



The Newsletter of the New Zealand Barbarian Rugby Club Inc.
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The victorious NZ Barbarians Under 20s after a triumphant 3-0 tournament record in Taupo.

Photo: Susana Buckton

PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

Greetings all.

As I write, the club is still abuzz after a most successful Next Generation Super Rugby Under 20 tourney in Taupo. Our team did the jersey proud on and off the field under club members Peter White's superb management and Steve Jackson as head coach along with a dedicated and passionate support team. Club captain Nick Sheppard and myself, with our wives, were with the team several days until after their first game and, after a first win versus the Highlanders, thought 'Well, that was good!

At the end of 10 days in camp, victories over the Crusaders and Hurricanes had the group bruised but very proud of their achievement. It was summed up by Kenny Addison's post on a fully-loaded team What's App, "What a brilliant 10 days. Memories for life."

In late March, we farewelled the 'one of a kind' BJ Craies with a funeral service at the club. Sons Bruce and Brett spoke along with Sir Peter Leitch, Sir Bryan Williams and myself. Craiesy was a Ponies/Waiemata legend and a very handy halfback for Auckland. In later years he would be seen at rugby functions, always sporting his Barbarians blazer. The club meant so much to him. He did so much for rugby, even more than many of us knew from what we heard at his service.

In late April, at the NZR AGM, our club was admitted as an associate member; this recognises our national reach and significance which has steadily grown in recent years as evidenced by a weighty annual programme of events run and/or sponsored. By the time you read this, the Silver Lake deal will have been decided upon.

Our esteemed patron Sir Bryan Williams was made a life member of NZR. The committee and club's feeling was well summed up by

Nick Sheppard's note of congrats: "Congratulations, Sir Beegee! A wonderful recognition of your lifelong commitment and dedication to your personal achievements, your incredible commitment to rugby and its people, and your care and leadership for our wider rugby community."

Back to near normal, we recently saw a most successful Fun Day at Bruce Pulman Park with 24 schools taking part and a vibrant, well-attended new members' night held at the club.

Go the Blues and enjoy the upcoming Super and international rugby as well as our NZ Barbarians women on Eden Park.

Bernie Allen
President
NZ Barbarian Rugby Club



Deaths Of Members

Alan Morrow (c.1934-2021)

Alan Morrow died in 2021 but the club was only recently advised of his passing.

He played 49 games as a hooker for Auckland out of the North Shore and Grammar clubs between 1955 and 1963. A farmer who was educated at King's College, Morrow was an All Blacks trialist in 1957.

Jack Campbell (1930-2021)

Like Morrow, Jack Campbell died in 2021 but the club was only recently advised of his passing.

Campbell played two games as a front-rouser for Auckland in 1954, the same year he won the Gallaher Shield with his Ponsonby club. He was the sole surviving member of that side before he died. He became a Barbarian in the 1960s when coaching the Ponsonby seniors and third grade, when the likes of Ces Williams and Keith Nelson came under his tutelage. He moved to Whangamata and served as the Thames Valley delegate to the NZRFU. A 23-year chairman of the Coromandel District Council, he received a QSM along with a Gold Star for services to the NZ Fire Service a few years ago. His funeral was held at the Whangamata Rugby Club.

Joeli Vidiri (1973-2022)

In the conversation as the finest ever Blues No 14, Joeli Vidiri played for both the All Blacks (1998, 2 tests) and Fiji (1994-95, 7 tests) in a career that saw him run in 114 tries in 153 first-class outings.

Vidiri was the 1996 NZR Super Rugby player of the year and went on to win two titles, plus a gold medal for the NZ Sevens at the 1998 Commonwealth Games. A smiling presence for many years at the Pukekohe Mitre 10 store, Vidiri, despite ill-health, gave back to the game by coaching his Pukekohe club and the Counties Manukau Sevens.

Terry Dunleavy (1928-2022)

A man of many talents who was made a Barbarian at the age of 85, Terry Dunleavy loved his family, rugby, softball, journalism and sports writing, wine, music, literature, Samoa, Auckland and its rugby, the Auckland Marist club, Maoritanga and the fa'a Samoa.

His love of Samoa was fostered when he lived on Upolu from 1950-58 and was editor of the Samoan Bulletin while also a sport commentator in Apia. Before then he was the youngest editor of a New Zealand provincial newspaper in Pahiatua. In 1976, Dunleavy started the NZ Wine Institute. In later years, he was a regular at Eden Park as President of the Auckland Rugby Union Supporters' Club and a trustee of the Auckland Junior Rugby Foundation.

His funeral was held on the same day as that of Joeli Vidiri in early March.

Bryan Craies (1937-2022)

The one and only 'Craiesy' had a deep and abiding passion for the Barbarians club.

He was one of the early drivers of the Barbarians' support for middleweight (U85kg) rugby, from which a trophy is named after him, and was often found behind the bar until recent years when hit by ill-health.

