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MAXWELL ANDREW FREDRICK HAMILTON

Max is the eldest of three sons of Gavin Andrew & Avis Mary Hamilton (nee White) and was born 8 March 1954 in Hastings, Hawkes Bay where his father was a newly married shepherd on a farm 25 miles west of Hastings.

About a year later, Gavin, Mary & Max moved to Uncle Jack's (Jack Brooks Hamilton was his father's brother) farm at "Mt View", Argyll East, Central Hawkes Bay.

Gavin subsequently purchased the farm from his Uncle Jack and continued to farm until he sold the farm to neighbours in 1978.

Max and his brothers (Guy & Nigel) cycled 1 mile on a loose metal road to Argyll East primary school. Secondary school was at Lindisfarne College, Hastings where Max was a boarder for 5 years between 1967/71.

Max played 1st XV rugby and was Captain of the 1st XI in 1971 as well as a Prefect.

Max joined the Market St, Hastings branch of the ANZ Bank in January 1972 and transferred to Wellington in 1974. There he worked in various branches obtaining his first branch management position in 1987 and Head Office middle management positions from 1989 to 93. He subsequently transferred to Auckland in 1993 and in 2010 is still with ANZ Bank as a Retail Credit Risk Manager inspecting business credit facilities at branches from Taupo to Kerikeri in the far North.

In early 1998, Max toured India and later in the year Thailand accompanied by a NZ dietitian who was working in Oman whom Max had known in Wellington as far back as 1981.

On 8 January 2000 Max married the said dietitian, **Kaye Margaret Dennison** from Hilderthorpe, North Otago in her home town of Oamaru.

Kaye also comes from a farming background but has specialised in dietetics with a special interest in Older Peoples Health so his prognosis for a good old age is looking good.

Max and Kaye reside at 12a Admiral Beatty Ave, Sandringham, Auckland and are cat lovers, currently doting on Strauss, a 7 year old tabby point Birman.

Both Max and Kaye like travel having been to Bali 2002 when the bombing of the nightclubs occurred, Australia (Noosa) almost annually and in 2005 travelled to Paris, UK & Ireland, missing the London bombings by 3 days.

In September 2008, Max and Kaye travelled to the USA and while staying in New York, visited Wall Street on the day of the biggest fall ever as a result of the Global Credit Crisis. The moral of the story is stay home when Max & Kaye travel.

Max is keen on photography, music and a great fan of jazz piano player Keith Jarrett.

His other great love is lawn bowls. Max commenced playing 1979/80 at the Thorndon Club and the Wilton Club, both in Wellington where he won 17 Club championships.

In Auckland he joined the Carlton Bowling Club in Auckland which has a 118 year history with a bowling record, nationally and internationally of second to none.

Max has won a further 6 club championships, 1 Auckland title, as well as representing Carlton at National level on many occasions.

In true Hamilton fashion, Max has been heavily involved in bowls administration in all 3 clubs and in 2010/11 has become the President of Carlton Cornwall Bowls after being Treasurer for 9 years. Carlton will be headquarters for the 2011/12 NZ Nationals.



Front: Kaye, Max & Guys Twins
Middle: Avis Mary, Uncle Ian, Jan & Nigel
Back: Guy, Wendy, Stacey & Jason

