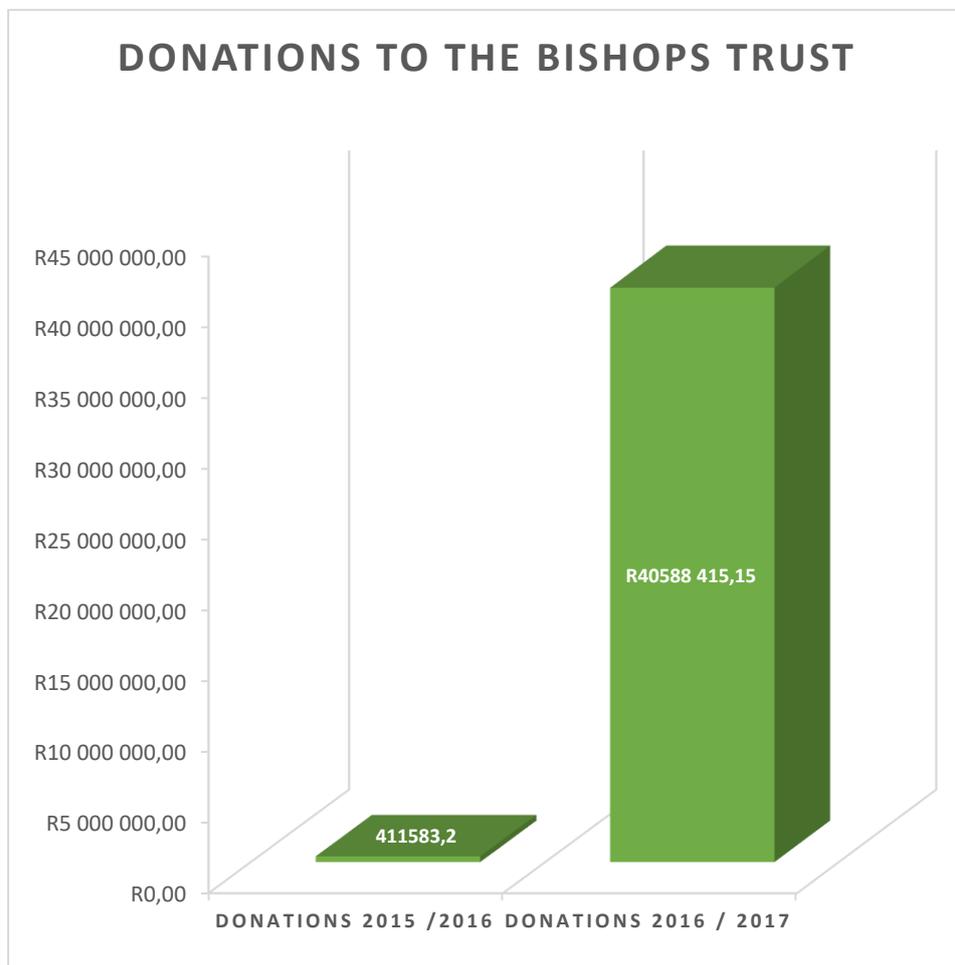




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UPDATE FROM THE BISHOPS TRUST

Reflecting on a record-breaking year for the Bishops Trust, one word seems to stand out to us; gratitude. In the wise words of William Arthur Ward, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."



Bishops is grateful, but more specifically it is palpable how grateful the boys are whose lives have already benefited from your generosity.

Through the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund (HMBF for short) Extra Term Initiative alone, nine boys from impoverished areas have received a Bishops education.

This is what some of the beneficiaries have to say about Bishops:

“To me, being at an institution such as Bishops is a true honour and a privilege and I am grateful for the opportunities that I have been given.”

“An honour above all honours.”

“Over the last eight months I have realised that attending this school is more than a privilege. Words cannot explain how grateful I am.”

“Bishops to me is a home away from home where I get the opportunity to increase my knowledge and where I get the opportunity to live a life that I will remember forever.”

