



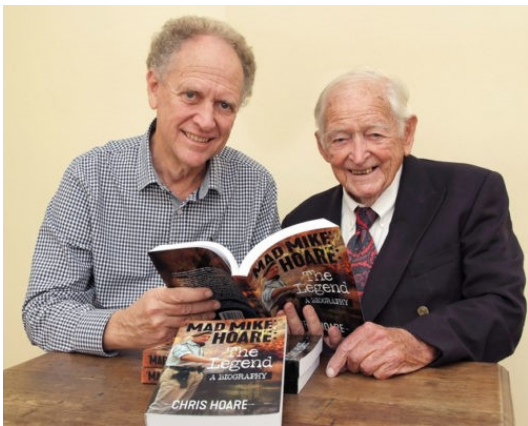
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## DURBAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

4 October 2019

Dear Alumni and Friends,

### TALK ON “MAD MIKE HOARE: THE LEGEND” BY HIS SON AND UKZN ALUMNUS, CHRIS HOARE

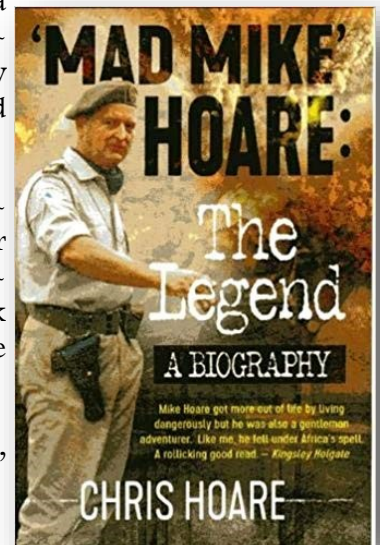


Colonel Mike Hoare led 300 ‘Wild Geese’ across the Congo to crush a rebellion, rescue 2000 nuns and priests from barbarity, beat Che Guevara ... and become a legend. Of Irish blood, Mike was schooled in England and, during World War 2, was a soldier in the British Army. He demobbed as major, qualified in London as a chartered accountant and emigrated to South Africa. Going rogue, he started living dangerously to get more out of life, including trans-Africa motorbike trips, bluewater sailing, exploring remote areas, and leading safaris in the Kalahari Desert. Here Mike got to know the CIA agent who was to change his life. Later Mike was technical advisor to the film *The Wild Geese*, which starred Richard Burton playing the Mike Hoare character.

In 1981 Mike led 50 ‘Frothblowers’ in a bid to depose the government of the Seychelles. Things went wrong and Mike was sentenced to ten years in jail for hijacking a Boeing 707. In this biography – rich in new material – Chris Hoare separates the man from the myth in a way only a son can, and concludes his ‘mad dad’ was an officer and a gentleman with a bit of pirate thrown in.

Chris Hoare is the eldest son of ‘Mad Mike’. He went to Michaelhouse and has a bachelor’s degree from the former University of Natal. His gap year in Europe continued for 10 years and included a host of minor adventures. He then settled into a career in journalism of different kinds in Durban. With unique access to Mike and his story, it took Chris about 12 years, working between times, to research and write this authoritative and referenced biography.

Join us for what promises to be a most inspiring and informative evening with wine, juice, snacks and good-company afterwards! The book will be for sale on the night.



- DATE :** Monday, 11 November 2019  
**TIME :** 17h00 for 17h30  
**VENUE :** Murray Lecture Theatre, (Centenary Building, opposite the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre entrance)  
Howard College Campus, Durban  
**COST :** R50 per person (payable on arrival)  
**RSVP :** By Monday, 4 November 2019 to Nomcebo Msweli on 031 260 2016 or email: [mswelin@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:mswelin@ukzn.ac.za)

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