



BISHOPS
ODU NEWS

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REMINDER - GRADE 12 ART EXHIBITION TONIGHT!

In conjunction with the school, your OD Union has initiated the Sophy Gray Art Prize. This will be awarded to the best artwork by a Grade 12 exhibited at their final matric examination. The artworks are currently displayed throughout the Raymond Ackerman Centre (including The Mitre) and we encourage everyone to visit the exhibition.

Besides the top three prizes the adjudicators also awarded four commendations. The Sophy Gray Art Prize award ceremony will follow Peter Hyslop's annual introduction talk on the Grade 12's exhibited work. This begins at 6pm this evening. Drinks and snacks provided. All are welcome, but please RSVP.

The Bishops Art Department warmly invites you to view the 2017 Grade Twelve Art Exhibition on Friday, 27 October in The Woodlands Pavilion & The Mitre, premises of the OD Union. There will be a brief introduction to the exhibition by Peter Hyslop in The Woodlands Pavilion at 18:15, followed by the inaugural award of the Sophy Gray OD Art Prize.

For catering purposes, kindly RSVP to Peter Hyslop at physlop@bishops.org.za

Right: Luca Powell, Self-Portrait, 2017. Oil on canvas.



OD SPORT

Thank you John Dobson

Last week **John Dobson (1985K)** provided the OD Union with tickets to the Currie Cup Semi-Final between Western Province and the Golden Lions. The ODU presented these

tickets to the Bishops staff who enjoyed watching their team win first hand! Please see photo [here](#).

False Bay Rugby Club – Gold Cup Final

Kevin Lennett (19840) reports from the False Bay Rugby Club on the Gold Cup Semi-final last week: “So we defeated the defending champions 34-21 to advance the final. It is amazing to consider that we are playing this Saturday to attempt to become [champions of South African club rugby!](#)”

Our match is at home in Constantia (opposite Constantia Village Shopping Centre) versus College Rovers from Durban and once again we would love to extend an invitation to all OD's to attend. We kick off at 14h30 in what will be the biggest home game in False Bay Rugby Clubs 88 year history! We expect a huge crowd and a festive atmosphere with the Currie Cup final shown on our TVs throughout the club from 16h00.”

THE BISHOPS TRUST

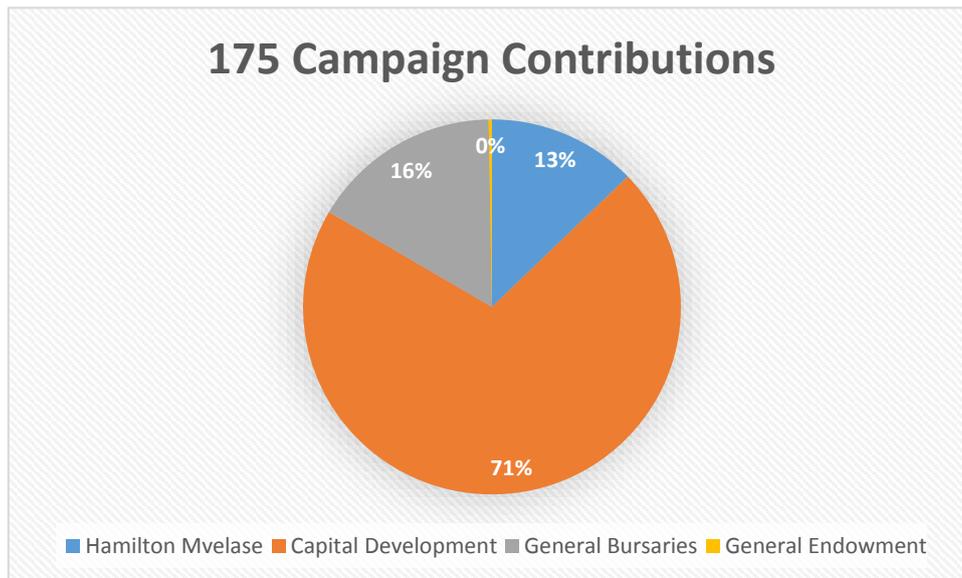
We are extremely grateful to the Bishops community for their support to the 175 Campaign. We have had wonderful feedback about the launch of the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund in September, and since then, we have received R96,270 towards this worthy programme.

