branding will include the Muir College and OMU logo opposite each other, with the 200 Year logo in alternate panels.

WATER BOTTLE

R80

This 750ml water bottle is perfect for school, work, gym, exercise and all activities. It has a screw off lid and is BPA Free.

Branding includes the OMU logo on one side and the 200 Year Logo on the opposite side.



COFFEE

250g R70

1kg R270

The Old Muirite Union, along with Port Elizabeth's long standing Masterton's Coffee, have come up with a blend especially for the 200 Year celebrations. It is 100% Arabica coffee, Brown Gold. Coffee is available as ground coffee or as beans.

CLOTHING AND MEMORABILIA

WINE

1 Bottle	R200
2 Bottles	R300
Case of 6 bottles	R720

To complement Muir College's milestone of reaching 200 years, a wine from the internationally acclaimed growing area of Stellenbosch, has been specially selected for Old Muirites as well as the broader Family of Muir. This special edition wine, a Cabernet Sauvignon, will be produced under the RINGING RAFTERS brand. Just as Muir College is steeped in history dating back to 1822, so too is this wine region of Stellenbosch, where the first vines were planted shortly after 1679.

The Cabernet Sauvignon will be ready to drink when delivered during the Founders Week or will mature over the following 5 to 8 years when stored in an appropriate environment <16 degrees Celsius.

We request that all orders be confirmed before the end of May 2022, so that the final number of bottles required can be packaged in time for collection from 3 August onwards.



COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

R650

This book has been 4 years in the making and covers the history and many stories of Muir College from 1822 to date. It is a fantastic 300-page, full colour, hard cover coffee table type book produced by Old Muirite, Charles van Renen.

200 YEAR TIE

R220 each

Two ties have been designed to commemorate this milestone in Muir College's history. We would love to encourage all those who are attending the Gala Dinner to purchase a tie and wear it to the dinner. This tie has been designed so that it is also suitable for corporate wear, weddings, etc.



LANYARDS

R25

Each person who registers for any of the Founders' Week events will receive a lanyard with their name and class year on it. These lanyards will be handed out at Registration at Muir College and will include your tickets to the events that you have booked.

FOUNDERS' WEEK BUSINESS PARTNERS

The Old Muirite Union has been hard at work behind the scenes to secure funding for Founders' Week with various business partners.

We are happy to share the confirmed partners as follows:



Negotiations and discussions are still underway with various corporates, and we hope to be able to share more good news with you shortly.

Funds raised from these partnerships have been earmarked for events, logistics of the week, marketing, branding ... to name a few



FOUNDERS' WEEK Q&A SESSIONS

Do you have questions? Do you have concerns? What about some suggestions?

The OMU President, Andrew Binning and OMU Manager, Wendy Knott-Craig, invite you to Founders' Week updates as well as to ask any questions you may have about the Founders' Week celebrations. The sessions will be held on Zoom.

Please diarise these dates and contact Wendy Knott-Craig (oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com) for the Zoom details:

THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2022	Session One: 10h00 - 10h30 Session Two: 20h00 - 20h30 South African time	THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022	Session One: 10h00 - 10h30 Session Two: 20h00 - 20h30 South African time
TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022	Session One: 10h00 - 10h30 Session Two: 20h00 - 20h30 South African time	THURSDAY 14 JULY 2022	Session One: 10h00 - 10h30 Session Two: 20h00 - 20h30 South African time

TIME ZONES

UK	- 2 hours behind South Africa	Perth	- 6 hours ahead of South Africa
Canada	- 6 hours behind South Africa	Sydney	- 9 hours ahead of South Africa
Texas, USA	- 7 hours behind South Africa	Auckland	- 11 hours ahead of South Africa
New York, USA	- 6 hours behind South Africa	Taipei	- 6 hours ahead of South Africa
Europe	- 1 hour behind South Africa	Shanghai	- 6 hours ahead of South Africa
Singapore	- 6 hours ahead of South Africa		



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The OMU's Annual General Meeting, for the year ended 31 December 2021, will be held on 31 March 2022 at 18h00 (South African time) via zoom.

Please contact **Wendy Knott-Craig** (oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com) for the zoom link

You can find the following documentation on the website (www.muircollege.co.za – go to the Old Muirite Union page and click on “Newsletters”)

- AGM Notice and Agenda
- Call for Nominations for 2022 Committee members
- Proxy Form
- Draft minutes from the 2021 AGM
- Draft minutes from the 2021 Special AGM

OLD MUIRITE UNION LEADERSHIP

The leadership of the OMU has grown to over 100 gents (and one woman), and includes the following categories:

- OMU Exec and Committee
- National Representatives
- International Representatives
- Business Portal Advisory Board
- Class Representatives

We still require a **CLASS REPRESENTATIVE** for each of the following years – volunteers are always welcome:

1963 1964 1974 2015 2016 2017

Please don't forget to contact **Wendy Knott-Craig** should any of your details change.

To obtain contact details and to view photos of the OMU Leadership please log onto www.muircollege.co.za and click on the Old Muirite Union icon.





OMU President's Message

Greetings to all Old Muirites as well as the broader Muir family.

It goes without saying that we are in an extremely exciting time in the history of the Old Muirite Union and indeed our alma mater. As many individuals have shared with me – its not every day that a school turns 200 years old. We as old boys and members of the Old Muirite Union have a vested interest in the 200- year celebrations, having attended Muir College or having invested much energy in Muir College.

The Siya 'Ekhaya (Coming Home) campaign has led to many old boys from around the world contacting the Old Muirite Union and confirming their attendance at Founders' Week in August. Guys will be travelling from Canada, the USA, the UK, Germany, France, the Middle East, Malaysia, China, Australia, New Zealand, Namibia, Swaziland and other locations to attend the celebrations in person. This is incredible and we are aiming that at least one person from each of these countries will carry their flag in a procession at the 200 Year Founders' School Assembly.

There does appear to be unhappiness in certain quarters regarding the costs to attend some of the Founders' Week activities. Let me say that there is no intention to make a profit from Founders' Week – but rather to ensure that each and every activity in August is worthy of a 200-year celebration. OMU Manager, Wendy Knott-Craig and I will be hosting a series of Zoom Q&A sessions in the leadup to Founders' Week and invite any members of the OMU to join us and ask any questions on your mind, as well as to hear first-hand updates on Founders' Week. It is certainly the intention of the OMU Committee to include and provide an opportunity for every old boy to participate in Founders' Week activities – and to this extent our

online booking system opened early in February – to allow old boys to book multiple times over a 5-month period. There have been bookings for all of the activities as well as memorabilia, so we are positive we are on the right track. The most popular activities to date have been the Muir College 200 Year Gala Dinner (to date 74 of the 91 tables have been booked) and the OMU 200-year Golf Day (27 of the 50 available four-balls have been booked).

