

Update from the DHS Old Boys Network

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# FROM THE CEO

On behalf of myself and the DHS Foundation I would like to wish all our Old Boys, their families, and friends a very Happy and Prosperous 2023.

If 2022 is anything to go by, 2023 is going to be a very exciting year. The much-awaited Astro Turf is nearing completion with the official opening scheduled for Friday the 17th of February. I look forward to sharing photos with you in our February Edition.

Building of the Old Boys Pavilion has also started, and this will hopefully be completed by the start of Rugby Season which is also very exciting.

The new Grade 8 dorm in Blackmore will be officially opened on Thursday the 9th of February and as per the Astro, I look forward to sharing some photos in our next Edition. The start of the extension of the Cambridge Academy is also due to start in mid-February. There are a number of exciting projects happening at DHS this year.

A highlight of the year is Founders Day, and this year I look forward to hosting a number of Signature Reunions over our Founders Weekend. A number of events have been planned throughout the country and you can read about them further on in this Edition of The Oldie.

Thank you for all your support in 2022 and may it continue to grow through 2023. I look forward to seeing you all at School this year.

“Although much has changed over the period, one thing has remained the same at Durban’s oldest school, DHS known as School then, and more than 157 years later, the schoolboys are still urged on with one simple word – SCHOOL”.  
– Stephen Saad.

FROM THE CEO OF THE DHS FOUNDATION  
TRUST – ANDREW SHEDLOCK



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## Old Boys News:

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### HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MR. BAUMANN

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On the 28th of December 2022, Mr. Len Baumann celebrated his 100th birthday and on behalf of myself and the entire DHS Old Boys community I would like to wish Mr. Baumann a very happy birthday.

I hope you had a very special day.

Happy birthday Sir!





## Old Boys News:

### OLD BOY AWARDED THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL GUY WINSHIP (CLASS OF 1978)

Guy Winship (Class of 1978), who very sadly passed away in September of 2018 was posthumously awarded the Order of Australia medal in the annual Australian Honours List on the 26th of January 2020.

The award was mainly to acknowledge his work in founding Good Return in 2003; a large not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the lives of those living in poverty in the Asia-Pacific region through financial inclusion, microfinance loans, and training and education.

Shortly after losing an eye to ocular melanoma, the indomitable Guy Winship would announce to friends and colleagues, "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king!", quoting Erasmus with a twinkle in his eye.

On October the 24th of 2018, The Age Publication wrote: "Australia's overseas aid and development community recently lost one of its great humanitarian leaders. In 2003, Guy Winship founded World Education Australia, later known as Good Return, to fight poverty in the Asia-Pacific region. Fifteen years later, Good Return's work has touched the lives of more than 600,000 people who have received loans

and undertaken skills-training to build a better life for themselves and their families".

After completing studies in economics and town planning, Guy worked for a social enterprise that provided vocational skills training and employment to returning political exiles after freedom was established in 1994. He later became the country manager for FINCA Uganda, a pioneering non-profit microfinance institution in Africa, growing its village banking program to provide economic opportunity to more than 30,000 Ugandans.

In 2001, Guy and his family relocated to Sydney, where he established World Education Australia as a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the lives of those living in poverty in the Asia-Pacific region through financial inclusion and education.

In 2018, Good Return funded its 10,000th microloan to Roxan Lacandula from the Philippines who borrowed \$150 to start a small pig-raising enterprise to generate income for her family while her husband was working away from home. In addition to his work for Good Return, Guy served as a voluntary non-executive director on the boards of The



## Old Boys News:

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Salvation Army International Development and Habitat for Humanity Australia.

In 2014, Guy was diagnosed with ocular melanoma and had one eye removed. Within a year, the cancer had metastasized, and his illness was diagnosed as terminal. Guy worked tirelessly as CEO of Good Return during this period. He ultimately stepped down in 2016 but continued to work and volunteer as a board member.

Throughout this journey, Guy has upheld and reaffirmed the best of what it means to be Australian: the spirit of egalitarianism and a "fair go" for all, embracing mutual respect, compassion for those in need and the pursuit of public good. Through it all Guy maintained an indomitable spirit and a wicked sense of humour.