Barbarian Phil Gifford penned a moving tribute to him that appeared in both Rugby News mag and the Herald online, highlighting the fact he never toed the party line and was fiercely loyal to his players.

Craies played 11 games for Auckland as a halfback from 1963-65 out of the Waitemata club, but he also turned out for Ponsonby. He coached Auckland from 1978-81, the high water mark being the victory over North Auckland to win the Ranfurly Shield in 1979.

His son Brett Craies is a Barbarian.

Alex Austin (1932-2022)

Alex Austin was a forward who played a first-class game for Auckland B out of the Marist club in 1959.

He also captained the Auckland Colts. His father Harry Austin played for Auckland and Bay of Plenty. Austin became a life member and vice-patron of the Pakuranga club after his playing days, having served as President of that east Auckland club for a while.

FUN DAY REVIEW



The formalities are about to start at the Fun Day.

Photos: Peter Meecham Visuals

The 33rd annual Barbarians Fun Day went off well on May 15 at Papakura's Bruce Pulman Park.

Covid-19 and the weather largely behaved themselves. Some 24 teams had a high old time, enjoying their footy, reffed by some of the bumper crowd of 50+ Barbarians, and then grabbing a few autographs from Blues reps (from Super Rugby Pacific and Aupiki), plus Chiefs Manawa Black Fern Hazel Tubic, not to mention a sausage or two from the barbecue. We won't mention that we ran out of bread!

Thanks again to Peter (and Fiona) Thompson for their support of the day, and the Baabaas committee team, driven by Rick Johnston. Graeme Halse again adroitly fulfilled the MC job while Peter Meecham helped out with photos (Peter Meecham Visuals). We look forward to the 2023 edition.



The kids were right into it at the Fun Day.

BAABAAS UNDER 20s REVIEW



After a challenging 2021 tournament, the club's Under 20s confounded the pundits with some innovative and determined footy to go 3-0 as the sole unbeaten side in the Super Rugby U20 event last month in Taupo.

Coached by Steve Jackson, assisted by Mark Hooper and Kenny Addison, and with Peter White (and Clive 'Spy' Kelly) behind the scenes as manager, the team swiftly gelled, despite just two training sessions, beating the Highlanders 43-24, Crusaders 17-15 and Hurricanes 56-40. Some of the players were unlucky to miss selection for their franchise teams but they played with freedom and showed their tightness as a group.

One of the clear highlights was a try by centre Will Gualter against the Highlanders, which came from a tap kick and chip by Nikora Broughton over his head 5m out from the line! A handful of the young men have played NPC and we will see more of them when that

competition kicks off in August.

The standouts were captain and second five Alfred Nonu, first five Josh Jacomb, who kicked 15 goals in the three games, loosie Broughton and lock Tahlor Cahill, who won the DJ Graham Award as the tournament MVP. The late, great, Barbarian Sir John Graham would have approved.



Lock Tahlor Cahill, straight out of Hamilton BHS, was the U20 tournament MVP.

NEW MEMBERS



The club welcomed 18 new members last month, 11 of whom made it to the induction at the clubrooms, always a highlight of the calendar.

Annaleah Bodle (nee Rush): Black Ferns No 76, 20 tests 1996-2002; 2x WRWC champion as centre; 2001 NZR women's player of year; also played sevens for NZ, Otago and Auckland rep; has coached Cambridge HS; retired teacher

Isaac Boss: Former Ireland halfback; played for Leinster, Ulster, NZ Under 19s, Chiefs, Waikato, Hurricanes and Classic All Blacks; former King Country coach, now coaching SURF club in Tokoroa; works for IRPA (International Players' Association)

Adrian Donald: Former Manawatu and North Harbour front-rower out of Takapuna club; former coach of Kumeu club premiers and North Harbour Development XV; current CEO of North Harbour union

Pat Drumm: Headmaster at Mt Albert Grammar School; 2011-19 President of Auckland Schools Rugby Association; 2011-20 College Sport board; qualified referee; Eden RFC junior and St Peter's College (Auckland) First XV

Grant Ferguson: 2022 elected life member of East Coast Bays club after 37 years' service; played premiers for ECB; scored first points, from a penalty goal, for North Harbour (Harbour Colts) in late 1984

Mark Gleeson: Manawatu union board member; life member of Old Boys-Marist club; 1999-2000 assistant coach of Manawatu; Baabaas liaison in Palmerston North for rugby events

Daniel Halangahu: Former Waratahs and North Harbour first five; also played for Zebre (Italy) and Narbonne (France); head coach of North Harbour 2021-22; assistant coach of Blues 2019-22

Jarrad Hoata: All Blacks No 1109, 3 tests 2011; played for NZ Maori, Chiefs, Highlanders, Taranaki, North Harbour, Cardiff Blues (Wales), Montpellier (France) and Classic All Blacks as lock/loose forward; assistant coach of Taranaki 2021-22; assistant coach of NZ Barbarians v Heartland XV 2021

