

# VALE: TREVOR DUNN

*Newcastle Bay* HIGH SCHOOL, *Manatua*  
**REGISTER OF ADMISSION, PROGRESS AND WITHDRAWAL.**

Register No.	Date of Admission	Pupil's Name	Date of Birth	Religion	Bursar, or Probationary Student	Parent or Guardian			Date of Admission to					School formerly attended.	Date of leaving School and occupation or profession intended.
						Name	Residence	Occupation	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year		
2416	30/12/30	COOK Lancel John	31-7-37	E.C.	S	Milton Stanley Cook	47 Marsden St, Howland	Penalty Farmer					12/52		Newcastle Junior Tech. L.P.C. 1956
2417	30/12/30	COOK Roger Chilton	3-8-39	E.C.	S	Raymond Cecil Cook	29 High St, Manatua	Steelworks maintenance	30/52					Manatua	
2418	30/12/30	COOKSEY Roger Frederick	4-7-39	METH	S	Frederick Ernest Cooksey	58 Esplanade Rd., New Lambton	Engineer	30/52					New Lambton P.S.	
2419	30/12/30	COOPER John Robert	2-7-40	E.C.	S	John Richard Cooper	11 Government Rd, Blackball	Logging Clerk	30/52					Tonata P.S.	
2420	30/12/30	COTTERILL Brian Douglas	2-6-36	PRES.	S	John Cook Cotterill	5 Faymax St, Pelican Flat	Typist Fitter	30/52			24/52		Janior High P.M.G.	
2421	30/12/30	CUNNINGHAM Charles Francis	28-4-40	METH	S	Charles Rosevein Cunningham	6 Cannanmore St, Mayfield	Inspector (Cockle) mill	30/52					Mayfield West P.S.	
2422	30/12/30	CURRY Keith Falconer	10-7-39	METH	S	Wallace Falconer Curry	55 Fletcher St, Adamesman	operator	30/52					Adamesman	
2423	30/12/30	DUFFELL Anthony John	28-9-39	E.C.	S	John Thomas Duffell	2 Regent St, Mayfield	Detective of Police	30/52					Mayfield East P.S.	
2424	30/12/30	DUNN Trevor Hamilton		METH	S	Roy Hamilton Dunn	74 Donald St, Hamilton	Factory Hand	10/52					Manerburn Inter. High.	
2425	30/12/30	DOHERTY Graham John	22-6-39	METH	S	Lara James Munnick Doherty	27 Sunderland St, Mayfield	ambulance officer	30/52					Mayfield East P.S.	
2426	30/12/30	DOBERER David John	6-11-39	O.D.	S	Alfred Eugene Doberer	189 Croftdale St, New Lambton H to	Engineer	30/52					New Lambton P.S.	
2427	30/12/30	DIXON John Michael	24-9-39	E.C.	S	John Harland Dixon	21 Stokes St, Redhead	Labourer	30/52					Redhead	
2428	30/12/30	DENT Peter George	4-11-39	E.C.	S	Eric Henry Dent	23 Livingston St, Belmont	Fitter and Turner	30/52					Belmont	
2429	30/12/30	DAVIES Peter Jeffrey	3-6-40	E.C.	S	Alan Jeffrey Davies	264 Bruce St, Manurewa	metallurgist	30/52					Manurewa	
2430	30/12/30	DAVIS Ronald John	23-2-40	E.C.	S	Anders Adams Davis	40 C. Maitland, Genston St, Manurewa Bay	Carpenter	30/52					Manurewa Bay P.S.	

Chris Ryan, Trevor's Son-In-Law posted these words on Facebook February 2018:

This is Trevor Dunn. Trevor passed away today. For the last 15 years or so I have had the privilege of knowing Trevor and referring to him as my father in law. Trevor was a husband, father, friend and generally beautiful person. His peaceful departure leaves a void.

Trevor was a man of impeccable character, exceptionally well read and a man of catholic interests. These qualities set him up as a great conversationalist. He was the kind of guy who would sit in on ICAC or public planning hearings for entertainment value. He was a keen historian, gardener, walker and observer of current affairs (note the s). He loved dogs (even showed them years ago). He loved wine and cheese (his blood type was part Shiraz, part *Penicillium camemberti*). He was a dedicated vegetarian for many years.

With his first wife Heather he raised 4 intelligent, caring and productive children. One of these children I had the privilege of marrying and without question is the most outstanding person I have yet met. With his second wife Katherine he ran a law practice and raised three more children with outstanding qualities. Trevor gained the deep respect and affection of all of them.

I really didn't get to know my own father but if EHarmony/Matchmaker had a father matching service I expect that Trevor would have made my shortlist.

A dignified man (except perhaps when remonstrating with a vendor about the consistency of chocolate in a paddle pops just purchased), caring and thoughtful, a man of calm temperament but not without passion. I am blessed that my own children had an opportunity to be around him and get to know him. Trevor disclosed once that he saw a lot of himself in my son Reuben- to me that is a compliment of the highest order.

Trevor practiced as a solicitor for more than 40 years and was a true professional in the proper sense of the word. The professional as it was originally constituted possessed characteristics of integrity, accountability, objectivity, was a fiduciary and recognised an element of service to society.

Whenever I encountered members of the legal profession in Newcastle and dropped his name, without exception, they made reference to the high regard in which they held him.

I didn't intersect with Trevor much professionally. He once cut in on me at the bar table in a mention list using the seniority rule (the only solicitor in my career to ever do so, because no-one expects to observe it these days. It was done with such panache that Trevor seemed oblivious – the only pertinent fact to him that he was the most senior

practitioner at the bar table, by far, and obviously he should rise first). I certainly valued the opinion of Trevor and his wife Kath as two outstanding lawyers bending their ear over legal principles from time to time.

Trevor's life is worthy of celebration. If you knew Trevor, little of what I have written will surprise you. If you didn't know him, the details don't matter. I encourage you to celebrate men and women who have lived a life and raised a family (or two) and maybe show some appreciation for those people if you can. I have heard it said that there are 3 important questions for us to consider:

Did I live? Did I love? Did I matter?

There is ample evidence that Trevor lived, her certainly loved and there is no doubt he mattered.

**These words were given at the wake by Dick Sanders, following Trevor's funeral at Christ Church Cathedral.**

*These are a few words on behalf of the Newcastle Boys High School Old Boys Association.*

*The Admission Register of Newcastle Boys High School shows that Trevor Hamilton Dunn, of 74 Donald Street Hamilton, was enrolled on 10 February 1952. His father's occupation is given as Factory Hand.*

*Trevor was a top scholar, and an accomplished athlete, being on the school athletics team in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th years. I believe he was a sprinter.*

*He was also a member of the 1st XIII Rugby League team in 4th and 5th years. They won the University Shield in 1954, and in 1955 they went through undefeated, winning the Evans Shield. Former deputy Lord Mayor Don Geddes was also in that team.*

*Trevor's essential worthiness, as a person, was already recognised at high school, where he was voted School Captain for 1955.*

*At the Speech Night in 1955, in a traditional ceremony honouring the departing fifth year, Trevor was awarded the silver trowel, a bricklayers tool, for 'laying it on thickest' when talking about his school experiences. This award was portentous of Trevor's ability in later years, in his chosen legal profession, to clearly 'state the case'.*

*When the Old Boys Association was formed in 1987, Trevor was our Inaugural President. He wrote the Constitution, which defined the Objectives of the Association. In 2006, at our Annual Dinner, Trevor was a popular after dinner speaker.*

***A gentleman and a scholar, a life well spent, and gone too soon.  
Vale Trevor.***