## Old Boys News:

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### WESLEY RAPSON – SOUTH AFRICAN SHORE ANGLING TEAM.

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Wesley Rapson (Class of 2002) recently represented Shore Angling Men's Senior Team. The South Africa Team competed against. Namibia in Jeffery's Bay.

Wesley said “Wow what a Rollercoaster of a week it has been. Receiving my first senior Protea cap being a highlight of my angling career. Standing shoulder to shoulder with the best of the best was an experience that will be etched in my memory for a lifetime. Even though our result wasn't quite what we were hoping for the team never stopped until the very last second of the tournament”.

Wesley went on to say that “spending the week with some of the most in tune minds of the sport was an eye opener, the lessons learnt will be remembered, the tricks and styles shared will be on the front of my mind for a long time”.

DID YOU KNOW that one of the oldest sections at DHS Old Boys Club is the Fishing Section with the inaugural meeting taking place on the 8th of October 1959?



## Old Boys News:

### DAVID WEARE (1988) WINS THE OVER 40 DIVISION

The Ilembe Surf Riders Champs were recently hosted in December 2022 by the KZN Surfing at Surfers Point in Ballito.

What was a well-organized and very competitive contest between the three KZN districts saw DHS Old Boy Dave Weare win the over 40 division.

Dave put on such a strong performance that the rest of the surfers in his final all needed a combination of scores to catch him.

Well done, Dave.





## Old Boys News:

### JACK AND THE BEANSTALK - IT'S PANTO TIME

“Girls and boys, mums, dads, grannies and grandpas, a very hearty welcome to KickstArt’s 16th family pantomime”, Steven Stead and Greg King

After a couple of years absence, the annual family pantomime was back in December & January.

Appearing in the amazing cast were DHS OLD BOYS Lyle Buxton (2004) -Blunderbore , Blessing Xaba (2011) - Dame Flora Flatbroke together with DHS’ s very own Drama Teacher, Liesl Coppin – Lady Perfidia Beastly.

It was a magical adventure, full of entertainment, many surprises, magical element, great banter & humour, witty punchlines, feet tapping music and dancing, and a very enjoyable story about a dreamy lad and his magic beans. It is an awesome production with loads of fun and laughter for young and old.



## Old Boys News:

### OLD BOYS VISIT DHS.

It is always an honour and privilege for me when Old Boys come and visit their 'Old School.'

It is great to take them on a tour of the school, to chat about their time at DHS and for them to share their stories and memories of their time at School.

In January Robert Ensor (1975) and Thomas Jankovich (1989) visited DHS.

Robert, who now lives in the Netherlands visited the school with his family. He was really pleased to hear what tremendous strides DHS has made in recent years. His wife and daughters, having been educated in the Netherlands, found it very unusual that DHS was not co-ed and that they wore a school uniform. What surprised them the most was that there were no free periods and the strictness on dress code.

Tom Jankovich was Headboy of DHS in 1989, captain of the 1st XV as well as the Carven Week team. Tom is now living in Old Greenwich City in the USA.

During his visit, I learnt an interesting fact about Tom in that he had the distinction of captaining every rugby team he played in at School.

I would like to extend an invitation to all our Old Boys, if you are interested in coming to visit the school and go for a nostalgic walk around the school premises, please contact me on: [ceo@dhsfoundation.co.za](mailto:ceo@dhsfoundation.co.za)

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## Old Boys News:

# HASHIM AMLA RETIRES FROM ALL FORMATS OF CRICKET

Hasim Amla (2000) will go down as one of the greatest to have played the game.

He scored 9282 runs in Test Cricket with an average of 46,6. This included 28 hundreds with a highest score of 311\* against England at The Oval in 2012. This is the highest individual Test score of any South African batsman.

He scored 8113 runs in ODI's averaging 49,46 with 27 hundreds.

Amla holds the record for being the fastest ever to score 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000 and 7000 ODI runs. He also became the fastest cricketer to reach 10 ODI centuries.

A remarkable career and on behalf of the DHS Foundation and the DHS Old Boys community we would like to wish you all the best for your retirement.





## Old Boys News:

### RORY SABBATINI RYDER CUP CHALLENGE

DHS VS DPHS OLD BOYS.

