

# BOOK OF CONDOLENCES

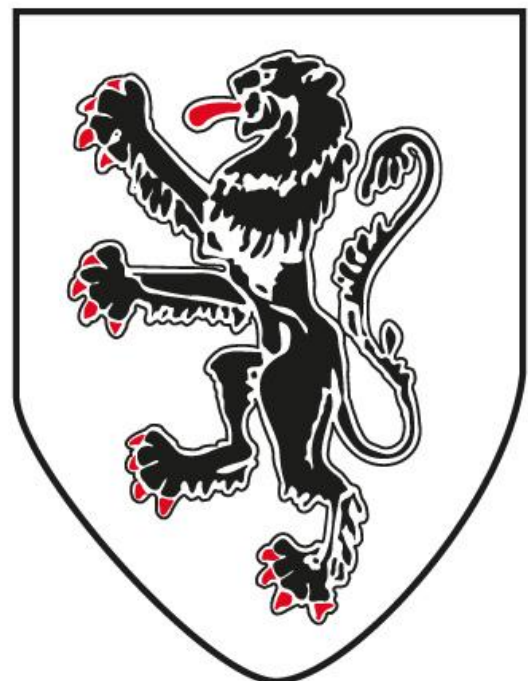


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## REV DR HENRY CLIVE 'DOC' KROHN

Principal of Cromwell College 1975 - 1995

Passed away on the 26th July 2020 aged 91. Husband of Judy, Father and Father in Law of Jenny and Trevor, John and Trudy. Granddad to Rachel and Joe, and Jeffrey.



"I was privileged to meet Rev Dr Clive Krohn at a Formal Dinner early in my Principalship of Cromwell. It was humbling to meet a such fine and humble gentleman who had served as Principal here for two decades. 1975-1995 was a time of significant societal change, yet Clive was able to navigate the college successfully with the resources that he had, whilst maintaining the enormous love and respect that the student body had for him. Many past students from that era visiting Cromwell in the past decade have spoken to me telling how pastoral, caring, sincere and loved "Doc Krohn" was. He certainly had a very positive impact on a generation of young people who passed through Cromwell during his lengthy Principalship.

Clive didn't need a monument named in his honour to generate the spontaneous affection and high esteem that so many people hold him in over such a long period of time. If Cromwell is first and foremost about the students, creating family, genuine servant leadership and loving pastoral care, then Clive delivered brilliantly. His students two and a half decades since his departure attest to that.

Perhaps Clive's greatest achievement at Cromwell is that he is remembered so fondly by so many people over such a long period of time. Jenny and I and the whole Cromwell College community extend our thoughts and prayers to Judy and the Krohn family with the passing of Clive."

**Ross Switzer**

Principal 2010 - 2020

"I was a member of the Cromwell College Board of Governors for much of Clive Krohn's tenure as Principal of the College, and I was Chairman of the Board for many of those years. I know Clive to have been an extremely talented and caring Principal, a humanitarian, a wonderful role model for young Cromwellians and a greatly respected family man. After a Christian life devoted to the support and welfare of others, now rest in peace my friend."

David & Mary Hill  
(COCA and Board of Governors)

"Clive followed me as Principal of Cromwell College. I was privileged to suggest him as a person to approach for the position, and I was thrilled when that happened. I remember Clive for his intellect, his quiet pastoral manner, and his long record of ministry of leadership in the church, including his significant and influential time at Cromwell."

Dr John Roulston AM  
(Principal 1973 - 1975)



"It was during Clive's time as Principal in the 1980s that I became a member of the Board of Governors of the College and, as a result, soon came to realise just how much he loved the College and its students – even the difficult ones. His love of the College was borne out in him establishing the Cromwell Foundation and in his encouragement of the formation of COCA. His love and care for the students will, I am sure, be very evident in their contributions to this Book of Condolences.

On a personal level, it was a pleasure for me to meet Clive again, since we had been acquainted through our membership of the Student Christian Movement in our university days. It gave me even greater pleasure to see the growing friendship between my father (the Foundation Principal) and Clive – **'The Lock' and the 'Doc'**! The strength of that friendship was clearly demonstrated in Dad's request that Clive should officiate at his marriage to Nancy in 1986, and conduct his funeral service in 1991.

