

# TransDale Extra

## Griffy is rugby boss

As director he'll still coach Dale First XV – and oversee senior and junior teams

OLD DALIAN Grant Griffith has been appointed Director of Rugby at Dale College. He will continue as Head Coach of the First XV, assisted by forwards coach Stephen Turner, but will also oversee other College senior and age-group teams. This management structure overtakes our report in Part One of this issue of TransDale Extra.



**GRANT GRIFFITH . . . still at the helm of Dale rugby**

**Pictures on this page:  
RICHARD DOMERIS**

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new Under 16 trend**

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In this we reported that Griffy had stepped down as First XV coach to take charge of the newly-introduced Under 16A team and had been succeeded by Third XV coach “Big Daddy” Turner.

This version was based on comments by the coaches after the successful 2011 rugby season.

We regret the confusion over our brief report caused by lack of follow-up communication between TransDale Extra and the school.

We became aware of the different set-up only when alerted last week after publication of Part One of this March edition.

Our report on the change of coach appointment was based on an e-mail received and dated December 13, 2011. The message read:

*“Griffy and myself have stepped aside from the First XV for 2012 and Steve Turner will be taking over.”*

Head of Rugby and assistant coach Vince Gelderbloem said he would be leaving Dale in mid-February 2012 to take up a post in Johannesburg.

An attachment to this message on the coaches’ 2011 Season Report ended with these comments:

*“We wish the First XV of 2012 under new coach Steve Turner all the best and may Dale rugby continue from strength to strength.”*

Headmaster Mike Eddy told TransDale Extra last week that he was aware of the coaches’ feelings after a stressful season but that no official announcement had been made about them.

It appears that the coaches’ feelings were not taken seriously and that wiser counsels prevailed.

Outlining the full 2012 structure, Barry Turner reports:

\* Stephen Turner will assist Grant Griffith as the First XV forwards coach with technical input from Dave Williams. A Dale Junior teacher and a former rugby coach, Dave is involved with First XV physiotherapy and part of *To Page 2*

- \* **Old Dalian tames Breede River**
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**WE DID IT! Vince Gelderbloem and First XV centre Spho Msutwana celebrate their Reunion 2011 win over Queen’s**

## GO WELL, VINCE!

**OLD DALIAN Vincent Gelderbloem, who has coached Dale rugby sides and served the College for ten years, has joined the staff of St David’s Marist Inanda school in Joburg.**

**Here is a farewell tribute by BARRY TURNER, who describes Vince as “a man for all seasons and whose heart is Heron-shaped.”**

*TO be old and wise you need to have been young and adventurous and remember that hearts (even Heron-shaped) belong to people and who want and deserve the Three Cs – courtesy, caring and compassion!*

This sentence epitomises Vincent Gelderbloem. The Three Cs come to the fore when he is discussing matters with the general public, parents and his beloved rugby players.

Sadly, he has left Dale. His absence leaves a void at the College that will be difficult to fill.

Vince matriculated from Dale College in 2000 and after a post-matric he joined the staff as a student teacher. After ten years of personal growth and involvement in various spheres of Dale life and culture, he has “emigrated” to Gauteng.

This is a sad time to lose such a staff member and especially since few men teachers are being attracted to the profession and those that are,

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# AU REVOIR VINCE!

From Page 1 are not necessarily rugby coaches.

Seldom has one so young shown such talent and dedication in the classroom and on the sports fields and an ability to articulate what Dale needs to maintain and achieve.

As a Dalian, Vince is not afraid to stand up and be counted for what he believes and is prepared to debate that at any level.

Over the years he has been one of our most dedicated coaches, a rugby disciplinarian, administrator, Head of Rugby, Dale rugby tournament director and coach of the "Blitz Herons," the Dale Sevens team.

The former Head of Accounting and Business Studies at Dale possesses intelligent business acumen. He was a driving force for boys to use the Doeks Andrews Gym from U14 to First XV level.

He would personally pay for supplements then approach sponsors for help. Such is this man of integrity and irreproachable character.

His move to St David's in Johannesburg is sad for Dale structures but a natural progression to grow and better himself as he climbs the ladders of personal ambition to return one day to Dale and apply his knowledge.

During the last ten years Vince became very involved in sport and particularly rugby administration and coaching. Although he never played at First XV level at



**FLASHBACK TO REUNION 2011: In a half-time talk assistant coach Vincent Geldebloem urges First XV team members to greater efforts. They responded by beating Queen's 7-3. \* Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS**

school, he has an analytical rugby brain with an eye for spotting talent.