In order to make giving easier, we can now receive payments through [Snapscan](#) and [PayFast](#). Payfast is a secure payment gateway which offers a number of convenient payment methods, including a ‘regular giving’ option for those who would prefer to donate small monthly contributions.

Additional payment methods now include: Credit Card, Instant Eft, MasterPass and Bitcoin. (Contributions through these payment gateways are still eligible to receive Section 18A receipts.)

Details of the contributions we have received thus far (R40,555,039) towards the 175 Campaign Programmes are represented in the graph below. Thank you so much to [everyone](#) who have contributed so generously.

If you are able to assist the campaign in any way or should you have any queries, please see our [webpage](#) or contact [Nikki](#) at the Trust office.



VISITORS TO THE MITRE

Some fabulous guests arrived from afar at The Mitre this past week, among which were branch secretary, **Blyth Thompson (1946S)**, who was visiting from George as well as the head boy of 1952, **Charles Lipp (1952F)**, visiting from Robertson. We also welcomed **Anton Louw (2000W)** who came in to collect and OD Rugby Supporters Jersey and left some of his fabulous tea with us for ODs to try (See article below).

DONATIONS

Thank you to **Michael Walker (1957O)** for donating a copy of his novel: *The Old Hotels of Cape Town (1890-1911)*. **Kathy Munroe reviews:** “This book tells the story of the hotels established or upgraded in Cape Town over the two decades and beyond. It was the heyday of hotels that appealed because of their excellent beer, a soft bed and reasonable food. Personal bathrooms and toilets were not nearly as important as a long bar counter.

Once again Michael Walker has produced a large format, A4, highly informative, illustrated book. Self-published and in a similar style to his earlier now much sought after book on Muizenberg, *A Statement in Stone*.” The book can be purchased from Clarke’s Bookshop in Long Street or online [here](#).

Thank you also to **Sandy Edwards**, Administrator for the SACS Old Boy’s Union, for donating a copy of the *SACS 175 – A Celebration* by Neil Veitch to the OD Union Office.

Please see photo [here](#).

NEW BOOKS BY ODs

Clive van Ryneveld (1945G) popped in to leave a few copies of his books entitled *20th Century All-rounder*. There are 5 copies of his book on display at The Mitre and ODs can purchase one for R100.

Review by Peter Soal: “*20th Century All-rounder* records the reminiscences and reflections of Clive van Ryneveld who was born in Cape Town in 1928, attended Bishop’s where he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, following his elder brother, Tony, who had gone up to Oxford the previous year. While at Oxford, Clive read law and received blues for rugby and for cricket, captaining the University XI in 1949. In that year he also played rugby for England in the Five Nations and tells a delightful story of how he was advised, by letter, that he had been chosen to play for England against Scotland at Twickenham. The book is a treasure trove for cricket lovers with details of various matches and reminiscences of various individuals he played with and against. A promising political career, when Clive transferred his gracious style from the pitch to the House of Assembly, was brought to an abrupt end when the Progressives, other than Helen Suzman, were all defeated in the 1961 general election. The book is filled with delightful and charming anecdotes which will interest readers. It is heartily recommended.”

ODS IN THE NEWS

Michael Mynhardt (2013f) Providing Light for the Underprivileged

Destinyman reports on Michael Mynhardt’s entrepreneurial ventures: “Sosa Investments is a renewable energy company that is striving to change lives by donating 50 000 solar-powered lanterns to underprivileged learners

Co-founded by **Zukile Dube (2013F)**, **Michael Mynhardt (2013F)** and Nikolai Mynhardt (30), Sosa Investments specialises in solar energy and aims to empower people by supplying alternative solutions to everyday problems.