Vale, Clive. It has been a privilege to have known and worked with you."

**Barbara Merefieid**

(Daughter of founding Principal and  
Board of Governors)

"It seems right that I heard this sad news when I was reuniting with fellow North Wing Cromwellians after many years. We were able to share our memories of his compassion and generosity. Dr Krohn had a gentle influence on many lives at Cromwell and will always be remembered with affection."

Amanda Jewell (nee Lynch)

(1982 - 1986)

"Thank you for your email. I'm prompted to respond out of deep respect and regard for Doc. Krohn and Mrs. Krohn who demonstrated invaluable pastoral care of the students at Cromwell for so many years. Doc. Krohn not only cared for his flock but the individuals as well - seeking me out as a senior during a personal crisis and supporting me through it, with the help of his wife. When I look back on my life, knowing Clive will always remain a significant feature in my life and someone I was very fortunate to have shared this journey with - even for a short time. My sincerest condolences to his family."

Arlene Rutherford

(1984 - 1986)

"We remember Dr Krohn with great fondness. We were each fortunate to support Doc Krohn in the role of Assistant to the Principal (1990 and 1992 respectively). Doc Krohn then officiated at our wedding at Cromwell College chapel in 1994.

We will remember Dr Krohn as a thoughtful, scholarly, dedicated and kind friend and leader. Doc Krohn provided insights and guidance at a transformative time in our lives and the lives of so many in the college community. We send our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.

Vale Doc Krohn."

Kerrin (nee Lay) and Scott McKeown

(1987 - 1992)



"I was saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Clive Krohn who was the Principal when I was at Cromwell in 1976 & 1977. He was a true gentleman and popular with everyone at Cromwell. He will be sadly missed."

Michael Robinson

(1976 - 1977)

"So very sad to hear of Dr Krohn's passing. Deeply respected and caring principal during my time at Cromwell . Deepest sympathies to his family."

Kate (nee Muir) Grima

(1976 - 1977)

"I would like to pass on my condolences to the family of Dr Henry Clive Krohn. I remember my days at Cromwell fondly, with "Doc" Krohn as Principal of the college. He was always available to provide support and mentorship to me during my six years at Cromwell, from 1979 to 1984. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing, and my thoughts are with his family at this time. Sincerely..."

Grant Bishop BVSc

(1979 - 1984)

"I was resident at Cromwell from 1978 to 1982. I respected Doc Krohn for his sincerity. He was a thoroughly decent human being and a Christian gentleman. He was firm but fair in his running of Cromwell. I had a nice chat after calling in to Cromwell in the mid to late 80s after playing cricket nearby. My recollection is he was not in but rang me back.  
Vale Doc Krohn."

Peter Cumming

(1978 - 1982)

"I didn't know Clive, but 20 years' service is a huge contribution. Best wishes to all there at Cromwell."

**Steve Foley**  
Head - St Leos College

"I extend our sincere condolences to the Cromwell College community on behalf of all of us here at Women's College. As we recently experienced, the loss of someone who has served your College so significantly will be felt deeply by everyone who knew him in your community. Thinking of the Krohn family, you and the Cromwell College community at this sad time."

**Flo Kearney**  
Head - The Women's College

"Thank you for letting us know about Dr Krohn passing away (or Doc as we fondly referred to him).

I was at Cromwell from 1988 to 1991 and remember him so fondly. He was such a caring and compassionate man with high ethics and principles, and at the same time completely realistic and understanding about what a young bunch of university students would get up to. I loved that he instilled Christian values into College life; it really meant that we were all encouraged to still have fun, but respect one another.

I talk to my boys (who are 11, 12 and 14) so fondly about College life – it really was one of the best times of my life."

Yvette Boulos (nee McKeown)

(1978 - 1982)

"Doc Krohn was a very kind-hearted and compassionate man who led by example during our time at Cromwell. He will always be remembered for that, and having a lovely warm smile to greet us with! We have always been grateful for our time at Cromwell, meeting each other, and the beautiful life-long friends we've made."