Vince has coached Dalians from the Under 14s and unbeaten U15s to the Second and First XV. He played a large part in the First XV coaching team that saw Dale regain a place in the Top 10 position for schools rugby in South Africa during 2011.

From 2004 he was also involved with Sevens rugby as coach and took the "Blitz Herons" to winners of regional and national trophies.

Last year he was on the coaching staff of the Border side which finished fourth in South Africa in the National Sevens Tournament. Two boys from Queen's and Dale were selected for the SA Schools team.

**\* We send our hopes and good wishes to Vincent and his family in Johannesburg. Knowing that his roots are firmly set in the foundations at Dale College, we look forward to his return to his Alma Mater in time!**

**It is not goodbye but Au revoir!\***

**\* Johannesburg Old Dalian Union chairman DAVE SEPHTON-POULTNEY adds: "We congratulate Vince on his appointment and look forward to welcoming him to our functions this year."**

## The Under 16s - a new trend in schoolboy rugby

From Page 1 Griffy's brains trust and analytical team. Stephen will also take charge of the important position of coach for the Under 15 team.

\* Griffy will "cast a beady eye" over all of Dale College rugby to ensure that talent is not overlooked and be able to offer advice to the other "open" and age-group division's coaches.

\* HD van Heerden, a College teacher, has been appointed Head of Dale Rugby. He will handle administration and also coach the Second XV.

\* The new U16 divisions will be handled and coached by Old Dalian Jacques van Coller (First XV 2006.) These two divisions are vital to senior rugby development and are stepping stones for talented players to move to the First and Second teams.

Both Jacques and Stephen are very capable coaches and will have input and help from Griffy.

HD van Heerden is an Old Boy of Hoërskool de Vos Malan in King William's Town, where he played First XV rugby, cricket and tennis.

He graduated B.Ed at Potchefstroom University, and played First XV Hostel rugby. After playing the game for 18 years he now concentrates on coaching and administration.

Two years ago, after teaching at De Vos, he joined the staff of Dale, where he teaches natural science, maths, science, maths literacy in various grades.

As Head of Dale Rugby HD assists Director of Rugby Griffy with organisation, including arranging coaches for each team, ensuring that home games are well organised and sorting out any problems that arise.

Discussing the new Dale Under 16 division, HD said: "These sides are now compulsory according to the new Boksmart rules. I

think the U16 sides are a good section because this keeps the U15 boys from the year before together.

"They will get to know each other much better and will be playing against boys of the same age. The risks of injuries are less.

"This year it will be tougher on the open sides because usually the Second and Third teams include upcoming U15 players. Now this won't happen and boys who played in the third and fourths last year will have to fill these gaps.

"Dale could struggle against schools with a bigger pool of players. Luckily we have coaches who are hard-working and willing to get boys ready for the rugby season ahead.

"I see a good future for Dale rugby," says HD. "We have a lot of young talent coming up through the ranks. My plan is to try to make all our teams, not just the A sides, more competitive. This will help the A sides lift their game and improve the level of B and lower open teams.

"I am also coaching the Second Team, playing a role in the full First Division support team and helping out with the First Team."

### Picture error: An apology

TRANSDALE EXTRA apologises for publishing an incorrect picture in Part One of its March edition. The picture accompanied a report by the Headmaster of Dale College, Mike Eddy, inferring it was that of Mr Eddy.

The picture was, in fact, that of the Rev. Mick Webb, an honorary Old Dalian, who delivered a message at the Thanksgiving and Dedication Service which launched the College's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

TransDale Extra apologises to both.



**PROUD family, after the swim . . . Back: Sue, Craig and Daniel. Front: Luke and Matthew.**



**WE DID IT! . . . Swimming trio Richard Willmore (left), Liz Webb and Old Dalian Craig Torr**

# How we tamed the Breede River

## Old Dalian swam 300km in 21-day adventure

**By CRAIG TORR**

WORDS cannot describe the emotions we experienced on landing on the sandbank at the mouth of the river in Witsand. Richard Willmore, Liz Webb and I had just become the first people to swim the full length of the Breede River – altogether 300km from its source just outside Ceres to its mouth at Witsand.

The hours and hours of training, planning and preparation had paid off. Amazingly, we had stuck to our daily schedule each day for 21 days - no major injuries, no illnesses and no SHARKS!