I must commend those Old Muirites who have given so much of their own time to present partnership opportunities to corporates and government departments – this to raise funds to cover aspects of the Founders' Week. There are so many costs that cannot be covered by participation fees – including, amongst other items, Billboards, social media boosting, large screens, grandstands, extension to the Muirite so as to be able to accommodate 500 individuals etc. In the next Newsletter the OMU will be able to announce these partners.

Finally – a huge thank you to those members who contributed towards the work of the OMU via the annual voluntary contribution scheme – this allows the OMU the opportunity to continue serving our members – THANK YOU.

See you at the OMU Annual General Meeting in a few days and see you at Founders' Week in August!

Nec Pluribus Impar

Andrew Binning

Old Muirite Union President



Headmaster's Message

We have enjoyed an exciting start to our bicentenary year. Some of the highlights have been :

- A top-notch cricket festival;
- The opening of the Trevor Winer Resource Centre, a modern facility which is already benefitting our learners. It was a special honour to welcome the daughter of Trevor Winer, Professor Margot Winer, who was our guest speaker;
- The launch of our commemorative book, "Shout till the rafters ring". Here again, we were blessed to have Ms Sigi Howes from Conservation Education to be one of our speakers. Thanks again to Mr Charles van Renen and the Book Committee for an awesome job;
- The "Drakensberg Boys' Choir event" will take place in the school hall on 29 March;
- Planning is going well for the lecture by an Old Muirite, Professor Justin Jonas, which is scheduled for 13 April. A number of schools have been invited to send their Science students to this event.

Apart from the 200 year events, Muirites have been excited to get stuck into extra-mural activities and a full cricket season was enjoyed. The teams performed relatively well and it was especially pleasing to note the improvement of cricket in the primary phase. It was also encouraging to see an improvement with regards to parents' support at our matches.

Rugby also commenced this term and a lovely set of fixtures was arranged against Daniel Pienaar, where our teams did very well. Our First XV also won their game at the Graeme Rugby Day and are due to participate in the Grey Rugby Festival.

U13's participated in the Marlow Festival while the u11's took part in the Clarendon Festival. The First Hockey team took part in the Despatch Festival.

Another exciting development was the filling of the swimming pool which enabled us to have primary and senior galas. We also enjoyed success on the athletics field where two of our senior athletes reached the Provincial finals while one learner, Isa Marola participated in the National championships.

Our Debaters were superb this term and one of our teams remained undefeated in the league.

Leadership camps were arranged for both our senior Prefects/RCL's as well as our primary Prefects. These were both outstanding events.

The spirit of the school is very good and the boys are enjoying the new Tuck Shop as well as the benches in the vicinity. On the staffing front, we were sad to say goodbye to Mr Justin Fourie, while we welcome Mr Jason Moodley next term. Mr Shane Elie is recovering well and has been temporarily replaced by Ms Tracy Galloway. We were fortunate enough to have the services of Mr McAllister and Mr Forbes during the first term.

Finally, we look forward to a full programme in the Second term and trust that the learners will continue to make us proud.

Thank you all for your support.

Robin Stephenson

Muir College Headmaster

In conversation with ...

Neil Crawford

Muir Headmaster 1997 – 2001

Founder member of the Muir Foundation since 2021



Neil Crawford bears the distinction of having taught at four of South Africa's great schools, and is the only person ever to have been principal of the only two remaining boys' high schools in the greater Nelson Mandela Bay area – Muir and Grey.

In looking back on his early life, he recalls that he was 'privileged and blessed to have had supportive and encouraging parents who instilled a sense of purpose in me to always set my sights high'. Throughout his primary and secondary education, Neil was 'totally involved in school activities and privileged to receive a well-balanced, all-round education – in mind, body and spirit.' As a pupil, he took part in various cultural events, including debating, and he participated in several sports, including athletics, cross-country and rugby.

Neil was educated at Fish Hoek Junior and High Schools, then at the Graaff-Reinet and Paarl teachers' training colleges. He then moved on to Rhodes University where he majored in Geography and Human Movement Studies (Phys Ed), and coached rugby.

He recalls that when, as Head Prefect in his matric year, he delivered the 1970 valedictory address to the staff, pupils and parents of his school, he had not yet firmly decided upon a career. His final decision was made while he was undergoing his military service and, fortunately for future generations, he chose teaching – 'and never looked back!'

'Making a positive difference in people's lives, both in the classroom and extramurally, became a passion of mine,' he says, adding that he savoured every moment of his 42 years in education, and never considered an alternative career.

Neil's first teaching post was at Wynberg Boys' High (a school almost as old as Muir!) where from January 1976 he taught Mathematics and Physical Education, coached rugby, headed up aquatics, and was a hostel duty master. In 1984 he accepted the position of Vice-Principal at Queen's College, and from 1985 was the First XV Rugby coach. He later became Deputy Headmaster and, in addition to his teaching and a wide range of administrative and other duties, was in charge of the prefects and the school's leadership training programmes.

Having been well prepared to take on higher office, in 1997 Neil was appointed Headmaster of Muir College. Sadly for 'The Muir', in mid-2001 he was poached by 'The Grey' where he served as Rector until his retirement at the end of 2017.

Neil has always been a great believer in 'leadership by walkabout'. Consequently, during his teaching career he was always an avid supporter of all academic, sporting and cultural activities. 'As Headmaster of any school, one faces many challenges, curved balls and, at times, the unexpected – and so the importance of positivity and infectious enthusiasm, coupled with a sense of humour. I always endeavoured to surround myself with good, loyal and capable people and colleagues, and kicked the odd toxic individual into touch!'

Crawford often found that the Department of Education was a cause for concern and frustration, mainly in the allocation of teaching staff, yet he somehow always maintained a cordial working relationship with departmental officials.

At Muir in particular, he was 'blessed to be associated with a wonderfully supportive and loyal staff, parent body and old boy network – and, of course, the "Second to None" Muirites.'