The inaugural Rory Sabbatini Ryder Cup Challenge took place at Royal Durban Golf Club on Friday the 9th of December 2022.

On a hot, humid, and windy Durban day fourteen teams accepted the challenge to see who would walk away with the coveted Trophy.

There was a lot of comradery, banter and dare I say some competitiveness between the golfers with everyone eager to hear how the other teams were fairing.

DHS Old Boys, ably lead by Daryl Scott came up victors at the end of the day by winning 20 points to 8. We had the honour of Rory's parents being there for the prize giving and to hand over the Trophy to the winning captain. It was also a privilege to have Shelley, Rory's sister playing in the day.

Rory's dad donated a pair of Rory's golf shoes that he wore when he and Trevor Immelman teamed up for South Africa to win the World Cup for South Africa in 2003.

Hopefully, this day is a start to bigger things and look forward to hosting the day again next year.

Thanks to all the Old Boys who supported the day and a big thank you to Royal Durban Golf Club for hosting an enjoyable day.





## Old Boys News:

### LANCE KLUSENER CRICKET FESTIVAL

From the 7th to the 10th of January, The DHS Foundation and DHS hosted another very successful Lance Klusener u/15 Cricket Festival.

Unfortunately, the first day was washed out, but fortunately, the weather cleared up, the sun came out and the teams were still able to play four games over the three days.

Ten Schools took part in the Festival, and we would like to thank them for their support and look forward to seeing them all back next year.

Thanks to Wayne Usher from Peppers & Pans and his team for once again making sure the teams all ate well during the Festival.

Thanks, you to Waylon Murray and Kearsney for allowing us to use your fields, we really appreciate your support.

Thank you to the ground staff and DHS and Lutherfield, for all their hard work in ensuring that the teams could play 4 games especially after the rains.

Look forward to 2024.





## General News:

### FOUNDERS DAY & REUNIONS

A number of years celebrate their signature Reunions this year and a number of events have been planned.

The Years of 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 & 2013 celebrate their respective signature Reunions. They will be joined by the years 1968, 1988, 1998 and 2008

The events planned are:

**THURSDAY 25TH OF MAY 2023:**

Reunion Golf Day at Royal Durban Golf Club. This will be followed by prize – giving and dinner.

**FRIDAY 26TH OF MAY 2023:**

Special Old Boys Assembly and tea at DHS Luncheon for Old Boys from the vintage 1947 - 1960 Signature Reunion Dinners at DHS DHS Foundation Golf Day at Royal Durban (this is for those Old Boys and friends not celebrating their Reunion)

**SATURDAY 27TH OF MAY 2023:**

Bill Payn Fun 10km run from Crusaders Club in Durban North to DHS.

Beer & a Boerie Roll in the Memorial Courtyard Rugby vs Kearsney

Live entertainment in the Memorial Courtyard after the 1st XV game.

If you would like to join us for these celebrations, please contact me and I will provide you with further details: [ceo@dhsfoundation.co.za](mailto:ceo@dhsfoundation.co.za)

PLEASE NOTE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ABOVE EVENTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.



## General News:

### THE CLASS CHALLENGE

After reading an appeal from me last years for support of DHS, the Class of 1982 got together and raised R50 000,00.

“We are a proud class of 1982 and are aware of the financial challenges that DHS faces but are also proud and appreciative of the tremendous achievements the leadership of DHS has made in the past few years, our pride has been restored. As a group, we started a fund raiser to make a small but meaningful contribution to School and we are proud to donate R50 000,00 for an on-going support. We hope this small gesture will encourage other years to match or exceed this donation. Through this initiative, many friendships and bonds have been reignited and we plan to continue our support of an institution that played a key part in our personal developments and growth”. – Trevor Edley – Class of 1982.

They then laid the challenge to the Class of 1980 and 1981, both accepted the challenge and managed to raise R80 000,00 and R65 000,00 respectively.

This challenge has now been accepted by the Class of 1976, 1984 and 1990. Once these three years have “reached” their goal, they will be challenging

other years to do the same.

As Trevor said, “through this initiative, many friendships and bonds have been reignited” and I hope to see many more years accepting the challenge.