"Dr Krohn is a legend! I had a few chats with him. A lovely and fair man."

Mark & Leanne (nee Fair) Kenway  
(1980 - 1982)

"My prayers and condolences to Dr Krohn's family. He was my principal when I was a student. Thank you for passing on the sad news."

James Woods  
(1987)



"I was sad to hear of Dr Krohn's passing, but his mind is at peace now. Thank you to whoever organised the link to his funeral. I have just watched it and enjoyed the stories and felt privileged to be able to share the service with his family and friends."

"Rest in Peace now, Dr Krohn. We remember you fondly as a kind and gentle man who was generous with your time and patience to us Cromwell students. You always had a listening ear, a welcoming smile and non-judgmental attitude. Our lives have been made richer by having had you as part of it."

Christine Rinehart (nee Lamprecht), Grant Griffiths, Brian Wolff, John Heller, Andrew Kent, Gary Smith,  
Cheryl Petersen, Bruce Greiner, Judy Gilloway (nee Freiberg)  
(1975 - 1979)

"As a member of the Board of Governors of Cromwell College, I give thanks for the many years of faithful service that both Clive and Judy have given to the College. They have helped numerous young people over their time at Cromwell. I also acknowledge their involvement in Emmaus. I have been blessed by knowing them. May the Lord continue to bless Judy and family at their loss."

Ben de Jong



"Dr Clive Krohn did a wonderful Job as Principal at Cromwell College.

As well as running the operational matters, he excelled at pastoral care for the members of Cromwell.

Dr Krohn was a very compassionate man, who always had time to listen to those with a need. Even during his long, slow decline in health, he remained caring and considerate."

Tim Courtice

"Cromwell College feels like a distant memory from another lifetime. I was there in 1991 and part of 1992. I do remember Dr Krohn though. He was a good Principal. Fair and kind. He made life easier for me during what was a very difficult period in my life. Sorry to hear of his passing, and my condolences and best wishes to his family."

Kathy Reed  
(1991 - 1992)

"I was a resident of Cromwell from 1974 to 1980 arriving from Adelaide a week after the 1974 floods.

Dr Krohn was a great help and support for both me and my family from mid-April 1976 after the sudden death of my father, which continued for the rest of my time at Cromwell.

Dr Krohn officiated at my wedding in the Chapel in 1981."