It all began in the Mitchell's Pass below Ceres at the confluence of the Dwars and Witels Rivers, which mark the source of the Western Cape's biggest river. At 9am on Saturday, October 22, we began our journey downstream in chilly 15 degrees Celsius water. Day 1 was mentally challenging with very little swimming and plenty of walking.

We only arrived at camp just after 6pm that evening, shivering and pretty shattered. What had we let ourselves in for? Could we maintain this day after day for three weeks?

Week 1 was characterised by cold weather. Westerly winds blew all week and the temperature never really got above 20 degrees. The water temperature ranged between 15 and 19 degrees Celsius.

This meant that we were able to tolerate the water for no more than 1½ to 2 hours at a time before we needed a 1 hour break to warm up on the side of the river.

We were only able to average three kilometres an hour during the adventure as we were often slowed down by rapids that were not swimmable, as well as weeds that made all movement difficult. We completed our first week just upstream of Robertson, on the farm, Boncap.

By the beginning of Week 2 we all knew what to expect – a slowing river, bigger pools and longer distances. It pretty much became like an office routine. Swimming from 9am until 5pm with two breaks for food and warming up.

It was during this week when we swam past Bonnievale that we covered our largest dis-



**OLD DALIAN Craig Torr (1987) tells how he and two other adventurers, Liz Webb and Richard Willmore, swam the entire 300km length of the Breede River in the Western Cape.**

**"We realised our dreams," he says. Craig and his brother Brad are the sons of Des and Carol Torr. Craig is the son-in-law of former Dale Headmaster Malcom Andrew and his wife Pam. Des, Craig and Brad have all represented South Africa.**

**\* The sporting Torr Family – Page 4**

tance – a total of 36 kilometres in two days with very little current assist.

Week 3 was in our opinion the most beautiful as we swam below the N2 bridge past the Bontebok National Park and through the wheat fields.

Many interesting rock features, and a river that tended to narrow every time there were rapids, meant that we were able to shoot the rapids as opposed to having to walk them.

The week will be remembered for the huge logistical challenges we faced, which were compounded by the fact that two of our accommodation venues had "moved downstream."

Our final four days involved swimming

with the outgoing tide - what a pleasure! The current assisted us at a rate of about 1 km per hour. We literally raced through the last 18, 16, 18 and 4 kilometres a day.

An adventure of this magnitude can only succeed through much planning and preparation. Sacrifices are needed by the athletes but particularly by those close to them.

My wife Sue and our boys have been so supportive of this adventure from Day 1.

The number of hours they spent paddling by my side over the past two years as I prepared for the swim, the compromises they made not having me around while I was training, shall never be forgotten.

I couldn't have chosen stronger-willed people to join me on this adventure.

Richard's quiet determination and Liz's consistent, gentle positive outlook were the perfect blend to get us through the tough times.

Our support crews were amazing, selflessly giving their time to ensure we were taken care of at all times.

Our land-based crews took care of supplies, accommodation and travel, while the water-based crews guided us on kayaks laden with food and warm clothes and personalities to keep us going when the times got tough.

# Running, swimming, water polo!

## The remarkable feats of Old Dalian Torr family

**THE OLD DALIAN Torr trio, Des and his sons Craig and Bradley, have a rare record of family sporting achievement.**

**All three have represented South Africa in their chosen sport. Des, who gave up running at age 26, took up swimming at 56 and achieved extraordinary success in his 60s at butterfly.**

**Now, as described on the previous page, elder son Craig has swum the daunting full length of the Breede River.**

Here is the success story of this talented family:

**DES TORR:** In 1962 he was picked to run the mile for SA against Britain. In 1967 he represented SA in track meetings in England and Wales and ran in the world cross-country championships in Wales.

In 1967 he won the SA cross-country title in East London, setting a course record.

**Let Des tell his story:**

“When I was 56 I was in poor shape and Craig persuaded me to take up swimming. I swam in two SA Masters galas and won a few medals at backstroke and crawl. This prompted me to try butterfly at 60. I had never swum the stroke in my life. The most difficult thing at my age was my flexibility and breathing.

“During training I swam between 1000m and 2000m a night just doing butterfly. I had an unofficial time faster than the winner’s time at the SA Masters.

“Before taking up swimming, I had had an operation due to cancer that caused a weakness which eventually resulted in a hernia due to strenuous training. That seemed the end of swimming for me.

“But, after a further operation, I decided to do a full 50m butterfly without breathing. I did so by diving in at the deep end and swimming to the shallow end without breathing once.

“I did it as a precaution in case I got into trouble and achieved this on my 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday.”

