



## From the EDITOR – JP / Julie Patterson

It has been a year to **CELEBRATE** some outstanding performances by those still taking to the pitch, in a variety of jerseys (be it Black, Red & Black, Maroon & Gold and even in Pink!).

None finer than the magnificent **Kieran Read** who makes us immensely proud – one of our own and current All Black No 8, has taken every opportunity with both of those very safe hands, which included Captaining the All Blacks and playing some spectacular rugby. His supreme work-rate helped him score some excellent tries but also doing plenty of the dirty clean up and clean out work. His ability to influence game outcomes has been rewarded with him being awarded the prestigious **IRB Player of the Year 2013** accolade, a win that is well deserved and a fitting end to the record making year for Kieran and the undefeated All Black team.



**Luke Whitelock** was selected for the All Black tour to Japan & Europe which makes him our 25<sup>th</sup> All Black and All Black 1129. He's had a great year and is sure to provide us with some excellent rugby for years to come. While 42 pairs of brothers have been All Blacks, Sam, George and Luke Whitelock are only the third set of three brothers to play for the ABs.

The Crusader and Canterbury teams provided us with some entertaining rugby, and we celebrated with **Andy Ellis** and his 100<sup>th</sup> Super game earlier in the year. Andy hasn't been sitting on his laurels – he has had a fantastic year and his form has been a joy to watch. Andy was also recognised at the Canterbury Rugby Awards – recipient of the Pat Vincent award for **Outstanding Off-field Achievement**. Andy has also been nominated for the ITM Cup Player of the Year.

Great to see **Patrick Osborne** in fine form also and showing his flair and strength on the wing. **Jamie Verran** and **Mitch Graham** also represented the Canterbury ITM team this year. Canterbury managed to go where no team had gone before with a 6<sup>th</sup> successive ITM Cup – using the Antarctic heroic age and Roald Amundsen as inspiration – hence the flag planting after the game. I can't explain the Coach breakdancing.

The Canterbury Women won the JJ Stewart Trophy, which was instigated in 1990 by our own LM O'Reilly, and they once again made it to the NPC final, narrowly losing to Auckland. Black Fern **Kendra Cocksedge** has had another excellent season and she was one of the recipients of a 50 game cap for University earlier in the season (see photo later in the newsletter).

Former Black Fern turned Referee, **Nikki Inwood**, who is on the IRB Elite Women's Referee Panel, has recently returned from a training camp in Paris where she got to help make the draw for next year's Women's World Cup. She has had a number of trips away to the northern hemisphere and the US this year with international referee appointments. Not too bad for an old Crusadette (or indeed a girl from Hawarden). Acknowledgement well deserved at national level with her nomination again this year for NZ Rugby Referee of the Year.

#### **Demi Sakata inducted into IRB Hall of Fame**

We were delighted to see Life Member, Demi Sakata, inducted into the IRB Hall of Fame and were most happy to receive a photo of the occasion for the clubrooms, which his son Hiroshi presented to Ruzz Barr earlier in the year (photo below). Ever humble, Demi wanted to share his honour and said it came from equal share with person and team, so very happy to share the honour with UCRFC. His contribution to rugby has been immense and we are very lucky to call him one of our own and IRB Hall of Fame #51.



### Rep honours

The Women made it to the final in the Club Competition and a good number of University players were selected for the Canterbury team. Well done to Stacey Anderson; Olivia Bird; Kendra Cocksedge; Amelia Deans; Whitney Hansen; Kristina Illston; Abbey Ley; Leysa Matity and Elizabeth Pera.



50 Club Cap recipients:  
Whitney Hansen, Kendra  
Cocksedge, Fleur Barker,  
Julia Smith and Lisa Grant

It is never easy losing loved ones, and it was hard to lose some of our finest Old Maroons this year

### AC (Tony) Timpson 1933 – 2013

We were saddened to hear that Life Member, Tony Timpson, passed away in June. Tony was an extremely successful businessman and epitomised the self-made man who came from humble beginnings. His legacy within the University Rugby Club is epitomised in the Tigers legend and we will do our best to put together an appropriate homage to this very special man and founder of social rugby for our next issue.





### Hugh Burry 1930 – 2013

All Black Hugh Burry also passed away in June. Hugh attended Christ's College playing 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby in 1948 before heading south to Dunedin and attending Otago Medical School where he played his rugby for the University Club between 1949 and 1953. After returning to Christchurch, he played 3 seasons for the University Club, culminating in a win in the senior championship in 1956. He then moved to the New Brighton Club in 1957 after shifting to the area. Hugh played for Canterbury between 1955-1962, winning 36 caps, with the highlight defeating the Lions at Lancaster Park in 1959. In 1960 Hugh was chosen as an All Black (New Brighton's first) to tour South Africa.