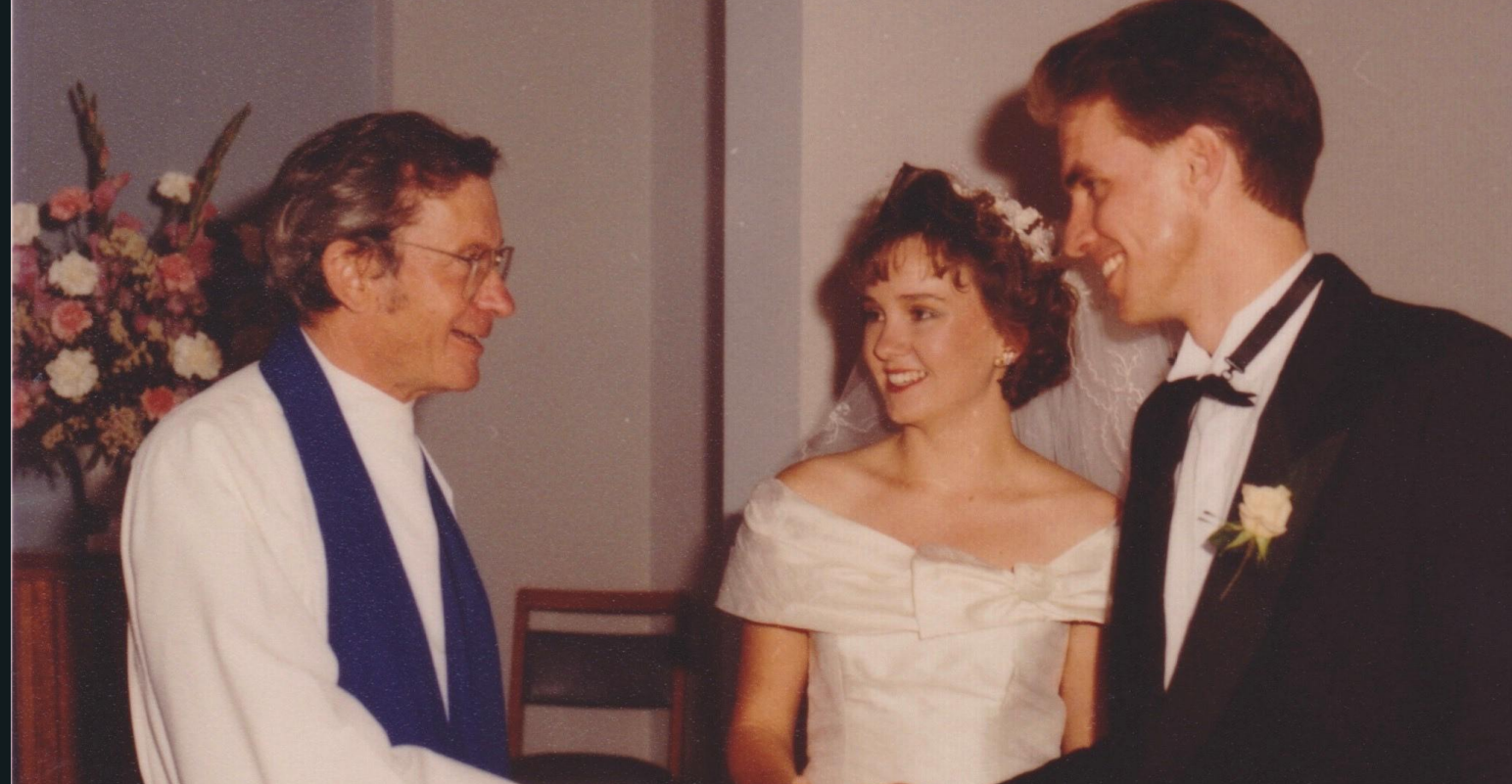
Dr Alastair M Fearn

(1974 - 1980)

"I knew Dr Krohn from 1976 until 1977. I was at Cromwell from 1974 until 1977. He was a man who lived what he preached. One instance stands out for me. In 1976 I received a telephone call that my father had died in NZ. I was just 20. I was devastated. Dr Krohn listened to me and helped me during this difficult time. I have always remembered this single act of kindness and I have to say that this helped me finish my studies during this difficult time. I can still vividly recall sitting in the dining room and chatting with him. It's like it was yesterday. I still have a reference he wrote for me. I will continue to treasure it. Farewell Dr Krohn and thank-you for touching a young student's life. Fondly remembered and never forgotten. "

**Geoffrey Compton**

(1974 - 1977)



"Dr Krohn was an amazing mentor and friend to many young people as they joined university life, often being a long way from home for the first time. Peter and I spent a number of years living at Cromwell in the early 80's, both having come from regional areas of Queensland and with little exposure to the big city. So when it came to our wedding in 1989 we could think of no better place than Cromwell Chapel and no better person to marry us than Dr Krohn, it was a wonderful day. Our thoughts are with all Clive's family and friends at this time."

Peter & Margaret Cook (nee Walker)

(1982 - 1985)

"We are sad to hear the news of Doc Krohn's passing. He was a very kind-hearted and compassionate man who led by example during our time at Cromwell. He will be remembered for that, and always having a smile on his face."

Roxanne Young  
(1980 - 1982)

"So very sad to hear of Dr Krohn's passing. Fond memories of him as my Principal. Condolences to his family."

Annette Nelson (nee Muguirra)  
(1987 - 1988)

"It is with great sadness that Allison and I heard of Dr Krohn's passing. He was such a major and positive influence in my personal growth and development in my 6 years at Cromwell. And we took it as a massive honour that he agreed to marry Allison and I back in 1989. That we could have the ceremony in the Cromwell chapel made the day even more special for us.