## A look back in time:

### FROM THE MEMOIRS OF ALBERT BAUMANN

At the age of twelve I left the Boys Model School to go to the Durban High School on the Berea. Incidentally, the original position of this High School was behind the Boys Model School facing the Bay, where the present Law Court House now stands. It was moved from there in about 1896 to the Berea, where the school still stands today.

At one period there were four of the family attending the High School. There was Fred who was known as "Baumann Maximus"; Will who was known as "Baumann Major"; I was "Baumann Minor" and Len was known as "Baumann Minimus".

Not much attention was paid to the sports at that time in that there was no real preparation for training etc., and we took part in our ordinary school clothes. Races were run on a gravel court, and I was very surprised and pleased to see Baumann Major coming first in the 100 yards race.

Incidentally, amongst these senior lads who were on the trams was a lad named Carlisle, who later became a Senior Judge in Natal, now retired; also, a lad named Charlie Clarkson, who became a Lawyer and eventually a Cabinet Minister, now deceased. There were also two brothers, Dick and Ray Burne, who became Lawyers in Durban.

As a matter of further interest, in one of these senior

classes, was a lad named Jansen, who was a boarder at the school. He eventually became one of the Governors General in South Africa. There was also a lad named Graham Mackeurtan, who lived in close proximity to the school, and he eventually became one of the leading Barristers of South Africa. Hoby, the Music Master, eventually became Bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards.

The building (pictured below) was adjacent to John Orrs in West Street. The ground floor was a tearoom and the year 1915.





## Upcoming events:

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### SAVE THE DATE

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DHSOB vs College OB – Golf Day – Thursday 23rd March

Q&A with 1st XV Rugby Coach in Gauteng – 30th March

Founders Weekend – 25th to the 27th of May

- Reunion Golf Day – 25th of May
- DHS Foundation Golf Day – 26th of May
- Bill Payn Fun 10km Run – 27th of May.

Rugby Dinner at DHS – Thursday 27th of July

Gauteng Golf Day – 1st of September (venue tbc)

Gauteng Rugby Dinner – Thursday 3rd of August (venue tbc) This the Thursday prior to the School's rugby and hockey fixtures vs Jeppe.

DHS vs DPHS Old Boys Rory Sabbatini Ryder Cup Challenge – Friday – 17th of November at Royal Durban Golf Club.



Other:

## SCHOOL NEWS

For all the School news click on the link below which will give you access to all the editions of THE HERALD.

<https://www.durbanhighschool.co.za/newsletters/>



## OBITUARY:

### LET US REMEMBER

#### Christoffer Frolich

1957—2022

Chris was born and brought up in Port Shepstone with his family and Dad Arne Frolich who was also a DHS Old Boy.

The family decided that Chris should go to DHS and came to Blackmores circa 1973 (please check date if you can). The family then re-located to Durban whereby Chris continued as a day boy .

He was active in all aspects of school life including swimming, water polo, athletics and also featured strongly in the 1975 First XV that was an excellent Team.

Chris went on to do his Military Training at Police College and did his two year duty during the rough 1976/1977 period.

He was also an active member of DHS Old Boys Rugby Club playing Senior Rugby and then part of a Social XV which enjoyed much success and friendship over many years. Chris was also well known in the surfing community where he competed in various Long-board events.

He then went on to follow his Dad Arne to work in the motor industry where he was well known and spent many years of his life.

Chris leave behind his wife Tracy, son Chrissie, daughters Sanche, Nadia and Grandchildren, Bother Nick in Australia, Sisters Jonine, Betina and their families.

He will be sadly missed. – Nick Colepepper



## OBITUARY:

### LET US REMEMBER

#### Justin Carr

Class 1990

28/08/1972 - 23/12/2022

It is with much sadness we inform the DHS community of the tragic passing of Justin Carr.

Justin attended DHS from 1986 to 1990, he was Deputy Head Boy of Blackmores House and a School Prefect.

Justin played Wing for the 1st Rugby Team and was part of a very successful DHS Athletics Team.

Justin had very successful career in the Logistics industry holding many senior positions working for large corporates such as Etihad, DHL, UTI, Rennie's, Bridge Shipping & MSC.