Des gave up swimming that year. Now 70, semi-

### **Craig in US: ‘Greatest moment in my life . . .’**

**This picture of Craig Torr appeared in the 1993 Dale College Magazine with an article on his water polo experiences in the United States that year.**

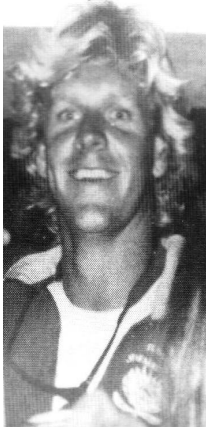
**He was representing an SA Universities team at the World Student Games.**

**Craig told reporter Brian McLean: “The opening ceremony was the greatest moment in my life. Walking into a stadium of 90 000 people in a South African tracksuit was an experience I couldn’t begin to describe.”**

**The next morning the South African team played Hungary.**

**“When the announcer said, ‘and on my right representing South Africa is Craig Torr,’ it finally hit me.**

**“I was playing for my country at the second biggest sporting event on earth. Although we didn’t shape we learnt a great deal.”**



### **THE THREE SPORTING TORRS . . .**

**Bradley, Des and Craig**



### **How runner Des found swimming success**

retired and married to Anne, he lives at Glen Navar, near Cintsas, on the Eastern Cape coast. Des keeps fit and busy while Anne works in an East London cardiac theatre.

Carol Torr, Des’ first wife of 37 years and the mother of Craig and Bradley, is the daughter of an Old Dalian, the late Eddie Peinke.

Born and bred in King William’s Town, she now lives in Pinelands, Cape, near her sons and is very proud of their sporting feats.

As a little boy, Craig had partial paralysis in his legs, continues Des.

“After building a large pool I encouraged him to swim and he recovered. At school he proved soon to be a superb swimmer, but preferred the team activity of water polo.”

“He swam for the Dale Athlone Shield team, held school records and represented SA in an Under 19 water polo team which toured Israel.

“When he became captain of the Dale 1<sup>st</sup> water polo team the boys put in extra time training and studying videos on water polo.

“They are the only team to have never have lost a match in 18 months under one captain.”

Craig, Brad and other Old Dalians coach water polo at Pinelands High and Cannons Creek, Cape Town.

Craig graduated as an industrial psychologist at UPE. Both he and Brad own successful brokerages.

Des and Carol’s daughter Nikki, her Old Dalian husband, Ian Olivier, and their two daughters live in Australia. Nikki runs a photographic studio, while Ian has worked his way

up the ladder on the mines in Australia.

**BRADLEY TORR:** “Brad never seemed to take anything seriously,” says his dad. “He is a brilliant swimmer and water polo sportsman. The last three years at Dale he never trained for swimming, only for water polo.

“Despite this, Brad broke Dale’s 50m and 100m records and still holds them.

“At a SA Schools swimming championships, Selborne had two representatives in the Border team and Dale one. Border were short of one in the relay.”

Asked to swim, Brad built up such a lead in the first leg that they won the race.

In 1995 Brad was a member of the SA Under 16 water polo team which toured England, Germany, Austria and Hungary.

### **BOYS EXCEL OFF THE FIELD, TOO**

**CRAIG** and his advocate wife Sue have three sons, all successful on and off the field at Cannons Creek High and Junior Schools, Pinelands.

**Daniel (14)** now in Grade 8, was a successful pupil and sportsman in junior school.

He is a lead singer for the school rock band and choir, a talented swimmer and the top goal- scorer for his water polo team.

**Matthew (12)**, now in Grade 6, came first in his age group in the country-wide Maths Olympiad, while in Grade 5.

He is one of the top scorers in his Under 13A water polo team. A keen spear- fisherman, he shot his first fish when he was seven years old.

**Luke (9)**, in Grade 3, is also a talented swimmer and water polo player. He is the top goal-scorer in his Under 10 water polo team and the fastest swimmer in the junior primary school.

Like his older brother, Luke achieves top marks for maths and is the leading goal scorer for his Under 10 hockey team.