Each generation of Bishops pupils inherits a legacy of philanthropy that has helped shape the school they currently enjoy. It is our duty to enhance the school for the boys of tomorrow. We are excited to report that planning for the first capital projects will begin in 2018. Thank you to each one of you for your contribution to these projects.

Finally, we are grateful to a small group of extraordinary and dedicated men and women who volunteer countless hours to assist the Bishops Trust both here and abroad. Thank you to the wonderful Trustees who represent the different constituencies of the school and who provide their expertise and support to make the school a better place for the boys of Bishops.

RSA

Samantha Petersen (Chairperson of The Bishops Trust, Chairperson of the Prep PA & Prep Parent)

Andrew Selby (ex-Chairman of the Bishops Trust & Chairman of the School Finance Committee)

Guy Pearson (Principal)

Simon Peile (1979F) (Chairman of Council & Parent)

Bruce Jack (1987G) (Chairman of the ODU & Parent)

Jan Newman (1976F) (Parent)

Paul Burton (1984K) (Parent)
Malcolm Gray (Chairman of College PA & Parent)
Saul Berman (Prep Parent)
Moshe Apleni (1997F) (Council)
Sean King (Bishops Business Manager)
Mike Bosman (1978O) (Departing Chairman of Council)
Anthony Gibson (1973S)

UK

Bruce McGregor (1963F)
Graham Thomas (1984F)
Stephen Hofmeyr QC (1973O)
Christopher Bands (1990K)
Chris Molteno (2010G)
Niall Carroll (1981O)

Support

Greg Brown (Headmaster of Bishops Prep)
WP Van Zyl (1997K) (Executive Manager ODU)
Nicky Bicket (1973F) (Manager ODU UK)

Andrew Selby, Anthony Gibson (1973S) and Mike Bosman (1978O) have tendered their resignation to the Trust. We thank them for their massive contributions and wish them all the best for the future.

OD COMMITTEE MEMBERS: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Adam Pike (1992O) was present at the Western Cape Premier's Entrepreneurship Awards 2017. It was the fifth edition of an annual competition that recognizes the achievements and potential of some of the Western Cape's most exciting entrepreneurs. By acknowledging and showcasing successful entrepreneurs, this awards competition is helping to build a culture of entrepreneurship in the Western Cape – and in turn, support the creation of opportunities by small and medium businesses.

Please see photos [here](#)

The ODU is glad to report that it is in contact with Elli Yiannakaris, Director of the **Raymond Ackerman (1948S)** Academy of Entrepreneurial Development, based at the

UCT Graduate School of Business. We are in the early process of looking at entrepreneurial programs for ODs.

BISHOPS EPIC (OLD ADVENTURE COURSE)

The ODU Staff joined the Grade 10's on the hiking section of this year's Bishops Epic. Bishops has a 50-year old tradition of schoolboys hiking in the majestic Cederberg Mountains, and has, since its inception, used the outdoors as a part of the educational process (see March 2017 DC Magazine p. 139,140 for history of The Adventure Course). Hiking with 16-year-olds over *Ou Kaapse Pad*, *Sneeuberg*, *Duiwelsgat*, and even up *Die Gat*, one realised that Bishops boys are tough! They showed initiative in extreme weather conditions, functioned as a group, and displayed incredible resilience at the harsh challenges that the rugged mountains threw at them. There is a lot of hope for our young leaders of the future!

Thank you to other ODs that also sacrificed time and energy to assist with the Bishops Epic. Some include **James Beningfield (2014M)**, who is currently studying Medicine at Pretoria University.

Please see some photos [here](#).

VISITORS TO THE ODU OFFICES

A-J Spieringshoek (Past staff) popped into The Mitre for a visit. Since leaving Bishops, A-J had a stint as the Sports Co-ordinator at Canons Creek Independent School, before becoming the Business Development Manager at Team Sports Travel. A-J is training towards Ironman South Africa (3.8km swim, 180km cycle, 42.2km run) next year.