Amongst many associated with Muir, Neil pays tribute to several individuals, including his deputy, Bun Hopley who, he says, could not have been a better right-hand man – ‘a real champion!’ He also praises Carl Lategan and Fenner Barnard who ‘so passionately looked after the interests and well-being of the junior section of the College.’ He understandably singles out the commitment of Tom Ferreira and Godfrey Streso, while amongst others whom he found very supportive were former Head, Paul Ellis, and the Headmaster’s Secretary, Mrs Baby Ferreira who was ‘hugely efficient’. He recalls that it was a pleasure working with Ian Krain, at that time National President of the Old Muirite Union, and the OMU committee, and he expresses gratitude to Ivan Beaumont, chairperson of the School Governing Body at the time of his appointment.

Asked of the disciplinary challenges that he encountered at Muir, he responds that all schools face disciplinary issues at times, and this was no different at Muir. He believes that most of these were well handled and controlled by the staff, and Muirites were especially wary not to challenge or put Dave Francis to the test – they would have done so at their own peril!

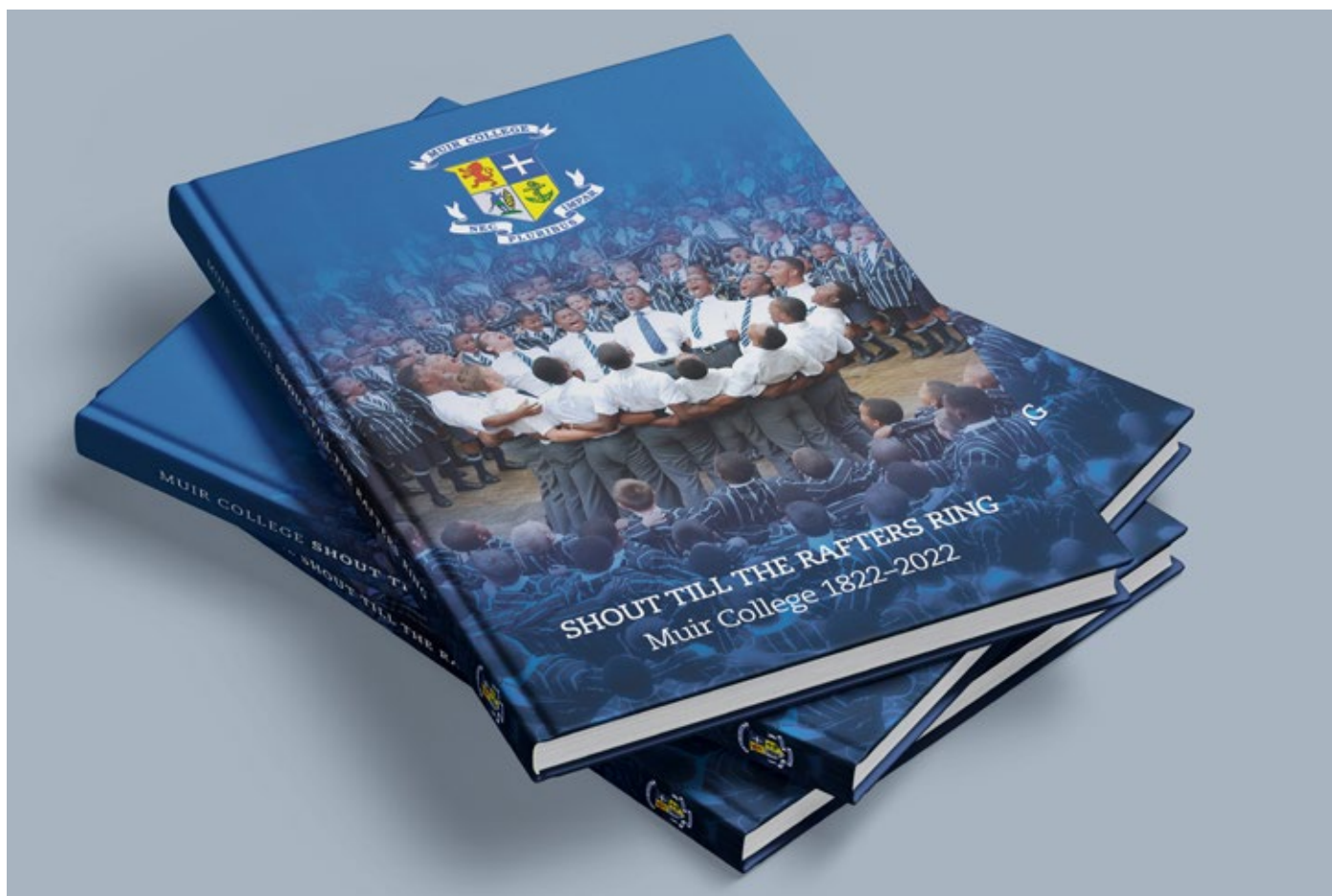
On reflection, Neil feels that he was privileged and honoured to have served ‘The Family of Muir’ during his period as Headmaster.

In his retirement Neil soon became involved in various organisations, including Rotary, the councils and foundations of schools, and the body corporate of a housing complex. He has enjoyed some travelling, and became a competitive marathon and long distance runner for a while, but these days he walks on a daily basis for that essential exercise!

Neil particularly wishes the College Headmaster, Robin Stephenson, success – together with the staff, Chairperson of the SGB Peter Else, and President of the OMU Andrew Binning, together with his team – in their efforts to make 2022 a ‘milestone year’, one to remember, savour and treasure: ‘200 strong!’

Written by Rob Sharman – Class of ‘71

(For more detail on the Crawford era, see Charles van Renen’s bicentenary commemorative book, Shout Till the Rafters Ring)



Order your Commemorative Book online at www.muircollege.co.za by clicking on the Founder’s Week icon

THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF GOING IT ALONE: 1962-1994

DID YOU KNOW?

Muir College Boys' Primary School, previously part of the greater Muir College, became a separate school in January 1962. How did this come about?

Owing to continual increases in pupil numbers, it was thought that Muir College was becoming too big to be managed with optimal efficiency, and that the Primary section deserved to have its own needs and interests looked after independently. Muir Primary comprised only Std-2 to Std-5 (Grades 4-7), however, as the new co-educational College Hill Preparatory School was to cater for Sub-A to Std 1 (Grades 1-3).