**FOCUS ON DALE JUNIOR**

# Dale losing 'cream of the crop'



**WELCOME TO JOBURG . . . Old Dalian chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney and wife Rose with Ismail Munga, Dale Junior Governing Body chairman (left) and Principal Patricia Thatcher**



**PROMINENT Joburg Old Dalians Rob Cumming, former ODU National President Grant Turnbull and Clive (Copper) Tressider**



**DALE JUNIOR Deputy Principal Craig Graham (left) and Joburg Old Dalian Francis Kingston**  
*\* Pictures: WILLIAM MORRISON*



**YODAs Akhona Shosha (left), Darren Ogden, John Makgato, Kaunda Ntunja, with Aviwe Nomatyindyo**



**PRINCIPAL Patricia Thatcher with Ray Butcher (left), Nick Eyre and an unidentified blonde**

## Old Dalians urged to give 'little brother' more support

WHY are so many Dalians moving to other high schools after leaving Dale Junior? This burning question tended to dominate a visit to Johannesburg by the Principal, Patricia Thatcher, her Deputy, Craig Graham, and veteran Chairman of the Governing Body, Ismail Munga.

"We are losing the cream of the crop every year," Ismail told Old Dalians at a meeting late last year. He has had boys at Dale Junior and Dale College for 21 years.

The trio also visited Old Dalians in Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth in a "road show" tour to promote the image of Dale Junior and encourage more support.

"We want you to get to know our school. We are part of Dale College," said Patricia, emphasising that support means more than money.

The Principal showed a screened presentation of life at Dale Junior "warts and all." This included scenes of classrooms, sports fields and the school's extensions in the former Convent. Nostalgic old rugby songs, not heard for years at Reunion and matches, were played.

Patricia Thatcher became Principal last year after serving for 17 years through the ranks at the school. She acted in this role



**YODAs Mathew Eglinton (left), Michael Sephton-Poultney, Alex Iumba and David Turnbull**

for nearly a year after the departure of former Headmaster, Grant Williams.

Ismail Munga was treasurer of the school's PTA before serving on the Governing Body. His wife Fathima is currently the chairperson of the PTA.

Said Patricia, "We do all we can to encourage our boys to go on to Dale College, but many are offered bursaries by other schools. We invite the College to speak to our boys every year and do not allow other schools to do so."

Former Dale Junior boys have held top positions at other schools, The 2011 head boy of Selborne College, Lwazi Volsak, is

a former Dale Junior boy.

A few years ago some ex-Dale Junior boys wanted to start a "Friends of Dale Junior Association."

Patricia Thatcher paid tribute to her staff and to the "incredible support" received from the Governing Body and the PTA.

Darren Ogden, then chairman of the Johannesburg YODA group, praised the achievements of Dale Junior, whose rugby team "never loses a game."

"What Dale Junior has done is fantastic," he said. He urged Old Dalians to pay more attention to Dale Junior. "Everyone talks about the College, but not about Dale Junior," he said.

The College needed to focus more on keeping Dale Junior boys in the Dale Family.

Johannesburg Old Dalian chairman, David Sephton-Poultney, summed up the meeting saying, it was a rare pleasure for Joburg Old Dalians to host the Dale Junior entourage on their countrywide visit to ODU branches.

"For Old Dalians who spent time at Dale Junior, memories going back to that early formative part of one's life are different to the College experience,"

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## Rugby's Bandise Maku challenges Dale Juniors

# Choose well, take your chances

**\* OLD DALIAN rugby star Bandise Maku, now hooker for the Lions after a career with the Bulls, was the guest speaker at the 2011 Dale Junior prize-giving. Here are edited extracts from his address. He captained the First XV in 2004.**

TONIGHT we are here to celebrate the boys who will be receiving awards achieved this year. We are here to celebrate with all of you - the boys coming on stage and those who came short of making it this year - to motivate them as well.

The years when I won my rugby awards here hold a special place in my heart, even more so than some recent achievements. So enjoy tonight and be proud of yourselves. Each boy here has the potential and the opportunity to receive awards.

Tonight is about recognising your efforts and motivating you to achieve more in the future. It is about each Dalian reaping the benefits of his hard work, attitude, determination and perseverance.

One of the two points I'd like to share with you this evening refers to the choices we make.

I didn't and still don't always make the right choices. I missed out on a lot of opportunities because of that. I was naughty and going to one too many detentions did not help my cause.

My biggest disappointment came in Grade 7, when I missed out on an opportunity of becoming a prefect or a councillor for all the wrong choices I had made.

We make choices without even realising it. Do I polish my shoes or do a quick job in the morning to miss detention?

Do I do my homework in the morning before class or take time to understand it? When I practise do I push myself harder or take it easy?

Do I go to school or do I get my Mom to call the school and say that I'm sick? These are just a few examples of choices we faced.