According to the All Black website Hugh Burry was a fine Canterbury No 8 of the 1950s who was unlucky not to have played more for the All Blacks. He was nearing the veteran stage when he did get his chance, going on the tour of South Africa in 1960. His vintage year came in 1959 when he formed a magnificent loose forward trio for Canterbury with Kel Tremain and John Graham. They starred in Canterbury's comfortable win over the Lions in 1959 and as he had also played when Canterbury beat the All Blacks on their return home from Australia in 1957 Burry had the distinction of three times being in winning lineups against international rugby's greatest teams. At 1.83m and 90kg Burry was not an especially big man, even for the 1950s, but he had pace, anticipation and, in keeping with the copybook for No 8 play of the time, he was a superb covering tackler. His play was always notable, too, for an intelligent reading of a game. Burry returned from South Africa in 1960 in time to play Canterbury's famous Ranfurly Shield challenge against Auckland at the end of that season and had the last of his 41 Canterbury appearances, spread over eight seasons, in 1962. Burry subsequently spent a considerable time in Britain advancing his medical career, specialising in Rheumatology. He was involved in sports medicine from its infancy and on his return to New Zealand had a lengthy spell as chairman of the New Zealand Union's medical advisory committee being a strong advocate on safety and welfare for players.

### International game for our Women's Sevens team



This photo showing Black Fern & University Half Back Kendra Cocksedge digging the ball out of the scrum is from the Spring 7s tournament, held in Hagley Park. Our Women's 7s team played and won against the Brazilian 7s team, losing the series final to Sydenham. It's

always special as a club player to come against some international competition (and to win). I recall during our 1988/89 tour the Crusadettes winning against the Dutch National side in Amsterdam.

**Correction** to info in Newsletter 69 ... thanks to **Brian Weenink** ... perpetrated by **John Black**, who Brian coached in the Varsity Under 19's many years ago. **Billy Mumm** was not the first All Black from Buller (Westport).

**Eddie Holder** who came from Westport and represented Buller, played for the All Blacks in the early 1930's. He was a great friend of Brian's father who also came from Westport and represented Buller and according to the 1938 NZ Rugby Almanac would have been one of the first players selected for the 1939 tour of South Africa had the Second World War not intervened. They were both big strong running three quarters whereas Billy Mumm, from memory, was a tight forward. Pass on my regards to John.

Brian also took the opportunity to look up Eddie Holder's All Black record and found out that he didn't play for the All Blacks until 1932 and his last game was in 1934. He only played one test but went on several tours to Australia and played a number of State games. Brian remembers him as a very nice chap who was very good to their family after my father was killed and from memory he had a bookshop in Christchurch after the War until his death in 1974 They describe him as a big fast centre or wing at 1.83 cm and 83 kg which hardly fits the description these days.



Just to show that no matter where in the world you go – you can always find an Old Maroon ... and **Mark Meates** can always be relied on to track them down & be good enough to provide us with a photo ... here he is catching up with **Rob McConnell**, who played for the As in the late 1990s-2000s. I'm not even sure where Whitehorse is ... looks like the wild west.

### 300 Club

The key statistics for the Mens Div 1 team for 2013 were

- Played 18, won 8, lost 10. Won against 7 of the 11 teams
- Points for 404, against 494
- Won the DCL Shield (vs. Burnside)
- Won the Frank Creighton Trophy (vs. Sydenham)
- Lost the Dick Hockley Trophy (vs. New Brighton)
- Lost the Hart O'Reilly Trophy (vs. Lincoln University)

Our thanks to the 26 members of the 300 Club for 2013. If you would like to support this Club through this initiative please contact Ruzz Barr, refer attachment

**Sam Lindsay**, Vipers Halfback from 2008-2011, was in touch recently with Bolty. Sam was part of the team that lost to HSOB in the final at Rugby Park 15-10, a day that is still haunting him (fair enough Sam / never easy losing a final and to HSOB...) Sam is now the founder/owner of Global Rugby, a business focused on providing tutorial videos to rugby players and coaches around the world. You can check out his website at [www.australiarugby.com.au](http://www.australiarugby.com.au) He said his primary product is selling videos to rugby coaches and clubs around the world so they always have material to coach to students. Being that I'm originally a Viper, I would love to gift UCRFC this product for free. Thanks Sam!

It is with many thanks and much sadness that we waved farewell to Maryanne (Mair) and John Mills (and our youngest Club member Phoebe who features in her knitted Varsity socks and rugby boots in Newsletter 66, November 2011). The family has moved to Hamilton to pursue career opportunities. We thank them on behalf of the Old Maroons for the many passionate hours they put into Varsity Rugby. Our best wishes for their health & happiness.



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