



# Class of '61 – Reunion

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The Reunion is over but the memories linger on . . . .

Owen, Peter and I attended the memorial service for Laird King which was held in the Selborne College Emslie Centre this morning. Class of '61 guys who were also there were **Hilton "Itchy" Dalbock** and **Jeff Fetting**.

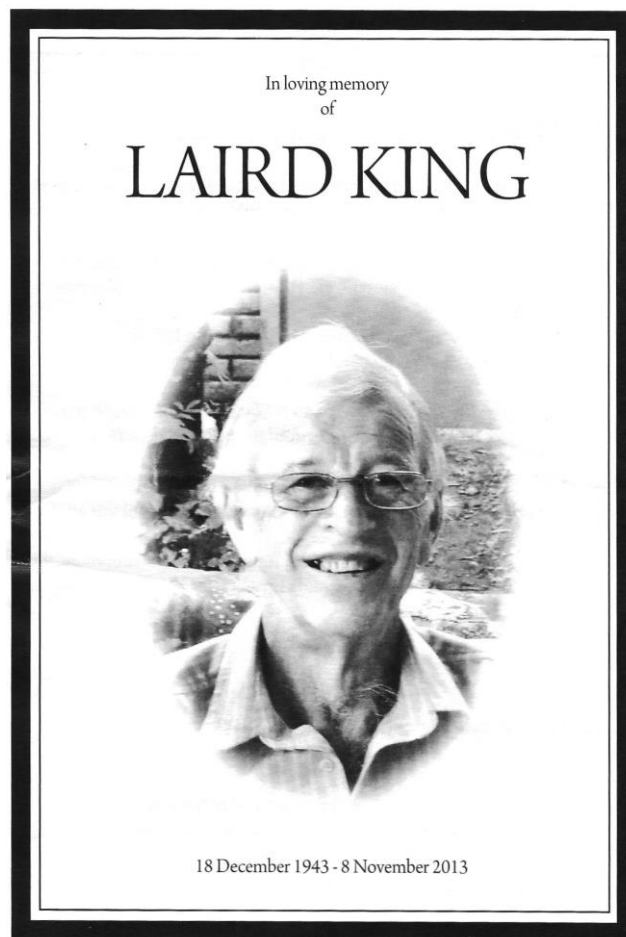
Jeff Fetting read a number of tributes to Laird including one that I had written in the last Bulletin which I had sent to the King family.

In addition, messages from **Errol Sapire, Rob Wood and Colin Chambers** were also read out. The hall was packed to capacity. Laird was obviously a popular man and was prominent for many years in Border cricket administration.

A correction to my previous Bulletin – Laird died due to kidney failure, but he did suffer a stroke earlier in the year.

As I mentioned in the last Bulletin, a new book on the History of Selborne Schools written by **Trevor Webster** is due for release in 2014. This is not a rehash of "Bearers of the Palm". I suggest you pre-order your copy – go to

<http://www.selborne.co.za/images/osa/History%20of%20Selborne%20Schools%20Book%20-%20Pre-Order%20Form.pdf> for details. Trevor was also at the service and had sent in a tribute which was read by Jeff.



Interestingly Laird sent Trevor an article on the King Family for inclusion in the section on Remarkable Selborne Families. Trevor has allowed me to pre-release the article to you as follows:

**“King Family:** An 1820 Settler family. There were seven cousins at the College in the first generation from 1919 until 1940, one of whom was Herbert George King (1921) who had four sons at Selborne. Another son Alexander Graham (1923) played flyhalf for the First rugby team with cousin Walter Brotherton (1923), who was the scrumhalf. There were six cousins in that generation. Alexander had three sons: Laird (1961), Eden (1963) and Nigel (1964). There were two Custodians of the Key in the fourth generation: Dylan Perlman (1994) and Justin King (2003). The present generation is represented by Dylan Kurten in Grade 9 in 2013.



Fourth Generation, **Dylan Kurten** (Grade 9 2013), with Grandfather second generation Laird King (1961), who handed over his Grandfather’s 1923 First team Photograph”

No doubt we **did** work together to make it a truly memorable 50th Reunion – after all, it was the only 50th we will ever have! **Only three years before the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion – prepare!!!**

Kind regards,

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