Please see photo [here](#)

Michael Dreyer (1958G) came to The Archives to collect an 8mm film reel about scenes from Bishops during his time here (1948 – 1958). Michael took the images himself, and will attempt to have it converted to DVD format. We are all waiting with bated breath for a positive outcome!

Please see photo [here](#)

Mary Ousley Dave and her husband Peter, came for a visit of Bishops from America. Mary is the eldest daughter of **William Ralston Higham (1944G)** (see DC Magazine Dec. 1972 p. 62 for update). William passed away a couple of years ago, and Mary will send an obituary on her return to the USA. Like her father, Mary also became a lawyer. In true Bishops spirit, William's legal career was characterised by his strong sense of justice, particularly of the oppressed. Mary and Peter found William in House pictures of Gray House, from 1940, 1942, and 1944.

Please see photo [here](#)

CONDOLENCES

Malcolm Pollard (1955G)

It is with great regret that we inform you of the passing of **Malcolm Pollard (1955G)**. He was for many years the secretary of the Southern Cape branch of the OD Union. His daughter, Leigh Bensch, wrote in to inform us: "He was a proud Bishops OD. A recent photo of him [here](#) wearing his OD jersey. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends and especially by my Mom, Wendy, my brother Trevor and his wife Martelna and their son Ray and myself and my husband Martin and our boys Sean and Michael. My parents celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary earlier this year. They were married in the Chapel at Bishops.

He lived a good life and we have been abundantly blessed to have him in our lives."

Richard Todd (1956G)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Richard Todd (1956G)**. A memorial service will also be held this Saturday, 25th November at 11 am in the Memorial Chapel at Bishops, followed by a gathering in The Mitre.

OD BOOKS

Garth Hockly (1955S) very kindly sent the OD Union several copies of his book, *Half Forgotten Things* all the way from Australia. His books are on sale at The Mitre.

The OD Union would like to thank **Don Nelson (1957G)** for donating signed copies of books that his company has published over the years. The books included:

Caught in the Middle by Mike Procter and Lungani Zama

Forgotten Cape Town by Tony Grogan

A Newspaper History of South Africa by John Cameron-Dow

Please see photo [here](#).

Tim Richman (1995B) 50 People who stuffed up the World

Authors **Tim Richman (1995B)** and Alexander Parker (future Bishops parent) launched their book, *50 People who stuffed up the World*, at The Mitre yesterday evening. It was a real treat to gain insight into the selection process of the infamous candidates; the high emphasis on historical education; and the entertaining style of writing. The ODU highly recommends this read, and supports the suggestion of using it as a Christmas gift.

ODs attending included: **Michael Dixon (1995F)**, **Scholtz van Heerden (2008M)**, **Simon Gibb (1985F)**, **Adrian Denness (1975O)**, **Steve Galloway (1974W)**, **Edward Durrant (1995B)**, **Alan Ramsay (1960F)**, **Tony McKeever (1973W)**, **Rob Ambler-Smith (1995F)**, **Lourens van Zyl (2000K)**, **Linda Dinan (IT Manager Prep)**, **Alison Cunnold (Prep Headmaster's PA, Prep Admissions)**, **Hugh Fynn (past staff)**

Please see photos [here](#)

ALUMNI LUNCH

The ODU was represented at an Alumni Lunch last week in the Brodie Room at SACS High School. Initiated by the ODU, these lunches give an opportunity for Southern Suburbs Schools to meet and learn from each other. It was lovely to gain perspective into the successes and challenges that other alumni organisations face. Rondebosch, Wynberg (Boys and Girls), Herschel, Springfield, Rustenburg were also in attendance.

UK NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The final UK 2017 Newsletter is out! This month's edition includes a report on the recent OD Oxfordshire Lunch, a historic account of Bishops and Tobacco, various UK based event invitations and much more. To read it, click [here](#).

THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

Nicky Bicket (1973F) reports: "The Mentoring Programme is one of, if not *the* most important initiative the ODU has implemented since the OD Rolodex in 1904. It has been and continues to be a great success, valuable and valued by younger ODs looking for advice and guidance as they make their way in the world. The feedback from OD mentors is also overwhelmingly positive. I received a gratifying endorsement of the programme from one of our mentees - see [here](#)."

More details on the progress and future of the programme can be read [here](#).

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Diana Judge (Staff): "I have worked at Bishops Prep for 28 years and I "retire" at the end of the year because this is the year in which I turn 63. I would love to have the opportunity to teach in a foreign country so that I could embrace my passion for teaching and earn some foreign currency. I have, however, been blocked at every turn either because I am over 60 or because I hold a South African passport.

Can any OD help me in my search for a job overseas? I am fit and healthy and have held a full-time job at Bishops Prep since 1989. I have travelled extensively in my life, including coaching tennis in England and studying in Hawaii. I am adaptable and have a sense of adventure which I love to tap into.”

Please contact Diana at: djudge@bishops.org.za

FIRE SEASON 2017/18 | VOLUNTEER WILDFIRE SERVICES (VWS)

Drought, water crisis; awareness and financial support

Your support for this extremely vital and worthy cause would be most valuable. Whilst we are aware of the sensitivities around using the OD Union Office to seek support, we are sure you will agree that these circumstances are exceptional.

Table Mountain is a permanent presence in every Bishops boy's life and was totally ravaged by Wildfire in 2015, with other serious fires since then and most recently the massive very challenging '12 Apostle's Fire' and Sir Lowry's Pass/Gordon's Bay and Mountain Fires. This year these fires happened way before the official start of fire season and with the **severe drought and water crisis** we are experiencing, will sadly become more frequent, increasingly serious and pose even more dangerous risk than previously. Too often we are oblivious to the real demands placed on our limited resources and the expectation that 'someone' will attend to the fires despite that 'someone' placing themselves in very real danger each time they are voluntarily deployed to the fire line.

This year we have the biggest intake of new recruits ever, which will ensure that we can keep fresh crews on the fire line. It is expensive and time consuming to train firefighters, and as volunteers, we have full time jobs as well, which means all training, fitness and lecture sessions have to be done out of hours. For each recruit to be kitted out safely for deployment to the fire line, costs in the region of R5000.00 excluding firefighting equipment, overheads and operating expenses. VWS is 100 % Volunteer and totally dependent on the public's generosity to keep operational. We also need to ensure sustainability and educate the public on prevention of wildfires and our vision is to emulate the NSRI and become the NSRI of Wildfires!

If you are interested in supporting us please email Geraldene Corder at fundraising@vws.org.za and she will provide banking details as well as NGO, PBO, 18A Tax certificates and any other details required.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Garden Route OD Party!

The end of year Garden Route O.D. party will take the form of a cash bar and snacks at the York High School Pub (Corner of Cradock & Union) at 5 p.m. on Friday 1st December. R.S.V.P. please to Blyth Thompson (blyth@computerbird.co.za) Tel: 083 288 7288 and 044 873 5254. Wives and sweethearts welcome.

Founders Day 2018

We can now confirm that Founders Day takes place on Friday 16 March 2018.

We urge ODs please to consider taking leave for that day, and joining in the festivities held at Bishops. We will be meeting with the school to plan the program, and relay it to ODs in the near future.

Life Healthcare Medical 10 - 26 November

The Life Healthcare Medical 10 is a 10 kilometre fun-run/walk for health professionals. This year's event will start at 06h30 on Sunday 26th November and is open to all health professionals. Please see entry forms [here](#).

Christmas Carols with Richard Cock (1966O) 15 December

The annual Christmas Carol performance with **Richard Cock (1966O)** will be held on Friday 15th December 2017 at 18h00 in the Bishops Memorial Chapel - Diocesan College. If anyone wants to join the choir they can contact Hennie van der Merwe at emsie@pixie.co.za. Please find more information and how to book tickets [here](#).