Tonight most of you have made the right choices and that is why we are here to celebrate with you. To those that fell short into achieving an award tonight *Môre is nog 'n dag!*

Tomorrow is still another day, Life gives you a second chance; use it wisely. The clever student is the one who makes an effort to make the right choices, not necessarily the one who gets all the A's.

In the sporting field you always face choices. For example, at the end of 2010, I



**Bandise Maku with Dale Junior Principal Patricia Thatcher**

*\* Picture: Brendon Cloete*

## Now he regrets wrong choices and chances lost at school

had to make a choice about my rugby career.

Leaving the Bulls was one of the hardest choices I had to make. Having been there for six years, it felt like leaving home, a place I grew up in.

With other players, I had won a lot of trophies: The Under 19 Currie Cup, the U21 Currie Cup, the Vodacom Cup, the Currie Cup and the Super 14 with the senior team.

I had to go from being part of a winning culture, to joining a Lions team that had won nothing in 11 years.

People doubted my move, but I believed it was the best choice I could make to progress in my career.

I had been offered the opportunity to be the first-choice hooker in the team. Being at the Lions, I had the opportunity to play against the best hookers and players in world, like John Smit, Kevan Mealamu and Bismarck du Plessis.

We won the Currie Cup. Was my choice to

move, a good one? I think so . . .

There will come a time when you, too, will have to make some hard choices. The better the choices you make, the more nights like tonight you will have.

Success and celebration will surely follow. The quality of the decisions and the actions we take will improve the way we set our goals.

This leads me to my second point for tonight. Setting goals is a powerful tool that helps us achieve our dreams. It helps us focus our attention, to organise our time and to use our resources wisely.

Goals that come true motivate us to achieve more. They boost our self-confidence, helping us to strive beyond limits we may set for ourselves.

This year (2011) at the end of the Super 15 we (the Lions) finished at the bottom of the log. We had games we could have won but didn't.

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## Chairman Dave recalls formative days at Dale Junior

*From Page 5* said Dave. "This was borne out again as youthful memories flooded back in animated conversations with former teachers and friends. Clearly one's Dale Junior experience is a valuable add-on to the Dale College experience.

"The evening provided a forum for the Principal, her Deputy and the Chairman of the Governing Body to socialise freely, which was appreciated by all present.

"Forthright points were debated and I left the gathering feeling this

had been a very worthwhile 'first meeting' with the representatives of Dale Junior.

"The visit also afforded Joburg boys the opportunity to assist Craig Graham, the Deputy Principal, who has this fetish about firemen's hats!

Early on it was mentioned informally that a visit to one of Joburg's Fire Stations would be appreciated, particularly if a shiny red hat could be secured. This was duly arranged and we may yet even see it appear in one of Carol Farrer's stage extravaganzas!"

**OBITUARY**

# NIGEL RICHTER

**NIGEL RICHTER**, manager of the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre at Dale College for two years, has died aged 54.

Nigel grew up in the Transkei and spent most of his schooldays in Komga. He opened several general dealers businesses in and around King William's Town.

More recently, Nigel ran a successful garden services business, now being carried on by his wife Terry and Old Dalian son-in-law, Darrel Herbst.

Dr Paul Smit, pastor of the Ebenezer Family Church in King William's Town, paid tribute to Nigel's willingness, integrity and enthusiasm.

"Nigel's passion has always been people," he said. "When it came to choosing a manager for the MASC, Nigel was a given.

"His magnetic personality and humble charm ensured that his customers were always treated with caring respect and empathetic friendship.



NIGEL and TERRY  
... side by side  
for 35 years

## Pastor Paul Smit pays tribute to his 'compassion and humble charm'

"At the same time his approach to business was ruthlessly honest. His commitment to his task ensured that the Old Dalian Union could meet its regular bills and commitments to loan repayments.

"Nigel's reputation for helping others was legendary. Countless people benefited from his compassion, both in word and deed. Seen as a father and mentor by many, Nigel will be sorely missed in our community.

"Our sincere condolences go to Terry,

his wife and by-his-side companion for 35 years, his 29-year-old Old Dalian son Justin (matric 2000), daughter Tantum Herbst, their spouses, his grandchildren and his siblings.

"Terry is continuing with her husband's work. Regular clientele are still supporting her. She did everything with Nigel and so she knows the ropes completely.

"We are confident she will do a good job. Her family are also helping her."

\* Nigel played cricket for Alberts CC.

# Maku: Set goals to achieve your dreams

**... and this is what Bandise (1995-2004) achieved at Dale**

From Page 6 So I went home and wrote all the things I needed to improve on, like my work rate, scrumming, lineout throwing my passing and catching skills.

