

# Tribute to Waterford's Recently Retired GC Members

## Jeremy Lock (Governing Council 1996-2018)

Jeremy's arrival at Waterford is something of a legend. As a teenager dealing with very difficult family circumstances and forced to look after his own welfare, Jeremy fixed his sights on getting into Waterford. He traveled to Waterford campus and took the admissions test. At the conclusion, he was told the equivalent of "we'll get back to you." Unwilling to take no for an answer, he simply stayed on campus. He made friends, found places to sleep, and attended classes. It was only weeks later that the school recognized that he had not been officially admitted and was, in essence, an educational squatter. It has been to Waterford's tremendous benefit that it did not evict him but instead found a way to admit a young man who went on to become a student leader, athlete, and, ultimately, dedicated supporter of the school.



Jeremy's future influence on the direction of school policy was foreshadowed by his engagement in the debate over the international sports boycott of South Africa, imposed as part of the anti-apartheid movement. While many students advocated cutting off all sporting contact with South African schools in a show of solidarity with the international ban, Jeremy energetically urged the school to adopt a one-way policy: discontinue sports trips to South Africa but allow South African teams to visit Waterford, where they could experience our multiracial, co-educational environment firsthand and witness the power of diversity, freedom of thinking, and inter-racial collaboration.

Almost immediately after leaving Waterford, Jeremy embarked on a career in hospitality, beginning at The Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa. From there, he went on to found a conference center, restaurant, and, later, a tourism marketing consulting company and tour operator for the luxury travel market – a business he continues to run today.

Jeremy served on the Governing Council for 22 years, infusing his input and guidance with humor and self-deprecation. His dedication to Waterford, however, extends well beyond his years spent on the Council. In addition, Jeremy has invested countless hours of time and effort on the South African National Committee of the UWC, helping select students to attend UWCs, as well as on the WK Foundation in South Africa. Jeremy truly is a model of "giving back."

### **Alan Whiteside (Governing Council 1994-2018)**

Alan's 24 years on the Governing Council place him among the Council's longest serving members. As impressive as that tenure is, it pales in comparison to the 50 years that he has been connected to Waterford.

Alan joined Waterford as a Form 1 student in 1969, just the six years after the school was founded and a year after he sat in the audience as King Sobhuza II gave the school the name "Kamhlaba." He then spent his next six years at Waterford, launching what would become a long and extremely distinguished academic career.

Alan is a shining example of how Waterford provides an outstanding academic foundation that allows students to go overseas to further their education and then return to Africa. After Waterford, Alan obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia in the UK, and then returned to southern Africa. After joining the University of Natal (now the University of KwaZulu-Natal) as a researcher in 1983, he founded the Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD) in 1998 and later obtained his doctorate degree. Alan went on to publish numerous peer-reviewed articles and books on HIV/AIDS and their impact on development and society. He also was – and continues to be – an avid mentor to students and researchers. Based on his work, he has been appointed to many international committees, boards, and panels.

Perhaps the most high-profile recognition Alan has received was being named Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2015, based on his service to science and strategic interventions to curb HIV/AIDS.

Prior to joining the Governing Council, Alan served as the WK Network Representative at the UWC. He also has a member of the Waterford Trust in London, which he chaired for some time.



### **Derek Blackman (Governing Council 2009 - 2018)**

Years ago, Derek was asked which UWC College was his favourite. He had visited them all in his role with the UWC and, after long and careful thought, he responded "If I had children of my own, which sadly I don't, I would want them to go to Waterford." In a way, then, it is little surprise that when Derek was invited to serve on the Governing Council at Waterford, he accepted gladly.

Derek has explained that what drew him to Waterford – what he found so special about the place – is the moral foundation upon which the school was built (offering an excellent education on a non-discriminatory basis, in stark opposition to apartheid), as well as the exceptionally thoughtful, bright, engaging students he has encountered on every visit. When Derek visited for GC meetings, he always booked extra days to allow him to walk the campus and chat with students, probing what they are passionate about or their thoughts on current events. Likewise, he took the time to meet with Waterford's teachers and staff and to



show his great appreciation for what they do. In short, Derek developed a deep, personal relationship with the school.

Derek's commitment to Waterford is symbolised by his perfect attendance records at GC meetings. In his nine years on the Council, Derek attended 27 consecutive meetings, never missing one, always traveling from the UK at personal expense. Substantively, his commitment was manifested in his wise, respectful input at meetings and his ability to calm a tense moment with measured observation.

Among Derek's many professional achievements, he was Director General of the International Baccalaureate (IB) (1998 - 1999) and published several books and more than 100 chapters and research papers on the experimental analysis of learned behavior. He is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society and was its President from 1981-1982. He is now Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Cardiff University. Derek was Vice-Chair of the UWC International Board (2002 - 2012) and Acting Chair in 2006 and 2007. His leadership by example will be missed.