

BARBARIAN RFC LIFE MEMBERS

GEORGE ASHLEY was a foundation member of the club and its first secretary 1937-47. He did a great deal of work in the setting up of the club and the first committee meetings were held in his business premises in Karangahape Road. George was a former Ponsonby player. He died in 1981.

JACK BOURKE worked enthusiastically for the club in many fields and was President between 1971 and 1973. Undoubtedly his best remembered achievement was the clubhouse which he spent innumerable hours creating the fine place it is today. Jack was a former Ponsonby player and represented Auckland in 1941-46-47. He founded the Ponsonby Old Boys section of the Ponsonby club and gathered and set up the magnificent displays of rugby memorabilia in the clubhouse. In more recent times he helped the Manukau club in a similar way. For a period was club captain of the North Shore club. Jack now lives in retirement on the shores of Lake Taupo.

RON BUSH was a founder of the club. Further details on Ron can be found in the chapter on the Founders.

CHARLIE CAMMICK played for the club in the years before the war. An Auckland representative five eighth between 1926 and 1930 from Ponsonby. A great helper in any capacity for rugby. Remembered as a wonderful coach and a great encourager of the younger players. He was also a life member of the Auckland Rugby Union. Charlie Cammick died in 1972.

MERV CORNER was an All Black halfback on 25 occasions between 1930 and 1936 and was a foundation and early committee member of the Barbarians. He was President of the club in 1958-59. He also served as an Auckland and New Zealand selector and was President of the Auckland RFU 1959-61.

LAURIE DRAKE played 18 matches for Auckland between 1932 and 1938 as a loose forward from the University club. He was a member of the Auckland team that played the Barbarians in 1938. In later years he served the club as the treasurer, committee member and president. His son John has also represented Auckland and has been an All Black in the past two years. Laurie Drake died in 1981.

JACK EVANS was a member of the original 1937 team that played at Thames and also played for the club against Auckland the following year. A stalwart of the Ponsonby club he was as tough as nails in the front row clashes of the day. He continues to serve the club and each day is in

the club house attending to all manner of day to day chores.

DOUG HAMILTON was a great worker for the Takapuna club — club captain and life member and worked just as hard for the Barbarians. He was president of the club in 1978-79 and previously was club captain.

ALEX JAMIESON was another Ponsonby player who gave great service to the game during and after his playing days. Between 1928 and 1936 he played 35 matches for Auckland as a five-eighth. He was also a great worker for the club including a period as secretary and was involved in most of its activities. He died in 1973.

ANDY McBEATH was a tough, hard working forward for the Grammar Old Boys club. He played four games for Auckland in 1936-37 and later was prominent in services rugby in the Middle East during the war. He too was prominent in the club's affairs until his death in 1974 and was president in 1960-62.

HUGH McLEAN was a founder of the club. Further details on Hugh can be found in the chapter on the Founders.

ALLEN ROGERS was a long time member of the Grammar Old Boys senior team. He played for Auckland during the 1945 season. His considerable service to the club includes two years as President 1974-75.

BOB SORENSON was a regular member of the Auckland team from 1942 to 1949 with 46 matches to his credit. He also twice played for the North Island. Bob was a regular player for the club in the 1950's and later gave great service and support in other areas. He was club President 1969-70 and was manager of our first overseas tour to Fiji in 1973.

ARTHUR TILLY was one of the best known personalities in Auckland rugby in the inter-war period. In 1919 he became the first chairman of the Auckland Union's Junior Management Board and was a manager of the representative team regularly. He was elected a life member of the Auckland Union in 1923. He became the first president of the club and was an enthusiastic supporter of the ideals on which the club is based. It was his proud boast that he had not missed an Auckland v Wellington match for 50 years. Arthur Tilly died in 1959.

JACK WALES was a well known Auckland referee and had the honour of controlling the first two Barbarian v Auckland matches in 1938-39. He was a keen supporter of the club and was President from 1949 to 1952. Brigadier Wales died in 1967.