I then started watching old games, looking out to see how I compared with Kevan Mealamu and Bismarck du Plessis' performances.

It is easy to look at the back of your textbook for the answers and how to solve a question. But that will catch up to you in the long run.

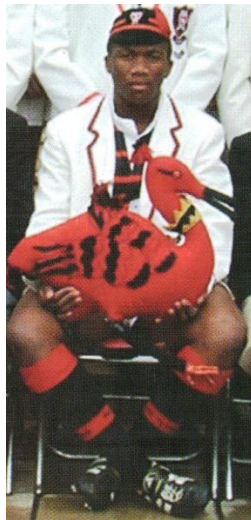
Always place great effort and detail into what you do. Small things make the bigger picture.

Don't be afraid to put your goals in writing. You can write them at the back of your homework book. Writing and seeing them every day will strengthen your commitment towards them.

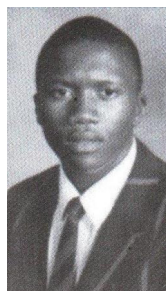
I always had a dream of playing rugby and here I am today, having won trophies. Having been on two Springbok tours with a team I still have a great dream of representing in the future.

I encourage you to write your goals down and commit to them for a better future.

Tom Hopkins, a sport psychologist,



**FIRST XV CAPTAIN**



**SCHOOL COUNCILLOR**

**RUGBY**  
**Border U13,**  
**U16,**  
**U18 (vice-capt.)**  
**Dale College**  
**First XV**  
**2002, 2003,**  
**2004 (captain)**

**OFF-THE-FIELD**  
**LEADERSHIP**  
**School**  
**councillor**  
**Hostel prefect**

**MEMORABLE**  
**MOMENTS**  
**Being part of**  
**the 150<sup>th</sup> rugby**  
**game against**  
**Queen's**

**MEMORABLE**  
**CLASSES**  
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**Mrs I van**  
**der Merwe**

says: "If it's not in writing, it's not a goal."

For you to achieve your goals they must belong to you, Your parents and teachers will encourage and support you in trying to achieve all you want, but your dreams and goals must belong to you.

What do you want? Be the boss of your own goals, they are yours, so own them. You can't be disappointed each time you fail a maths test when you never took time to practise your sums.

There is no short route to success, only the road less travelled. Always challenge yourself.

If your average is 50 per cent, push yourself to get 60 per cent on the next test.

Don't be happy with where you are right now, always look to improve yourself.

Strive for excellence in whatever you do. Through hard work reach for the stars ... that is what Dale Junior stands for and definitely what it taught me.

\* Bandise ended his address by handing over a rugby jersey to the Principal, Patricia Thatcher, "and the rest of the school, as a symbol of my appreciation for what Dale Junior has done for me."

**WINNER: Bandise Maku won three prizes in 2004: To the senior boy who has made a positive contribution to school life; for perseverance in sport; and to the most consistent and persevering rugby player.**



**COUNTED OUT: Richard Parker (left) and Alan Sutton**



**WINNERS: Darren Ogden (left) and Rowan Hemphill**



**CONSOLATION PRIZE: Andrew Morris (left) and Grant Rau**

# YODAs just shade older golfers



**JOBURG ODU CHAIRMAN Dave Sephton-Poultney (left) and two-club-winner Graham Dunford, whose wife Lynne (centre) drew his name out of the hat for the liquor hamper winner. Graham gave this prize back. John Kirkwood (right) was declared the winner.**



**\* Pictures: WILLIAM MORRISON**

YOUNG and older (but not old) tied the 2011 Johannesburg Old Dalian golf tournament. With each pair scoring 42 points in a two-ball betterball contest, the result was decided by a count-out.

Young Old Dalians Darren Ogden and Rowan Hemphill were declared the winners. Apart from a handsome prize, they hold the Transvaal Dalian Trophy for a year.

Counted out by a calculation understood only by regular golfers and frequently disputed were Old Dalian Alan Sutton and his partner, Richard Parker.

“A missed putt on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole cost us the contest,” said Alan. “It was a putt we would have holed ten times out of ten.”

Equally disappointed must have been Old Dalian Grant Rau and his partner Andrew Morris on 44 points, who were “voluntarily” disqualified for playing alone.

Their four-ball opponents did not pitch. Grant and Andrew were awarded a consolation prize of “a little something.”

Strict golfing scoring rules require the game to be contested by two two-balls who

## Lucky day for some - a great day for all

mark the other pair’s card. Another loser by bad luck was Graham Dunford, whose wife Lynne drew his ticket out of the hat as the winner of a handsome liquor hamper.