He was such a role model for all of us involved in the college during his time in charge and the Sunday lunch discussions that Mrs and Dr Krohn used to organise with our visitors were always a highlight for the quality of discussion and depth of thought involved. He will much missed by the broader Cromwell family, as well as by your family I am sure. Condolences and best wishes for the future."

Russell & Allison Rieck

(1981 - 1986)

"Please pass on my condolences to the Krohn family at this sad time. Clive was Principal at Cromwell for a long time and played an important part in its history."

Rev Hugh Begbie  
Principal (1995 - 2010)

"A man remembered for the embodiment of grace."

Noel Stoddart  
(1987)

"Condolences"

Linda Crisp



"My time as a student at Cromwell College in 1980 & 1981 was a great experience, in large part due to the benevolent and kindly management provided by Dr Clive Krohn.

In the years following my graduation, I would drop in and visit Dr Krohn at times when I was back in Australia, where I was always sure of a friendly welcome. As such, when the time came to settle down back in Australia and to get married to my lovely wife, the only person we wanted to perform the wedding was Dr Krohn. It was to our great delight that he agreed and that both he and Judy were able to travel to Sydney for the wedding held on a boat in Sydney Harbour in 1988. One of the highlights of the ceremony was definitely having such a loved and revered figure from my early years performing the wedding service.

It was with great sorrow that we heard of Clive's passing, and we wish to extend our condolences to Judy and the family. His kind and wise presence will live on in our memories."

Leigh and Elaine McGarvie

(1981 - 1982)

"Our sympathies to the Krohn family, sending thoughts and prayers"

Scott, Wendy, Clare and Laura  
Johnston

"Sorry to hear. I have very fond memories and a lot of respect for the Doc."

David Midwood

(1982 - 1986)

"This is sad news. He lived a big long life and a good life though"

Sharyn Hensel (nee Ronnfeldt)

(1983 - 1985)

"So sorry to hear this. He was a kind and caring man."

Jane Brown (nee Michael)

(1985 - 1986)

"Please accept my condolences for the passing of Dr Krohn. I remember very clearly my pre-admittance interview at Cromwell College with Dr Krohn. I was the first person in my family to attend University, so applying for admittance, and going through the interview process was daunting. I remember him sitting behind his desk, the office sunlit. And I remember him taking us on a small tour of the College.

When I arrived for my first year, it soon became clear that I was one of just a handful of students admitted without an Alumni connection to Cromwell that year.

I'd like to think that my admittance was part of Dr Krohn's sense of fair play. My academic achievement and TE score spoke for itself, but to be included in the Cromwell community was a whole other opportunity and I think he knew it.

Dr Krohn and his leadership team provided great support to me during my two years at Cromwell, and his kindness is remembered with gratitude. I am sorry to hear of his passing."

Christine Kent

(1989 - 1990)

"Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the condolences book for the Krohn family.

I was a student at Cromwell College from 1978 to 1982.

I remember Dr Krohn for his intellect – his home office was full of books, but also for his friendliness – he and Judy invited students to their home for dinner and we also watched the wedding of Prince Charles to Diana in his home.

I also remember him for his faithfulness.

Each Sunday and also on Wednesday night after formal dinner, Dr Krohn would lead a church service at the Chapel. Although numbers were small on the Sunday 7.00 am service, he ensured that the bible message was there for all to receive. I particularly remember him leading the service which was recorded by the ABC team as part of "Songs of Praise" or similar program at the time. The chapel had never been so full!

I offer my sympathies to all of Dr Krohn's family."

**Heather Warren (nee Kimlin)**

(1978 - 1982)



"I was so saddened to hear of Doc Krohn's passing. He was Principal when Jason and I attended Cromwell college and we all loved 'Doc Krohn'.  
Our deepest sympathies go out to his family."

Jason and Toolan Olsen (nee Tzannes)  
(1980 - 1982)

"He was a good man. I was there in 77 & 78 and had the  
utmost respect for him. Sincerest condolences to his family."

Leanne Owens  
(1977 - 1978)

"Doc is fondly remembered by so many of us. Our prayers are  
with his family."