UK Dates

The Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Cross Country

Saturday 16th December 17 – 14.30pm, Wimbledon Common

The UK ODs are competing for a top ten place this year (last year 14/33) in this the oldest alumni cross-country event in England.

To run, please email James Deane (B, 1990), please click [here](#).

UK OD Year-End Party

Friday 1st December 2017

In the Blanchard Room at The Hollywood Arms (SW10 9HX) from 6.30pm.

Dress is casual and partners are most welcome. **There is no cost to attend**, but drinks are via a cash bar. Food will be provided by the ODU. For catering and admission purposes, please [RSVP](#) .

OD SPORT

Run for Unity – 16 December

Gladwell Ndzube (1988W) is a dedicated runner who has completed four Comrades marathons and more than 30 marathons. He is the man behind the Gugulethu Reconciliation Race, now in its 17th year. It is a 10km race around Gugulethu, passing historic monuments like the Gugulethu Seven and the Amy Beihl memorial. This year's theme is "Run for Unity." The race takes place on Friday 16th December. Take a look at the Gugs Athletics Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/gugulethuathleticsclub>. ODs are invited to participate in the Run for Unity Race in Gugulethu. Please see flyer [here](#).

COZE CUP GOLF CHALLENGE

This Memorial Golf event is hosted by Norman and Val Carris, parents to **Andrew (2000K)**, **Richard (2003M)**, and **Michael (2004M)**. Sadly Andrew (nickname Coze) passed away in 2012, and since then this Memorial event takes place annually around his birthday. On this past Sunday, 19 November, a number of ODs participated: **Alex Huber (2000O)**; **Myles Brown (1999W)**; **Gareth Hayden (2000K)**; **Richard Carris (2003M)**; **Michael Carris (2004M)**; **WP van Zyl (1997K)**; **Lourens van Zyl (2000K)**; **Nicholas Chambers (1999W)**; and **Dustin Watson (2001G)**.

Please see photo [here](#)

1997 ODs vs RBHS E97 CRICKET

In a hard-fought T20 cricket match on the Frank Reid, RBHS prevailed in the end. They certainly came guns blazing, and had incorporated some of the best sportsmen from that year. provincial rugby players Oginga Siwundla (Lions); John Bradshaw (WP); Gareth Wright (Border); and Anton van Zyl (Stormers and Stade Francais). The 1997 OD team consisted of: **Tim Austin (W)**; **David Bradshaw (O)**; **George Turck (B)**; **Marthinus van der Berg (B)**; **James Verster-Cohen (S)**; **J-P Pharo (K)**; **Andre Wagener (K)**; **Garrick**

Berry (G); J-P du Plessis (F); Jonathan Shaw (G); and Francois van Zyl (G). James V-C had the best bowling figures of 2 wickets for 10 runs in 2 overs; and John Shaw top scored with 24 not out.

The Bishops 1st XI Year-end function took place at the same time in the Frank Reid Pavilion, and a wonderful time was had by all around the hallowed grounds of the estate. Please see photos [here](#)

Vusa Year-End Report

Brendan Fogarty (Staff): “The 2017 season has by far been the best for our development programme. We have gained much exposure to the public and the number of boys has increased enormously. We are very proud to have teamed up with Busy Bee Rugby Football Club, which has enabled us to play our rugby fixtures in the Western Province League. We played away games against Rondebosch Prep. and hosted Bishops Prep. in what will surely become two memorable events in the history of our programme...” To read the full report click [here](#).

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week’s quote is taken from DC Magazine March 1928 pg. 30 under the *contributions* section, a sonnet by H.J.K.:

*“...So is this life; wherein the mind, recording
the pleasant things and sad, in mercy lends us
Forgetfulness to veil the darkest hours;
But Quietness, Mirth and Life, all things rewarding,
Colour and Light, all things that Beauty sends us,
Move in a world that is for ever ours.”*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town