Lynne is the daughter of ODU past-president Ivan Venter and his wife Megan. Graham gracefully gave the prize back.

It went instead to Old Dalian John Kirkwood, a regular supporter of Dale golf days. Graham was, however, the only Two-club winner, achieved at the 12<sup>th</sup> hole.

A prize for the Most Golf or the Longest Day went to Old Kingswoodian Gus La Trobe and Old Selbornian Andrew Cromhout on 19 points. Thanks for always supporting us, guys!

The Longest Drive prize went to Hylton Turner at the 9th hole. Nearest-the-Pin winner was Joe Alexandre, father of organiser Nicky, at the 18th.

### OTHER SCORES

Grant Turnbull & Bill Hockley (41), Gavin Roberts & Hylton Turner (39, count-out), Andrew Kirkwood & Paul Forbes (39, count-out), Mark Thompson & Grant Turnbull (37), Robbie Haskins & Terry Faul (36), Anton Spence & Ivan Venter (35), Colin Lawlor & Ken Parsley (34). David Turnbull & Bandise Maku (33), Graham & Lynne Dunford (32), Bob McKenzie & Colin Lawlor (30), Freddy Howell & Bill Graham (29), Joe Alexandre & Darren Rodwell-Ogden (28).

For the first time organisation of the tournament was outsourced to Mistique Event Planners. Holes were sponsored to help meet tournament and supper costs and to raise funds. Thanks go to Old Dalians:

- \* Grant Turnbull - Hexon Financial Services (1st hole).
- \* David Sephton-Poultney - Bryan Kaschula Associates (5<sup>th</sup>).
- \* Douglas Troxler - Boss Office Projects (9<sup>th</sup>).
- \* John Kirkwood - Traviata Flooring cc (10<sup>th</sup>).
- \* Peter Ibbotson - Praxima (18th).

### PRIZES were donated by:

- \* Douglas Troxler - Boss Office Projects - One office chair (for the Longest Drive).
- \* Clive Tressider - Inyoni Guest

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# After the golf, an evening of fun



**FIFTH: Gavin Roberts (left) and Hylton Turner**



**DOUBLE WINNER: Grant Turnbull**



**FOURTH: Andrew Kirkwood (John's son) and Paul Forbes**



**MOST GOLF: Andrew Cromhout and Gus La Trobe, loyal fans**

From Page 8 Cottage – Two nights' bed & breakfast at R1 430 (Nearest the Pin).

\* Charissa Ash –The Liquid Lounge – Sunday lunch cruise for four (R480 each = R 960).

\* Lincoln Barnes - The Promise Grill & Seafood Restaurant - two food & beverage vouchers - (R150 each = R300).

\* Alison Noble (daughter of Joe Sutton) - Avroy Shlain Cosmetics - four ladies' hampers.

\* Joe Sutton, Dave Sephton-Poultney, Grant Turnbull, Bobby Hains and John Kirkwood - Liquor hamper and prizes.

\* Nicky and Joe Alexandre, Mistique Event Planners, Pridesure Consultants cc - 4 golf shirts.

\* Lincoln Barnes - The Promise Grill & Seafood Restaurant - two food & beverage vouchers - (R150 each = R 300).

After the golf tournament players, wives and partners enjoyed an evening of camaraderie at the prize-giving and supper.

This year's golf day will again be held at Leeuwkop GC, but earlier in the year, on Friday, September 14, to attract a larger field. Hopefully this will include King William's Town representatives from Dale College, Dale Junior and the Old Dalian Union.

\*Nicky Alexandre of *Mystique Event Planners Pridesure Consultants cc* (who organised the golf day with the *Joburg Old Dalian Union*), is an authorised Financial Service Provider (FSP Number 2762) and is licensed with the Financial Services Board (FSB).



**NEAREST THE PIN: Joe Alexandre, father of organiser Nicky**

**SEVENTH: Old Dalians Robbie Haskings (matric 1996) and Terry Faul (Dale Junior)**



**EIGHTH: Regular Old Selbornian supporter Anton Spence (left) and ODU past president Ivan Venter**

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**AT THE TABLE . . . (from far right): Grant Turnbull, Gavin Roberts, Hylton Turner, David Turnbull, Emmanuel Mphande and front right, Lizole Joka. RIGHT: What a table display! Thanks, lady organisers! \* Pictures: WILLIAM MORRISON**



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