

Bill Bowden Appeal

“The Old Boys Union kicked off a campaign at the 2011 dinner to raise funds for a much needed upgrade to the Bill Bowden Pavilion - the “Home of Wynberg Old Boys”. The support was overwhelming with approximately R100,000 being donated on the night! Across the board the diverse group of Old Boys present showed great generosity and it was very clear to see how proud Wynberg Old Boys are. We are now taking the campaign to all our members and have attached a copy of the actual appeal which was distributed on the night of the dinner. Please take the time to read it, and if you can and want, please consider a donation. We really need your help. If required, tax certificates can be arranged to ensure that your donation qualifies for an income tax donation. With sincere thanks, Steve Doidge (WOBU President).”

Dear Old Boy

The stated objectives of the Wynberg Old Boys Union (“WOBU”) are twofold.

1. To facilitate meaningful interaction between fellow Old Boys as well as Old Boys and their school; and
2. To provide support to Old Boys and the Wynberg Boys Junior and High School (the “schools”).

With regard to 1, the WOBU has a social calendar full of a wide spectrum of social activities and in this regard we are the envy of other unions. The committee work tirelessly to ensure that these events are well represented and efficiently organised. One such example is the dinner you are all attending tonight.

In terms of 2, the WOBU has provided a huge amount of support to both Old Boys and the schools and over the last six years the Union has provided financial support in the amount of R819 246. From scholarships to pianos, we try and help out wherever and whenever we can. On the back page you will see a breakdown of the funding we have given – as you will see it is broadly diversified.

As important as our financial support, the WOBU also gives an immense level of help and guidance in other areas. The WOBU is represented on the School Governing body and as shareholders of our great school we make sure the voices of the Old Boys are heard. Old Boys have done lots of *pro bono* work for the school in the form of teaching and coaching and an active mentorship program is offered in terms of which school leaving Matrics are encouraged to contact the WOBU so that they can be put in touch with a relevant Old Boy who can provide career guidance in a specific area. You will find Old Boys quietly assisting the schools behind the scenes, infusing their passion into a school event or activity or just helping out with their capability or expertise.

The Union has three main areas of income:

1. Annual once off subscriptions;

2. Donations; and
3. Income from the Bill Bowden Pavilion (the "BBP").

Without funding we wouldn't be able to provide the level of financial assistance that we do. Due to a lot of hard work and foresight, the BBP is the only fully licensed Old Boys facility in the Western Cape. It is the "Home of Wynberg Old Boys" and the central gathering place for Old Boys – whether it be after a home rugby match, for a game of squash (as you know the Old Boys have a thriving squash club) or just a social meeting with fellow Old Boys after work or on a weekend. The venue is also rented out for functions and because of its magical setting is very popular. The BBP is run along strict business lines and requires a lot of oversight and management. Financially it is growing from strength to strength and is a major asset for the Old Boys as its income provides much needed funding for the Union's stated objectives. The BBP is in dire need of a upgrade which is critical to maintain its current appeal as a venue for hire but more importantly to provide a home for Old Boys to be proud of. Although the Union has set aside a large portion of capital to undertake this upgrade, we are short of funds to undertake the required work. You have never been directly called upon to donate money to the Old Boys and perhaps many of you have never been made aware of just how much we do for the schools and fellow Old Boys. Either way, we are appealing for donations which will be used directly to upgrade the BBP and any and all support (no matter how little) will be sincerely appreciated.

Yours faithfully

WOBU COMMITTEE

STEVE DOIDGE
PRESIDENT

ARNO ERASMUS
TREASURER

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM THE WYNBERG OLD BOYS
OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS**

* Hostel scholarship to assist the son of an old boy (M Small)	R 29,500.00
* Annual half scholarships for 2 junior school boys for WBHS	R 113,550.00
* Full scholarship (L Sompontsha)	R 131,500.00
* Hostel scholarship (K Mamabolo)	R 23,000.00
* Squash scholarship (J Damons)	R 15,000.00
* Badminton scholarship (B Bartlett)	R 7,875.00
* Annual High School prizes	R 36,400.00
* Grand Piano for High School	R 70,000.00
* Junior School annual rugby sponsorships	R 15,000.00
* Squash (Junior and High) prizes	R 8,475.00
* Donation - The Rob Louw Cancer Trust	R 5,000.00
* Sponsorship (Junior and High) for rugby coaching clinics	R 36,856.00
* Sponsorship of High School Lotto funding application	R 26,400.00

* Donation to High School for renovation of Kaplan House	R 100,000.00
* Donation to Junior School	R 100,000.00
* Alarming of Kaplan House	R 10,205.00
* Donation for stone for Jacque Kallis Oval plaque	R 5,058.00
* Sponsorship of Waterpolo Electronic Board and Clock	R 28,745.00
* Sponsorship for Springbok hockey player (I Haley)	R 5,000.00
* Donation for old boy to assist with medical costs (J Celliers)	R 11,000.00
* Sponsorship of Steel Drum Band tour	R 10,000.00
* Donations for Music department	R 8,041.00
* Music bursary (junior school)	R 2,500.00
* Sponsorships of Waterpolo tours	R 7,438.00
* Sponsorship of junior school golf days	R 2,600.00

Total

R 819,246.00