Chapters 16 to 19 of the Muir 1822-2022 book, *Shout till the Rafters Ring*, tell the story of Muir College Boys' Primary under what were effectively five headmasters, namely Noel Jennings, Willie Watson (acting for a full year), Ronnie van Niekerk, Lex Vincent and Carl Lategan. These chapters relate the chronic difficulties brought about by inadequate accommodation, what was done about it at times and the school's eventual decision to move to a completely new site in town. There was a twist in the new site 'tale', however, culminating in unexpectedly rapid developments in 1987.

But the story of Muir Primary is so much more: from the staging of musical shows, gym displays

and floodlit rugby festivals to pupils ascending great heights in the sporting arena. In some sports, especially rugby, the results were often nothing short of spectacular. Many an opponent was left in the 'wake' of Muir swimmers in inter-schools galas, while there was good reason to claim, over a few seasons, that Muir College Boys' Primary provided the top diving teams in the country.

There were memorable characters on the staff too, from JCH 'Mouldy' Muller and Godfrey Streso, to former Muir pupils returning to teach there, such as Ralph Watson, Dave Cooper and Derek Potgieter, and Messrs Strydom, Tee and Ferreira at a later stage. The latter was prescient enough to give a young Garth Wright some sound advice as his rugby coach in a hand-written message on a team photo: this appears in 'Shout till the Rafters Ring'.



By the early 1990s much had changed in the political landscape of South Africa; this had a negative effect on enrolments, while other factors also led to Muir Primary's agreeing to be reunited with 'Big Brother' in Vanes Estate in 1994.

by **Charles van Renen**,
Class of 1963

THE BELL

Clive Shamley, class of 1964, recently shared the story of how the Muir College Bell came about:

During the 1960's or earlier, Muir College had a shooting team that Clive was part of. Mr Clement, the Headmaster at the time, was their coach and shooting practice took place in what was known as "The butts" behind the old N.C. Dugmore hostel.

The scholars used point. 22 single-shot rifles and after practice they had to pick up the spent cartridges and hand to one of their teachers, Mr David Owen. Mr Owen kept the cartridges, and no one dared ask what he did with them.

When Muir College moved to the current premises, Mr Owen still had the cartridges and had them melted down and the bell was cast and donated to the school. Can you imagine how many cartridges it took to make that bell?

Thanks Mr Owen for creating such a wonderful story and piece of history for Muir College.

Note: Clive Shamley sadly passed away before we could distribute this newsletter. Thanks to Clive for sharing many stories and photographs with us. A celebration of Clive's life will take place at 10h30 on Saturday 2 April 2022 at the NSRI Lecture Room, The Port at St Francis Bay. This will be followed by tea / coffee and a cash bar at the Skiboat Club.



TREVOR WINER (Class of 1955)



Trevor Winer attended Muir College and matriculated in 1955, whereafter he had extensive experience in the IT industry, becoming the founder and CEO of a major software company called SPL World Group Holdings.

In 2008 the Winer family set up an annual scholarship to financially assist Muirites with their studies at a university of their choice for 4 years. During this time, 18 Muirites have been the recipients of this award.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Winer family for assisting, mentoring, and impacting the lives of so many Muirites.



RECIPIENTS OF THE TREVOR WINER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Old Muirite Union has been catching up with some of the previous winners of this prestigious scholarship and finding out what they are currently busy with.

2010 – JASON BARKER

Jason studied at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (now known as the Nelson Mandela University) 2010 – 2013. His qualifications include a B.Com Accounting for Chartered Accountants (undergraduate degree), B.Com Honours Accounting (post graduate degree).

He is a registered member of the SAICA (South African Institute of Chartered Accountants) as well as a registered member of Chartered Professional Accountants Bermuda. Barker is currently a Senior Manager in PwC Bermuda's assurance division, managing teams in the execution of audits of high profile multinational companies that are headquartered in Bermuda.

Jason ends off with the following message: "I would like to again extend my gratitude to Trevor Winer for setting up the scholarship and for his investment in both my education and those of other fellow Muirites. I was honoured to have Trevor personally attend my graduation for my undergraduate degree in 2013, which allowed him to see the rewarding and positive impact a scholarship can have. Your investment has enabled me to fulfil my aspirations and offered the opportunity to lead a successful career. I wish you and your family good health and keep doing what you do for your alma mater - Nec Pluribus Impar."



NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY



2017 – TAKATSO RADASI



Takatso attended the University of Johannesburg where he completed his Bachelor of Accounting (CA Stream). He is currently working at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the position of Assurance Associate.

Takatso had this to say: "I am forever indebted to the Winer Family because without the Bursary my dream of becoming a Chartered Accountant would have remained just that, 'a dream.' I am proud to state that I am only a few years away from achieving this milestone.

The Trevor Winer Bursary did not only support me financially but through Miss Margot Winer, I was given advice on how to cope with the transition from High School to University.

The selfless act of the Winer Family has not only positively impacted me, but the benefits have trickled down to my family and community. My single mother now has a son she can rely on to alleviate inherent financial obligations that accrue to her. My community has an extra person to lend a hand when a needy person requires financial support.

There are truly no words I can formulate to succinctly express my sincere gratitude to the Winer Family. I pray that the Lord continues to bless the Winer family abundantly."

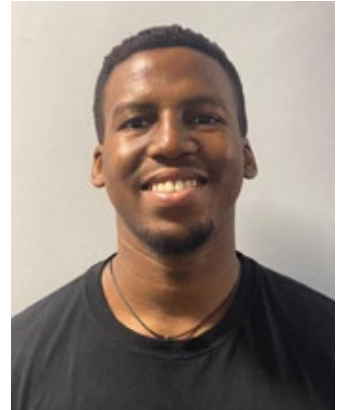


RECIPIENTS OF THE TREVOR WINER SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 – SIBABALWE MBINI

Sibabalwe is currently studying at the Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha). He is in his final year of his BCom Accounting Sciences (Computer Sciences and Information Systems) degree. Sibabalwe intends completing his honors in Accounting as well. Besides studying full time, he is also a student tutor for 1st and 2nd year students at the University.

Sibabalwe says “The Trevor Wine Trust and Professor Winer specifically, has been a huge support on my journey over the past 3 years and I am truly thankful for the support and guidance.”



NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY

2022 – TRISTAN DE KOK



Tristan is currently in his first year of studying pharmacy at the Nelson Mandela University.

Tristan states “On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank Trevor Winer for the scholarship as it is extremely helpful in assisting with my financial difficulties. A thank you to Professor Margot Winer and the Trustees as well. I cannot wait to complete my studies and give back to a school which made me into the man I am today.”

NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2009	Jade Williams	2014	Shaheel Hooverjee Milan Gajjar	2018	Athenkosi Hlonyane
2010	Jason Barker			2019	Sibabalwe Mbini
2011	Euen Klassen	2015	Mylan Jones	2020	Lyden Human
2012	Kevin Flanagan Jethro Strauss	2016	Vuyolwethu Kwindla Sean Burger	2021	Darius George
2013	Kyle Dawson	2017	Trent Burnet Takatso Radasi	2022	Tristan de Kock

**Want to leave a similar legacy to what Trevor Winer has established ?
Speak to the OMU and let's make it happen.**

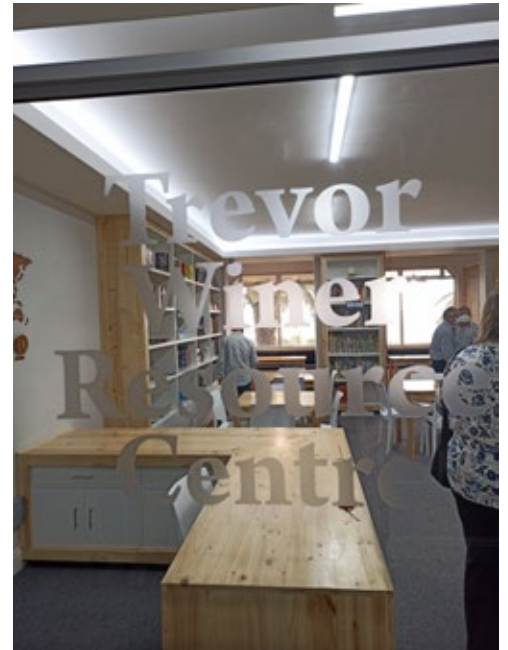
TREVOR WINER RESOURCE CENTRE LAUNCH

As Bun Hopley was handing over the reins to Robin Stephenson as Headmaster of Muir College, he mentioned that a Resource Centre would be a fantastic addition to the school for the learners.

Roll on a few years and this became a reality in January 2022 with the launch of the Trevor Winer Resource Centre, which was hosted by Robin Stephenson and Muir College. Margot Winer, daughter of Trevor Winer, attended the launch and spoke passionately about her love for the Trevor Winer Scholarship and that their family is honoured to have the centre named after Trevor, thus leaving his legacy for generations to come.

The purpose of the Resource Centre is to give the learners a quiet area where they can do research (electronic and manual), work on projects, hold discussions and collaborate on work that they are doing. It includes a computer area, a library with many books, booths with benches and tables for collaborations and views over the sport field.

The Centre is located where the tuckshop used to be, and the tuckshop has now moved to a lovely new building opposite the Muirite Clubhouse.



SHOUT TILL THE RAFTERS RING

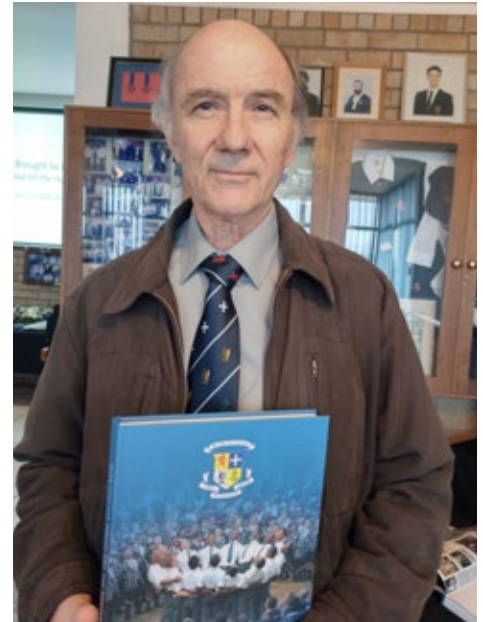
Friday 25 February 2022 saw the launch of the 200-year commemorative book, *Shout till the Rafters Ring*, which took the format of an intimate evening in the Muirite Clubhouse for invited guests.

This book has been 5 years in the making, with Old Muirite, Charles van Renen (Class of 1963), the author of the book, along with his editing and research team consisting of:

- Frank McFarlane (Class of 1986)
- Graeme Jonker (Class of 1988)
- Patrick Maguire (Class of 1990)
- Peter Else (Class of 1986 and Chair of the School Governing Body)
- Robert Sharman (Class of 1971)

This beautiful 300-page, full colour, hardcover, coffee table type book covers the history of Muir College over the past 200 years. There are some great stories and anecdotes in the book. Interesting and entertaining chapters. Some photos will make you nostalgic and feel emotional.

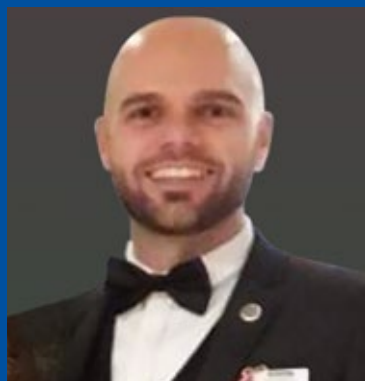
We would like to encourage all Old Boys to purchase the book via our online shop on the 200-year Website: www.muircollege.co.za click on "2022 Founders Week", and then on the "Registration" tab and finally on the "Online Shop" button.



OLD MUIRITES EXCELLING

KRINESAN MOODLEY (Class of 2000)

Congratulations to Krinesan Moodley on his appointment as Convenor of Selectors for the SA School Boys Hockey Team for 2022.

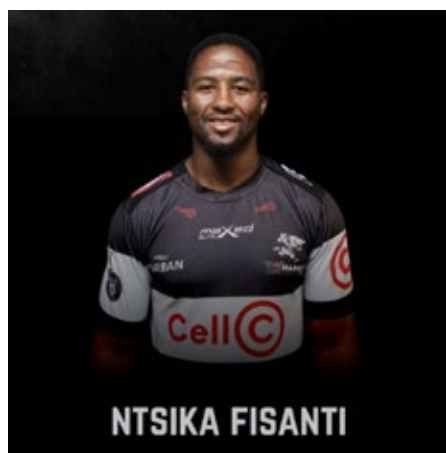


KEVERN LAYTON (Class of 2004)

In 1998 Kevern became the youngest person in South Africa to attain an amateur radio license as well as being the youngest person to pass the 12 words per minute Morse code exam. In 2007 he was awarded gold in the national outdoor South African championship for Archery and broke 3 South African records. In 2008 Kevern won gold in the national indoor South African championship for Archery and broke 2 South African records.

