

# BARBAA NEWS

The Newsletter of the New Zealand Barbarian Rugby Club Inc.  
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The NZ Barbarians Under 20s on the charge against the Highlanders in Taupo.

Photo: Matt Gould

## PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK



It's been a busy old start to the season for your committee and everyone involved with the game.

March and April saw the NZ Barbarians Under 20s in action again in Taupo, we were involved in the draw for the Under 85kg National Club Cup, we helped out the North Shore club on the occasion of its 150th jubilee, and there was a very successful golf day on April 28 at the Maungakiekie GC to help raise funds for women's rugby.

Nick Sheppard and Monalisa Urquhart also represented the club at New Zealand Rugby's AGM on April 27, showing we are very much a significant partner of the game's governing body.

Our Under 20s performed well, once again, and it was great to see head coach Steve Jackson be promoted to Black Ferns assistant coach, and Kenny Addison now joining the North Harbour coaching team to replace Jacko. It shows the pathways are open for people involved with our club's teams, and not just players.

This year we have seen Jack Taylor (NZ Barbarians U18s in 2021) and Nikora Broughton (NZ Barbarians U20s in 2022) turn out for the Highlanders in Super Rugby.

We all had fun at the golf day, which was driven by Mark Walsh and Anthony Mika. We haven't had a golf day in some time, so this was a prime chance for members to reconnect and rediscover some of that camaraderie. Two old Auckland and All Blacks teammates Bernie McCahill and Steve McDowall played together. I played with Ofisa Tonu'u, among others. It was a packed club afterwards to talk about the hot scoring, though not sure about some of the arithmetic! But it was a great day.

Our new members' induction event was held on March 26, and the 16 who have joined are of a high calibre. It's not just about what you have done in rugby in the past, but what you are doing now in rugby which is important.

Our NZ Barbarians team and helpers showed great commitment on Easter weekend to help North Shore with its big jubilee. The boys wore black armbands to mark the passing of Ken Whetton, the father of AJ, who was team manager. It was an old school draw, and they all enjoyed the hangi. Thanks to 'Buck' Shelford and Frano Botica and the Shore crew.

Looking ahead, the annual Fun Day will be on Sunday May 28 at my club HQ at Bruce Pulman Park. This will only grow after a tricky last couple of years with Covid-19, but already some members from around the country have expressed interest in holding fun days in their back yards.

If you're keen to help out, drop Regina Shek a line at [regina@bluelight.co.nz](mailto:regina@bluelight.co.nz). She is helping drive the day, along with Rick Johnston and Ron Williams. We've got the Blues, both men and women, coming along to join the fun.

**Craig Glendinning**  
President  
NZ Barbarian Rugby Club





# Deaths Of Members

## **John Hunt (1950-2023)**

*John Hunt was a life member of the Auckland Marist club, serving Marist in a variety of roles, including President from 2010-12, over more than 40 years.*

*A champion of the grassroots, John was just a good bloke, well liked by all. He served as a director on the Auckland Rugby Union board and was chair of the council of delegates from 2008-13.*

*During the 1970s and '80s he served in the New Zealand Army, posted to the Middle East, among other regions.*

## **Trevor Esterman (1929-2023)**

*Trevor Esterman, whose funeral was held last month in Tauranga, played for the Grammar Old Boys club, as it was then known, out of Auckland Grammar School, through the 1940s and '50s.*

*He was a great mate of the late Barbarians member and Auckland wing Lyn Russell, who recalled that Trevor was a valuable member of the club and often played in the Sunday Baabaas matches that were vogue at the time.*

## **Don Dormer (1938-2023)**

*Don Dormer died after a long illness, but was an enthusiastic supporter of club activities until a few years ago.*

*He was the 26th President of the club, serving from 2004-05, and was made a life member not long after that.*

*In his playing days as a goalkicking fullback, Don played two games for Auckland (1960 and '65) out of the College Rifles and Takapuna clubs, and 17 games for Wanganui (1963-64), as it was then, out of the Marton Athletic club. He also appeared for Auckland B and the Vikings club in a 27-match career.*

## SUPER RUGBY UNDER 20 TOURNEY REVIEW



Our NZ Barbarians Under 20s again acquitted themselves well at the Super Rugby tournament in Taupo in late March.

Three matches in seven days saw the team, which was an Under 21 combination, finish fourth out of eight teams, the highlight being the 35-27 victory over the Crusaders on the first match day.

Captain and loose forward Will Bason of Auckland looks a good footballer, while No 8 Xavier Saifoloi and halfback Logan Love were outstanding on day one, in particular. The Baabaas led 21-8 at the break against a team that had been training together for much longer.

The second match saw a 51-26 defeat to the Blues in what was effectively a semifinal. The score was not a true reflection of the contest, with the Baabaas competitive for large periods before a late Blues flourish.

Despite an outstanding counter-attacking try to halfback Tyler Blake and a MVP effort by fullback Angus Hammett (son of Barbarian Mark Hammett), the team fell 41-22 to the Highlanders on finals day.

In all, they played some very good, open, cohesive rugby and this side has swiftly become a source of pride for the club to go alongside the NZ Barbarians U18s and NZ Barbarians Area Schools.

The Baabaas were coached by Steve Jackson, Mark Hooper and Jono Hickey, managed by Peter White and with support from 'Spy' Kelly and Deano Allnutt.



The offloading game was to the fore for the U20s.



Scrum time for the U20s versus the Highlanders.



The Baabaas U20s in lineout mode against the Blues.



Some of the new members are welcomed to the club by Patron Bryan 'Beegee' Williams and President Craig Glendinning.