David Ferguson  
(1991 - 1993)

"We were so sad to hear of Clive's passing and want to extend our sincere sympathy to you all. Clive meant so much to us both. He provided such wonderful support, counsel and love for us both when we were students at Cromwell and as we started out on our life together. We are sure we are stronger because Clive was part of our journey.

We remember and respect Clive always as a man of deep intellect, caring and unconditional love. There was no one else like Clive. We also acknowledge your support too, Judy. You were always there as well. Sending our love."

Kevin and Jann (nee Crossley) Offer  
(1972 - 1975)

"I was able to watch Dr Krohn's funeral service and thank you for facilitating that. I lived at Cromwell from '75 - '78 and can say that it was a much better place upon Dr Krohn's arrival by having a Principal that actually took an interest in our College.

Despite the years I lived there, it was not until some years later that I have my most enduring and heart felt memory of Doc and Mrs Krohn. In 1982 my wife, Trish (Cromwell '76-'78) were travelling/back packing in Europe and had the great fortune to literally run head long into Dr and Mrs Krohn in front of the Madonna in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican in Rome. Although it was only for a short time (as the Krohn's were rushing to catch their next train), I have treasured the occasion, the place and the memory for many years. It could not have been a better place to see them even if time was short. Dr Krohn has lived a wonderful life and had a very positive impact on so many people. I trust Mrs Krohn may also remember the occasion but she may not as they were on a "whistle stop tour" of Europe at the time."

**Blair Anderson**

(1975 - 1978)



"I would like to add some words on the passing of Dr Krohn.

I attended Cromwell from 1982-1985 and had the pleasure of Doc Krohn as my principal. He was kind, considerate and had the trust of his community without being overbearing.

We were fortunate enough to have Dr Krohn baptise our son James over 27 years ago.

He was a true gentleman and will be missed."

Mhorag Griffin (nee Mcleod)  
(1982 - 1985)

Dear Judy

Cromwell College supports you in this time of grief.

I first knew Clive as a thoroughly nice person. That was before I was involved with Cromwell and was able to learn of the significant contribution you both had made here.

He was a kind, gentlemanly man of faith who has done so much for so long for so many people and now he is at rest.

Dr Joe Goodall

Chairperson

Cromwell College Board of Governors



"I wish to give honour to Dr Krohn.

I was a student at Cromwell 1981 to 1982. Only two short years, yet highly significant in its impact on my life and thoroughly enjoyable.

At a personal level, Dr Krohn was very kind to me. I greatly valued and enjoyed our conversations. He stretched my thinking regarding life and theology. Once, when I was at his residence, he gave me a book he had just finished. It was Henri Nouwen's 'The Wounded Healer'. It had a profound influence on me. It was only last week that I was in a meeting where, yet again, I quoted from that book – that gift from the wonderfully warm, kind and generous Dr Krohn.

Please accept my condolences at your loss."

Murray Averill

(1981 - 1982)

" 'Doc' Krohn was a man of genuine scholarship and deep personal piety. He truly cared for us. He believed in us. We mattered to him. To him, every person he met was an end, within himself or herself, and was never a mere means to some lesser end. He saw beyond my immaturity and inexperience of life. He was a rescuer from the inevitable consequences of youthful folly; a patient listener to many woes; a forgiver of slights and transgressions; and a giver of second chances ( ... and third, and fourth ... ). He was a stone of true die.

In the words recorded of our Lord by St John the Evangelist, in Dr Krohn we were given the rare chance to "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" (Jn. 1:47). My prayer is that we may be fit to uphold his legacy. I am convinced that life is not ended, only changed and that Clive Krohn, this reverent and kind man, is now wonderfully and everlastingly alive."

Darren Lewis

(1990 - 1994)

*A condolence motion for inclusion was also received from a past student at one of the other colleges. They felt the Krohn family would appreciate something from the wider college family, given that Doc was a champion of pious ecumenism within the intercollegiate community.*

"My deepest sympathies to the Krohn family on the passing of 'Doc', a man whose wisdom, kindness and good humour were a blessing to many."

from John Blayney, St Leo's College past student, 1990 to 1993; St Leo's Student Club Secretary in 1993