CURRIE CUP

On 16 March we saw three Old Muirites playing in the Currie Cup Rugby matches:



NTSIKA FISANTI
(Class of 2018)



KUDZWAI DUBE
(Class of 2017)



MIHLALI MOSSIE
(Class of 2015)



OLD MUIRITES EXCELLING

LONWABO MARELE (Class of 2012)



Percy Temane, an author in Johannesburg, nominated Old Muirite Lonwabo Marele to give a Tedx Talk. Marele had to pitch his idea in 5 minutes to a panel and was then given two and a half months to prepare his speech, spending 30 minutes to an hour every day on preparations.

His speech, titled "Generational Wealth Creation in the Townships is simpler than we realise", was performed in front of an audience of about 70 people at the Workshop17, in the V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, in November 2021, with approximately 500 people joining online. The topic speaks about how a simple shift of the mindset can help us realise that we have all the resources we need to succeed, no matter the area or circumstance. He made an example of a stokvel that his mother, Buyelwa Marele, joined when he was still very young. She earned R2,500 a month at work and by joining a stokvel, she was able to put Lonwabo into Muir College Boys' High School.

Lonwabo Marele is a multimedia entrepreneur, journalist, philanthropist, and Master of Laws candidate at Unicaf. He writes sports for 15 cape community newspapers and is the founder and CEO of a digital wealth magazine and a global media production company - Successful Journals. He is also the co-founder of The Fruit Store Podcast, SSL Printing & Consulting, and the vice-chairman at Ngcayisa & Marele Foundation (NPO).



WHERE ARE THEY NOW - MEET THE OLD MUIRITE

DAVID FROST – CLASS OF 1962

Whilst at Muir College, David enjoyed woodworking from a young age and preferred to be given tools as Christmas and birthday presents. He lived across town so didn't participate in sport as much as he should have – he played a bit of rugby and took up some weight training at home, which in those days wasn't a popular pastime.

When David left Muir College, he obtained a Technicians diploma in Telecommunications at Baragwanath, Johannesburg. He also received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from TUKS (Pretoria University), as well as a Government Certificate of Competency.

David's career started in 1963 with the Department of Posts and Telecomms as a pupil technician and later as a technician in Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Pretoria. In 1975 he returned to Port Elizabeth from Pretoria and obtained a post with the Municipality as Engineer in the distribution division. From there David moved to East London to join Zakrewski Ass. Inc as a consulting Engineer and was given a directorship. In 1987 he co-founded Adams & Frost Consulting Engineers in East London. They amalgamated with Gardner and Carpenter in 1990 and renamed the holding company Carifro Consulting Engineers. At the same time a second office was also opened in Port Elizabeth, which David managed until he retired in 2014, and now lives in Cape Town.

David is married to Carryl and has 2 sons and a daughter, and a total of 5 grandchildren. Since moving to Cape Town they have been in either full or semi lock down but, when possible, they explore Cape Town and surrounds and spend time with family. They've also enjoyed some international travel during retirement and Dave has taken up Golf Croquet and spends 2 afternoons a week on the greens.

Frost prefers non-fiction books and is reading technical journals relating to renewable energy and energy storage. His music of choice is music from the 50s and 60s.

David is proud of Muir College especially when triumphing over other schools in rugby and cricket.

Frost's parting words: Always go the extra mile and try to enjoy the work you do and if you don't, make a change. Life's too short to waste on activities you don't enjoy.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CRICKET FESTIVAL

Before the schools opened in January 2022, Muir College hosted a cricket festival as part of the 200-year celebrations – a great way to kick off such an auspicious year.

Matches were held at Muir College, Woodridge College, Pearson and Brandwag. The OMU appointed ambassadors to be present at the matches at each of these schools, to be there at the coin toss. Our heartfelt thanks to those Old Boys who assisted with this:

- Siba Phillip
- Runeshan Moodley
- Ryan Bhana
- Clayton du Plooy
- Andrew Binning
- Nceba Mafa
- Joel Katz
- Patrick McCarthy
- Mark Bradley



The following schools participated in the festival:

- Brandwag High School
- Cambridge High School
- EP Development Team
- Graeme College
- Hudson Park High School
- Kingwood College
- Muir College
- Pearson High School
- Peterhouse (Zimbabwe)
- St Andrews' College
- Trinity College
- Woodridge College



Many spectators enjoyed their summer days at the school's campus during the festival – braaing, having some cooldrinks and watching some good cricket.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

RUGBY DERBY DAY vs DANIEL PIENAAR

Some very exciting rugby games took place against Daniel Pienaar towards the end of the school term, with the results as follows:

- 1st XV won 43-29
- 2nd XV won 12-10
- 3rd XV lost 0-35
- U16A lost 35-5
- U16B lost 0-58
- U15A won 21-10
- U15B won 15-5
- U14A won 25-17
- U14B lost 3-34



SCHOLARS DOING WELL



Congratulations to **Alex-Jay Minnie** (Triple Jump) and **Isa Marola** (200m) on their silver medals at the Provincial Championships. Isa will be representing the Eastern Cape Provincial Schools in the U17 200m event at the National High School Athletics Championships.



Qhumani Phuwani represented the Kariega Despatch District Athletics in the U10 100m.

SOME MORE INTERESTING STORIES

RAISING THE PROFILE OF MUIR COLLEGE

One of the objectives of the 200-year celebrations is to raise the profile of Muir College Boys' High School within the Nelson Mandela Bay area, as well as South Africa, and even globally.

Should any Old Muirites be keen to invest in this objective, please contact Wendy Knott-Craig (oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com) to view the opportunities available.

MEET THE INTERNS

The Old Muirite Union has appointed two interns to assist us this year:

Thandeka Langa is currently finishing off her Public Relations Management diploma at the Nelson Mandela University.

Zimasa Dunywa is doing a BA Law degree at Nelson Mandela University and is registered with YES which offers internships for tertiary students.



Thandeka Langa



Zimasa Dunywa



OLD BOYS WORKING TOGETHER

BUCO in South Africa employs a few Old Muirites, namely

Dean White (Class of 1989) Regional Operations Manager, Western Cape

Joel Katz (Class of 1988), Store Operator BUCO SC Uitenhage

Tony Price (Class of 1986), National Sales Manager for Permo seal.