Justin worked around the world with an extended period in Dubai and Abu Dhabi but returned to South Africa with his family in 2019.

Our sincere condolences to Justin's wife Danielle, two daughters Gia & Kiki, Justin's Parents, Dave & Helen Carr and siblings Jeremy Carr & Jacqui Lindsay and the rest of Justin's family and friends.

A passionate DHSOB and such a great guy.

R.I.P fellow DHS brother, Justin you will be missed. – Trevor Martin





## OBITUARY:

### LET US REMEMBER

#### Doug Florence

I have known Doug Florence for longer than he has known me. I remember as a kid watching Doug playing soccer against my older brother Grant. Doug was a real talented soccer player from a young age. Fortunately for Old Boys, Doug found the game of rugby later in his years at DHS and automatically took to the game and was a huge success.

In my final year at DHS in 1978, a number of the 1st team rugby players would help out the Old Boys under 20's on a Saturday when they were short of players. For us it was a real highlight playing with our heroes that were a few years ahead of us at school. Mixing with them and having a few beers afterwards was memorable, as long as Spike never found out. The following year, 1979, a few of us that never went to the army, went and played at Old Boys. Here, at this time Doug had already made his mark in the Old Boys rugby hierarchy, together with a bunch of Australian Internationals. Dick Cocks, Mark Loane, Gary Pearce, Greg Shambrook etc. Doug fitted in perfectly with this bunch of international players, as he was playing brilliant rugby.

Doug was a very versatile player and I remember him playing in all the positions in the backline. I think that he was at his best at fullback, often attacking from the back and using his incredible sidestep to fool the opposition and leave them heading off in the wrong direction. He would set up many opportunities from these counter attacks. But, he was called up to the Natal team as a wing, where he was equally as effective. Doug was also a really talented kicker and was the regular kicker for the 1st team. I was very fortunate to play many games with Doug at Old Boys. I was made to feel very comfortable playing with these legends from a 17 year old, fresh out of school. Doug was my mentor without him knowing

Doug was a very popular character who always had a smile on his face and made the numerous rugby gypsies at Old Boys feel very welcome. He had a wonderful sense of humour and was always in the middle of a party creating fun.

Doug met Ruth and automatically fell in love and within a few months they were married. They had 4 amazing children. Shannon, Graham, Amy and Sarah.



## OBITUARY:

### CONTINUE READING

#### Doug Florence

Doug was a very successful businessman and created a large insurance and financial company, concentrating on tax returns for his many clients. The first insurance policy that I ever bought was from Doug.

After rugby, he took to paddling in the surf and in the river. Here, again, like a fish to water. Doug's popularity flowed from the rugby club to the paddling clubs. He was chairman of the Kingfisher Canoe Club for a number of years and also made his mark with the Geriatrics section at DUC.

Doug certainly left behind many great memories for his family and friends to look back on with pride, happiness and joy. Gone too soon. You will be sorely missed. RIP DOUG.

- Greg Hamilton



## OBITUARY:

### LET US REMEMBER

#### Candice Herbst

10/08/1978 - 25/12/2023

Candice Herbst was the Marketing & PR Manager at the DHS Foundation for 5 years (2014 to 2018) and during that time she met and dealt with many DHS Old Boys and Staff, all of whom came to love her.

Candice was a breath of fresh air and when she walked into a room you couldn't help but notice her, she just lit it up. People were drawn to her ... her bright, bubbly, outgoing personality, her beautiful smile, her incredible eyes, her wicked sense of humour and her infectious laugh that rang out all the time. But most of all people were drawn to her warm, kind and caring heart. She was beautiful both inside and out, no-one who ever met her could ever forget her.

Candice's passing from cancer after a year of courageously fighting this terrible disease is deeply tragic. She was only 44, with 2 young children, Brode 14 and Dayna 12, and a loving and supportive family. Her Fiancé, Old Boy

Lyle Matthysen, was devoted her. Their love story moved so many people to tears, they adored each other and Lyle was beside her, so committed, caring for her and loving her, every step of the way through her dreadful journey.

Our deepest sympathies to Lyle, her family and all who loved her. May God hold them tightly and give them the strength to deal with their pain.

Deo Fretus, Candice!

- Sharon Drew

