

Barrie McKay Carruthers 1932 - 2020

Attended Wellesley 1941 – 1946

Barrie peacefully passed away on the 28th of February 2020 at his home on the farm in New Plymouth. Barrie is survived by his children Paulette, Robert, Ramarnie, and Michael, and was pre-deceased by his wife Anne.

Barrie studied agriculture at Massey University and also obtained an Advanced Electronic Technicians Certificate before founding Precision Microcircuits Limited (PML) in New Plymouth. The company, now run by Barrie's son Rob Carruthers, makes and exports components for the healthcare industry, airport scanner hybrids and a power controller component used in kitchen stoves all over the world. It is New Zealand's only manufacturer of Thick Film Microcircuits.

The Wellesley library holds a copy of Barrie's book *'Embrace the Challenge'*, a story of Kiwi 'No8 wire' innovation. It is a great read, full of Barrie's entertaining wit about Kiwi's can-do attitude, plus memories of his early days at Wellesley. Barrie was a truly remarkable man and Wellesley was fortunate to have kept in contact with him over the years. In 2019, he wrote "There is little doubt that the early years education and experiences that I obtained at Wellesley set me up for the adventure of learning and a deeper appreciation of the physical world around me. I have had a good innings reaching 87 and have had the satisfaction of achieving many of the goals I had set myself and wow what a ride it has been! I have every confidence also that Wellesley will continue to go from strength to strength, and may I wish the tutoring staff the satisfaction of seeing some of their current students going on to make their mark on the world stage also." Insightful wisdom from a life well and truly lived.