CAPE TOWN OLD BOYS CATCH UP

A few Old Muirites, mainly from the Class of 1986, who live in Cape Town had a catch up at the famous Blue Peter Hotel in February

Back

Peter Sunderland
Tony Price
Marchant Taylor
Stephen Canter
Sean Bowler

Kneeling

Brad Bischoff
Riaan Bellingham
Brian Blewett
Paul Meihuizen



SOME MORE INTERESTING STORIES

MESSAGE FROM AN OLD BRANDWAG LEARNER

The following message was posted on the Uitenhagers Around the World Facebook page, on a video clip promoting the Remembrance Day Service. It was posted by Deon Koen:

I'm an old Brandwag scholar but have always had only the utmost respect for the "enemy". Muir has been an institution of excellence; students have always been proud to wear the blazer and scholars have achieved so much over the years. I remember the intimidating atmosphere when we played rugby at the beautiful Muir grounds, the passion of the players and the supporters, and the hard grind to achieve success, even when our side was far better equipped at times. Muir always seemed like a very special place and even felt like a "private school" in so many respects. Whilst having been a proud Brandwag scholar, I will always feel as if I would probably have been an even happier Muir scholar. Very sincere best wishes to all Old Muirites, to current scholars and to the future stars of this wonderful sanctuary of education.



AIRLINK

Airlink airline has come on board as a partner for the 2022 Founders' Week. We have included a link to their website under the "logistics" page on the 2022 Founders' Week website. Follow this link and book your flights for travel any time this year and you'll be pleasantly surprised at their pricing.



THE START OF A NEW TRADITION

Before the mad rush happened with all the learners returning to school, the Old Muirite Union started a new tradition of welcoming the teachers back to school with a small event. The purpose of this is to acknowledge and thank them for all they do for Muir College and to wish them well for the year ahead.



See you at the continuation of this tradition in January 2023

BUSINESS PORTAL

REMINDER: for free marketing and hopefully traffic to your business, don't forget to register on the OMU's Business Portal. Visit www.muircollege.co.za and click on "Old Muirite Union" and onto the "Business Portal". You can also use this portal to search for any products or services you may require.

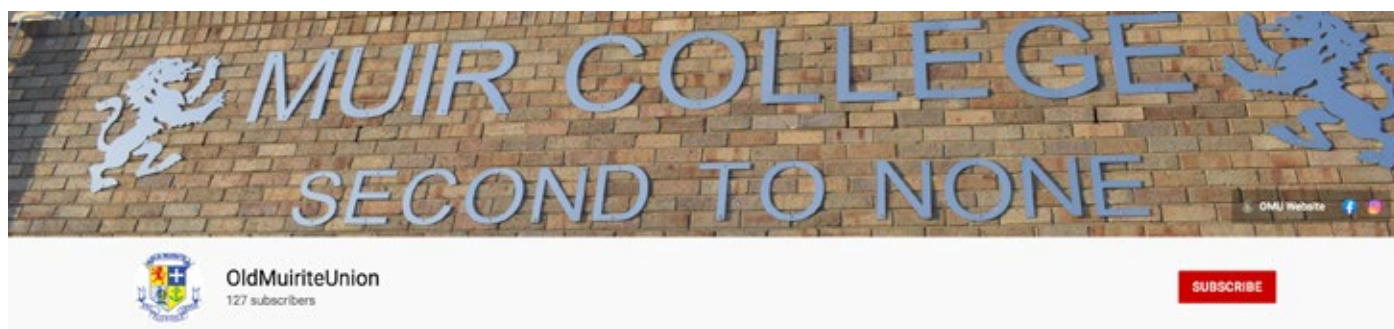
Muirites supporting Muirites

ONLINE VIDEOS

The OMU has a YouTube channel with a growing number of videos being posted there.



The videos are being used to encourage Old Boys to attend the 2022 Founders' Week in August.



SIYA 'EKHAYA CAMPAIGN

The Siya 'Ekhaya video was shared on social media and was very well received. We were blown away by the response to this video with many Old Muirites being in touch to say that they are "coming home". Siya 'Ekhaya means "I'm coming Home" ... are you?

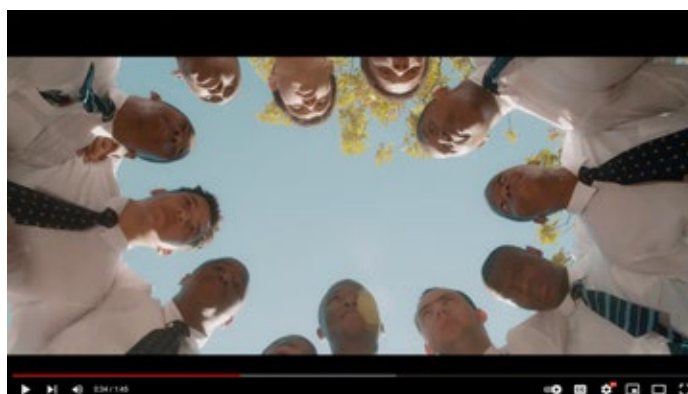
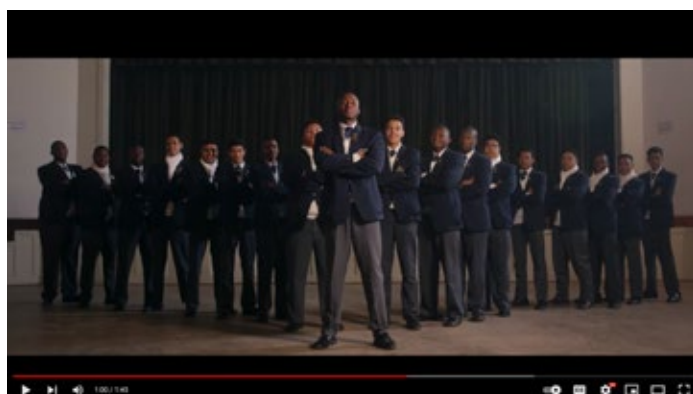
Link: <https://youtu.be/C1Wq0dyWDwc>



MUIR COLLEGE – A BROTHERHOOD

Our most recent video is the Brotherhood video, which really pulls at the heartstrings and stirs various emotions in Old Muirites. It covers the day in the life of a Muir Boy, from sunrise to sunset, showing aspects of what Muir College has to offer, and the strong brotherhood between the young men.