Andrew Hore: Blues CEO 2019-22; Waratahs CEO 2017-19; previously CEO of Ospreys, NZR high performance director, Wales and Crusaders conditioning coach; played for Otago University and Sydenham clubs

Sandra Ioane (nee Wihongi): Black Ferns No 25, 4 matches 1990-92; played for Auckland and Ponsonby as lock; club manager at Ponsonby; married to former Manu Samoa rep Eddie Ioane, mother to Akira and Rieko Ioane

Tu Nu'uali'itia: Former Manu Samoa halfback 1991-96; played for Auckland, North Harbour, Counties and West Hartlepool (UK); has coached Manusina, Te Atatu/Waitakere, Kumeu and Western Pioneers; former Sport Waitakere CEO, currently Student Experience Partner at Unitec's Trades and Services school

Bevan Overend: Played over 100 games as wing for Pakuranga premiers; also played for Grammar, Auckland Under 19s and Colts; was player-coach for Pakuranga Pythons Under 85kg Speights Shield champs; played for NZ Barbarians vs Waikato Corinthians; coaches at Howick College; former Beachlands/Maraetai club President; stepson of Barbarian Roger Whatman

James Parsons: All Blacks No 1137, 2 tests 2014-16; centurion for both Blues (2011-20) and North Harbour (2007-19) out of Takapuna club as hooker; also played for 2014 UK Barbarians; now works for SKY Sport as comments man and for NZRPA as player services manager

Roger Randle: All Blacks No 1010; 2 games 2001; scored 141 tries in 189 fc games (10th on all-time NZ list); 2x Commonwealth Games gold medallist for NZ Sevens 1998-2002; played for Hurricanes, Chiefs, Hawke's Bay, Waikato and Bourgoin (France); assistant coach of Waikato 2021; assistant coach of NZ Barbarians v Heartland XV 2021; current Chiefs assistant coach



Some of the many Baabaas Fun Day helpers.

Photo: Peter Meecham Visuals

Tony Sinkovich: 2012 elected life member of Waitemata club after nearly 30 years' service, including stints as President and Chairman and premiers manager; active member of Croatian community; coached in Peru 2016-17, including Peru women's sevens team

Cheryl Smith (nee Waaka): Black Ferns No 80, 20 tests 1997-2004; 2x WRWC champion as wing then flanker; played for Northland, Auckland and BOP; first woman in Northland to coach a men's team (Kaikohe in 2002); 2019-22 Northland Kauri FPC coach

Chris Tankard: 2005 elected life member of North Shore club; 20 years on club committee and many years as a player; also played for Portland, Oregon (USA) and East Coast Bays; current club captain at North Shore club

Natasha Wong: Black Ferns No 36, 11 games, including 3 tests 1990-94; played for Canterbury University and Canterbury on the wing; 2011-20 Canterbury FPC manager; elected to the Canterbury union board in 2018, the first woman to do so.

BAABAAS BRIEFS



*The Barbarians club is now on social media, via Facebook

www.facebook.com/NZBarbarianRugby and Instagram www.instagram.com/nzbarbarianrugby so you can more swiftly keep up with all the club news. The website is also being upgraded. We'll keep you all posted.

*The newsletter editor is also the editor of iconic monthly magazine Rugby News.

There's plenty of provincial, sevens, grassroots and women's coverage in there to sink your teeth into, as well as All Blacks content. The June issue is out now. Rugby News is available at all good magazine retailers and supermarkets or you can subscribe by calling 0800-77-77-10 or visit www.rugbynews.co.nz

*The 2022 subs notices were sent out months ago. Please pay your subs, if applicable, at your earliest convenience, as this is a requirement of membership.

EMAIL ADDRESSES



The club uses email and the website for most of its communication and dissemination of information these days.

Some of you may not have an email address, but can you please let us know a possible email address for a family member or friend that could expedite our communications to you. This would also help reduce the cost of postage. Please contact secretary Ken Baguley if you wish to take this route. You will then be able to keep up with the club activities on a far more regular basis.



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CLUB CONTACT



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WHAT'S ON IN 2022

Saturday June 11
Blues v Brumbies
(SRP, SF), 7.05pm



Saturday July 2
All Blacks v Ireland,
7.05pm



Saturday August 6
NPC: Auckland v North Harbour, 7.05pm
FPC: Auckland v Manawatu, TBC



Sunday August 21
NPC: Auckland v BOP,
2.05pm



Saturday August 27
NPC: Auckland v Otago, 4.35pm
FPC: Auckland v Wellington, TBC



Saturday September 17
NPC: Auckland v Tasman,
4.35pm



Saturday September 24
All Blacks v Australia
7.05pm (BC/RC)



Saturday September 24
NZ Barbarians women
v Black Ferns, TBC



*All events are at Eden Park No 1 unless otherwise specified. *Keep an eye on the website, Facebook and your email for confirmation of further 2022 functions/events