Each year, some 3,3 million people die from air pollution worldwide. It’s more fatal than HIV/Aids and malaria combined. Now these young, ambitious innovators are working together to create a country that does not rely on fossil fuels, as well as reduce the impact of indoor air pollution, restricted access to electricity and constrained financial freedom in poorer communities.”

“Africa is one of the largest demographics affected by the lack of clean light,” says Mynhardt.

“The current methods used, such as kerosene and candles, are not just outdated and expensive, but pose a huge risk for a catalyst of problems relating to health and environmental impact. The problem is urgent and we have a plausible solution.”

To read the full article click [here](#).

Geoff Burton (1953G) wrote in to inform us of a news article published in the Weekend Argus of the 7th October. The article included a heartwarming story of a homeless man's return to his family in Canada after 13 years apart thanks to the help of a carpenter's shop in Cape Town which Geoff runs. Geoff writes: "The Carpenter's Shop, apart from our residence housing 40, has an ablution block for the 70-80 homeless that line up every day to shower and perform their ablutions. They can also wash their clothes in the tubs provided.

The Carpenter's Shop at 14A Roeland Street in town also offers skills training including carpentry and the new waterless car wash technique using only chemicals. As you can imagine this is in high demand during our current drought crisis and benefits you and those with the newly acquired skill. We are open to the public and offer different cleaning services from a standard R110.00 to a full valet of R300.00. We have been operating for 36 years and are pleased to show anyone around. For further detail please enquire from [myself](#) or the Director, [Peter Solomon](#)."

To read the article please click [here](#).

OD BLAZER

Our gorgeous blazer samples have arrived! They are timeless items that are beautifully tailored. ODs have the option of choosing between two different styles – regular or slim fit. We will be processing an order soon and they should arrive within the next few weeks. Please see photos [here](#). ODs wishing to tailor their own blazers can purchase a "Blazer starter kit" from the OD Union Office. The kit includes 3m² material, 3 large buttons, 8 small buttons and an OD badge and will cost R500. We will keep ODs in touch as soon as the blazers arrive.

CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of **Victor Molteno (1945F)**. Vic passed away on the 22nd October 2017 in Graaff Reinet. His funeral service is to be at St James' Church, Graaff Reinet, on Friday 27th October at 11 a.m.

We also say goodbye to **Michael Cloete (1952F)** who passed away this week. More details regarding his memorial service will follow soon.

ODs AROUND THE WORLD

UK

To Read the October UK Newsletter please click [here](#). For photos from the *OD Tour of the Western Front* please click [here](#).

THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

Nicky Bicket (1973F) reports: “The ODU Mentoring Programme is now almost three years old. Over 300 ODs worldwide are available to advise and support ODs who find themselves facing career choices or obstacles at work. Almost 200 have already taken advantage of the programme and if you would like to volunteer as a mentor or benefit from the advice and guidance of one, click [here](#).”

SUNBIRD ROOIBOS – A NEW VENTURE LAUNCHED BY AN OD

Anton Louw (2000W) has had a varied career path. He’s been a winemaker, freelance journalist and environmental consultant, but for a while he’s known he wanted to start and build his own business. When his (now) wife took him to Nepal for a year while she worked a UN contract, he discovered tea. “Tea and wine have wonderful similarities – in how the flavours develop during production, how those flavours are then appraised, and then how they’re both appreciated – relaxing, usually in good company.”

On returning, he had a new found appreciation for an old household staple – Rooibos. “It’s very rare to have a crop that is globally available, yet only grows in its indigenous homeland. We’re equally fortunate that industry is only around 100 years old, so there’s still amazing scope for innovation.” Using his wine background, he’s launched Sunbird Rooibos: sourced from selected farms in the Cederberg area and then kept separate to produce a range of premium single-origin Rooibos – the first to produce Rooibos along the lines of a high-end wine.