Link: <https://youtu.be/OoZyTWH7T3c>

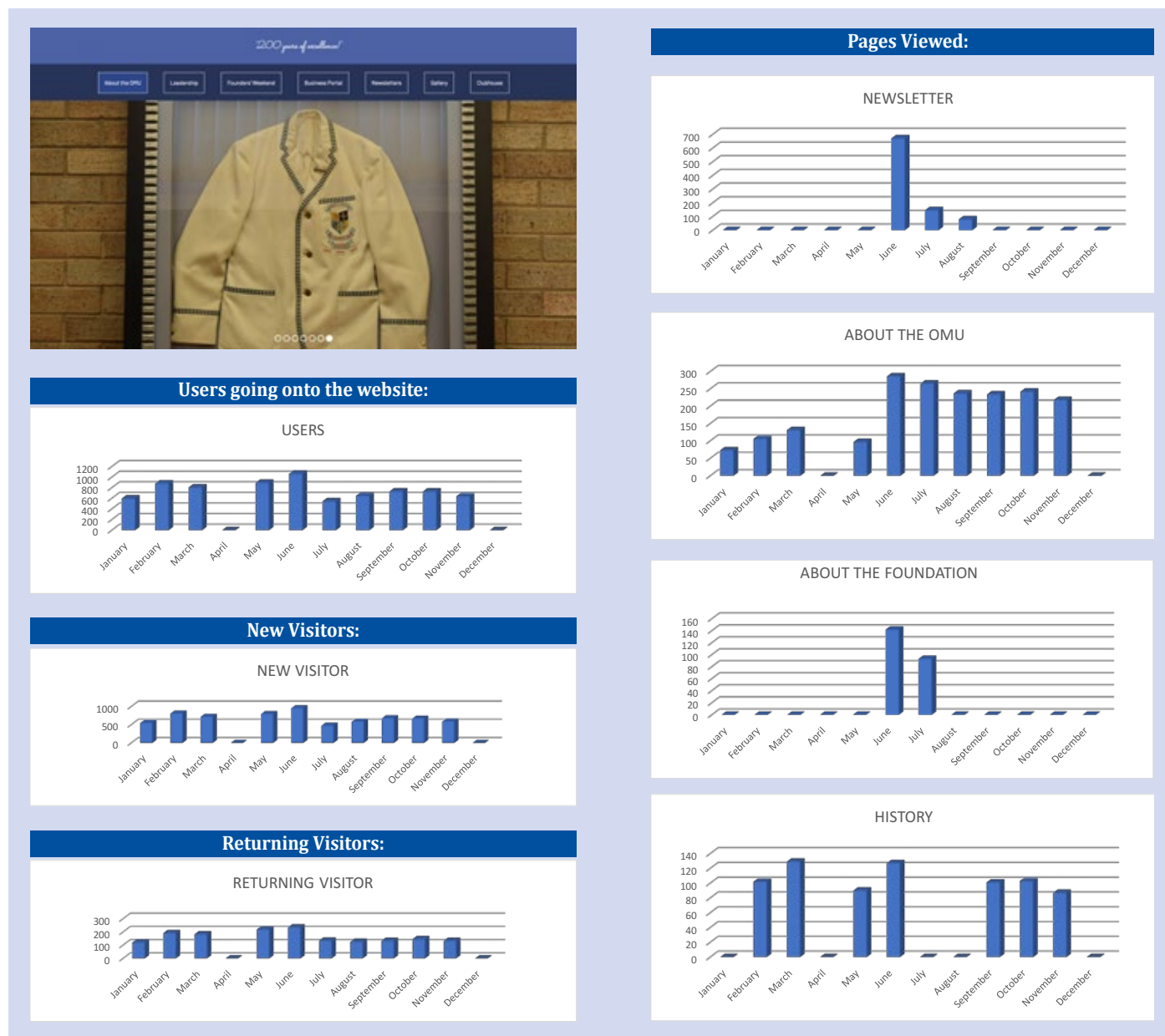


ONLINE STATISTICS

For those who like figures and statistics, herewith some information on how we are doing with our online presence:

WEBSITE

www.muircollege.co.za – Old Muirite Union



SOCIAL MEDIA



We recently started a Facebook page specifically for the Old Muirite Union called The Old Muirite Union – OMU. In 2 months, we have over 400 followers, with a reach to over thousands on some of our posts. Please do follow us on this page as we will be moving away from posting on the Thomas Muir Page.



The Instagram page (Old Muirite Union) has grown from just under 200 followers in March 2021 to over 700 in March 2022 and continues to grow.



LinkedIn (Old Muirite Union) was started in June 2021. To date we have made 270 posts and have 262 connections, and growing.

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

We would like to remember Old Muirites and Friends of Muir who have passed away since April 2021. Our condolences go to their family, friends and loved ones.

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

Graham Gradwell

1946

Christopher Abbott

1961

Allen Schultz

1983

Herbert Loftie-Eaton

1948

Wayne Venter

1987

James vd Riet

1948

David Hayes

1962

Thulisa Ncholu

2003

Malcolm van Vuuren

1950

Christian Venter

1963

Keegan Stokes

2015

Daven Baxter

1953

Bruce Gillmer

1964

Nkosiyamntu Gawe

2015

Colin Hartman

1955

Clive Shamley

1964

Abongile Kula

2016

John Millson

1959

Lionel Prinsloo

1965

Bunny Seaford

Roy Shamley

1960

Rowan Swinnerton

1966

Neville Niemand

SOMETHING LIGHTHEARTED

Some Rugby Fun

Once you've seen one rugby joke, you've seen a maul.

A rugby player goes to the physio and says:

"it hurts when I touch my arm, my chest or my leg."

The physio says *"you've broken your finger"*. (Don't hate me)

What's the difference between the Scottish Rugby team and a teabag?

A teabag stays in the cup longer

What do you call a Welshman in the knockout stages of the Rugby World Cup?

A referee





Message from the OMU Manager

This issue has been a bumper issue. I do hope that you have enjoyed it.

Don't forget the following:

- The AGM on 31 March (THIS THURSDAY)
- Various Q&A Zoom sessions from now until July
- Deadline for bookings and purchases for 2022 Founders' Week is 30 June
- Founders' Week is 3-9 August 2022
- Let me know if any of your details have changed, e.g. cell, email, city or country of residence
- Share your news with me – it could end up in the Newsletter

If anyone has a funny story/anecdote/etc. and would be willing to share it on camera, please let me know.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Old Boys who have been in contact with me – the chats and laughs have been great. Thanks too for everyone's support and commitment to the OMU.

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