## NEW MEMBERS



**Kenny Addison:** Current North Harbour assistant coach; Blues U20 assistant coach and former NZ Barbarians U20s coach; NZ country manager for ELMO Cloud

**Helen Annafteh (née Va'aga):** Black Ferns No 106 as prop; 11 Tests 2002–06; two-time RWC champion; played for Auckland and Marist; experienced coach; former IRB Asia development officer; teaches at St Mary MacKillop School

**Stephen Beck:** NZ Barbarians Area Schools manager; President of NZ Area Schools Association; Principal of Hurunui College; long-time servant of rural grassroots youth rugby

**Wayne Brill:** Current BOP Steamers team manager and international programme manager; senior dealer at BNZ markets; former lock for Horowhenua Kapiti, Glasgow, Wellington B and Western Suburbs club

**Kendra Cocksedg MNZM:** Black Ferns No 142 as halfback; record 68 Tests 2007–2022; three-time RWC champion; 2018 Kel Tremain Memorial Trophy winner; played for Canterbury, Matatū and Canterbury University club; currently NZR South Island women's participation manager; *Rugby News* columnist

**Ben Fisher:** NZR high performance pathways manager; helped with 2022 NZ Barbarians Under 18s and NZ Schools campaigns

**Grant Graham:** Heads up the finance and audit committee on Blues board; has served on Auckland University club committee and North Harbour board; former Varsity club player; son of the late Bob Graham

**Stephen Kissick:** Current NZ Schools Rugby council President; served on NZ Schools Rugby council since 1993; former NZ Schools team manager; has co-ordinated Top 4 and Moascar Cup; Won Champion of School Sport NZ award

**Filipo Levi:** Former Manu Samoa lock; also played for Highlanders, Otago (out of the Alhambra-Union club) and Tasman as well as in Japan and UK; coaches Ardmore-Marist club

**Aaron Mauger:** All Blacks No 1013 as five-eighths; 45 Tests 2001–07; also played for Crusaders, Canterbury and Leicester Tigers; has coached Leicester and Highlanders; current coach of Moana Pasifika

**Steve McDowall:** All Blacks No 862 as prop; 46 Tests 1985–92; 1987 RWC champion; also played for NZ Maori, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Wellington; coached Romania; now runs Metro Mowing business

**Sharleen Nathan (née Holden):** Original Black Ferns Sevens rep 2000; midfielder for Manawatu Cyclones; has coached Cyclones and at Hamilton GHS; now in rugby governance with Women in Rugby Aotearoa (WIRA)

**Teresa Te Tamaki:** Black Ferns No 146 as midfielder; 10 Tests 2007–15; Black Ferns Sevens rep 2008-09; also played for North Harbour, Auckland and Waikato; NZ touch rep; now owns sports physio clinic and is physio for Chiefs and Waikato

**Simon Tremain:** Former Hawke's Bay, Otago, Wellington, NZU, NZ Schools loose forward; current Hawke's Bay union chairman and director of NZ Rugby Foundation; son of the late Kel Tremain

**Filo Tiatia:** All Blacks No 993 as loose forward; 2 Tests 2000; also played for Hurricanes, Wellington, Ospreys and in Japan; former Auckland assistant coach; current Moana Pasifika assistant coach

**Dion Waller:** All Blacks No 1011; 1 Test 2001; also played for NZ Maori, Hurricanes, King Country, Vikings, Manawatu and Wellington; currently BCITO business development advisor





The NZ Barbarians to play North Shore in its 150th jubilee model their jerseys, among them President Craig Glendinning and new member Filipo Levi.

## BAABAAS BRIEFS



\*Congratulations to Heath Mills, who was awarded the prestigious Bert Sutcliffe Medal at the NZ Cricket Awards for his sterling work over two decades as the CEO of the NZ Cricket Players' Association.

\*Congrats to Stu Mather, now an NZR board member, and Graham Mourie, who was made a life member of NZR at last month's AGM. Well done, too, to Brett Craies, who was made a life member of the Northcote club in North Harbour.

\*The Barbarians club is now on social media, via Facebook [www.facebook.com/NZBarbarianRugby](http://www.facebook.com/NZBarbarianRugby) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/nzbarbarianrugby](http://www.instagram.com/nzbarbarianrugby) so you can more swiftly keep up with all the club news. The new look website is being upgraded to Sporty and goes live in June.

\*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 and Super Rugby content. The May 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](http://www.rugbynews.co.nz)

\*The 2023 subs notices were sent out several 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 Monalisa Urquhart 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. If you are moving or changing your email or contact number, please email [secretary@barbarianrugby.co.nz](mailto:secretary@barbarianrugby.co.nz)

## VISITORS TO THE CLUB



Eden Park security will only allow members and/or visitors into the ASB Stand and our clubrooms by showing your membership/visitor cards. If you need more than one visitor card to bring friends or family to the club, especially on 'game days', please contact Monalisa Urquhart to obtain additional 'visitor' cards. Please ensure any additional 'visitor' cards are returned before leaving the club at the end of the function/event.

## CLUB CONTACT



Your first port of call is our new club secretary Monalisa Urquhart, who is at times based at Eden Park in the clubrooms' office.

**Monalisa's details are:**

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## WHAT'S ON IN 2023



Saturday May 27  
Blues v Hurricanes  
7.05pm



Sunday May 28  
Annual Fun Day, Bruce Pulman Park, 8.30am



Friday June 2  
Blues v Highlanders  
7.05pm



Saturday August 26  
NPC: Auckland v Hawke's Bay  
2.05pm



Wednesday August 30  
NPC: Auckland v Manawatu  
7.05pm



\*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 2023 functions/events

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