“Naturally starting a business for the first time is daunting, and there are many lessons to be learned along the way. I knew that using one’s network would be important, but it’s been interesting in how actively I’ve had to go into it. The OD union has actually been amazing in this. With an introduction, through a German friend – who was an exchange student here – I’ve managed to arrange my first international sale. I’m also looking to have the tea listed on Amazon through Nick Simpson, another OD who has started his own business looking into taking SA’s best food brands abroad through Amazon. The genesis of that was at the first OD Union Entrepreneurs meeting.”

Sunbird is available to taste at the Mitre. Please log onto www.sunbirdrooibos.com to find the growing list of stockists or make an order. If you're looking for a fantastic Christmas or Year-end gift, the stylish packaging and fine tea makes will suit just about everyone.

FEATHERINGS – TRUE STORIES IN SEARCH OF BIRDS – EDITED BY VERNON RL HEAD (1984O)

The southernmost tip of Africa is home to a vast and shifting population of birds whose soaring movements and flocks are closely followed by a human flock: the entranced and captivated ornithologists, birdwatchers and seekers of wilderness.

If the bird writings of Le Vaillant turned a generation of young European readers into ornithologists this remarkable collection of birding curiosities written by some of our most intrepid bird observers will convert a new generation of readers.

They write of being enthralled: tales of a trip on the wild side of Borneo, the stories behind feathers in a glass vase, mysteries of owls hidden in caves, they journey across the mesas and buttes of the Karoo and the rolling red dunes of the Kalahari, through vast swathes of broad-leafed woodland to the Upper Guinea Rainforests and on to the Kitugala Forest Reserve.

Enter gently and quietly into this world of birds, absorb these stories told by those who have been watching and listening, who can tell their bishops from their butchers. There is a story here for everyone.

Contributors include **Vernon Head (1984O)**, Mel Tripp, Peter Sullivan, **Morne du Plessis (past parent)**, Claire Spottiswood, Raymond Rampolokeng, John Maytham, Ross Wanless, David Letsoalo, Alan Kemp, Mark Brown, Peter Sullivan, **Peter Steyn (1955O)**, Rob Little, Peter Ryan, Richard Dean, Warwick Tarbortan, Mark Anderson, Susie Cunningham, Dave Allen, Callum Cohen and Adam Riley.

PLATINUM BLUE

The 2017 edition of the **Platinum Blue** (the Bishops Rugby Magazine) is out and is available for collection from our offices. Please pop in to collect yours and grab a cuppa with us!

SUSTAINABILITY

The school is running a sustainability programme. We would like to assist them by offering connections to ODs within this field who can provide advice, guidance and support. The way in which we hope to do this is by setting up a database of ODs in the sustainability field. For example, the school is currently looking for any assistance from ODs relating to water pumps. If any ODs would please be so kind as to submit their names for the database please contact Nicole (ndurand@bishops.org.za).

REUNIONS

1960 - 57 Year Reunion

Richard Eastwick (1960F) has organised a visit to the new Zeitz MOCAA Museum in the Clock Tower precinct of the V&A Waterfront, followed by lunch at Harbour House in the waterfront on Thursday 2 November. If you wish to participate please let **Richard** have your name and cell phone number.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 are [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. Please find more information and 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](#) .

Oxford Pub Lunch

Sat. 4th November 2017

The Bell, Kidlington

[RSVP HERE](#)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week's inspiration comes from the past principle, **Mr A. W. H. Mallet** in the DC Magazine Vol. LXV NO. 4, December 1981. Under "Principal's Annual Report -The Importance of Standards"

"...honesty, humility, compassion, courage and love. The inclusion of these standards forms an integral part of education; without it we may well produce fine scholars and sportsmen, but we shall not produce men who care for their fellows, who have the courage of their convictions, and who know instinctively that it is not what you achieve, but how you achieve that yields the true glory..."

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

[Contact the OD Union](#)