



UCRFC Old Maroons Annual General Meeting

Friday 9th June 2017, 6.15pm
UCRFC Clubhouse

Speaker: Helen Mahon-Stroud

Helen was an outstanding Crusadette winger and Black Fern's Captain. She will talk about her journey from athlete to high performance coach.

Clubhouse open from 5.30pm
Pay Bar. Meal to follow \$20

NEWSFLASH – Celebrating our Tall Poppy

Canterbury Rugby's 2016 Volunteer of the Year, Julie Patterson, has been appointed to the role of Vice-President of the Canterbury Rugby Football Union (CRFU), replacing Vance Stewart, who has been promoted to CRFU President.

CRFU Chairman Trevor McIntyre said Patterson (JP) had made an outstanding contribution to the union over a number of years, initially as a player and then as a volunteer, and would no doubt continue to have a positive influence on Canterbury Rugby in her new role. "JP is a long standing member of the Metro Judicial Committee, having served for 20 years. She works tirelessly, week in week out, during the season presiding over judicial hearings and then writing up many of the findings. Julie has also performed the role of Citing Liaison Officer for Internationals, Investec Super Rugby, Mitre 10 Cup and Farah Palmer Cup home games for the last three years.

"She is an active member of the Old Maroons Association and the University RFC and takes a keen interest in all aspects of rugby having played at club and provincial level for Canterbury" Mr McIntyre said.

Canterbury Rugby CEO Nathan Godfrey said Patterson would become the first female Official appointed to the CRFU in its 137 year history.

Patterson said she was honoured and humbled by the appointment: "Rugby has always been a big part of my life and I'm looking forward to representing the Canterbury Rugby community."



100 Game Blazers



JP was also on hand to present the 100 Game blazers to Julia Smith and Whitney Hansen (daughter of Steve, All Black Coach) that evening.

We are also offering these blazers to previous 100 games players and to our Life Members. If this applies to you please contact Ruzz Barr (email at the end of this Newsletter)

50 Game Caps



Caps for playing 50 games for Div 1 were presented on Saturday, 22 April this year.

These were presented to Nigel Gibbs, Morgyn Cowan and Gaius Reweti.

Pictured on the right is Nigel being presented with his cap by Coach Sid Tauamiti.



Kieran Reid

On 8th April 2017 **Kieran Reid** (All Black Captain) has his first run for University since 2008. In great shape for another successful year.



NZ Universities (NZU) representatives for 2017 – we congratulate Sam Godwin, Nigel Gibb & Morgyn Cowan – playing 3 games against a Bay of Plenty selection and Kanto from Japan twice.

Congratulations also go to Brayden Ennor for being named in the New Zealand U20 team at Centre for their second World Cup game against Samoa.



The Black Ferns Extended Training Squad members selected from University; our "Congratulations" to:

L – R:
Olivia McGoverne, Kendra Cocksedge
and Jessie Hansen.

Kansai Tai Dai (Universities) visit, March 2017. Led by Demi Sakata, Vice President, Japan Rugby.

We were recently delighted to welcome Demi Sakata and the Kansai Tai Dai team to Canterbury.



Club Captain, John Wright,
receiving the presentation from
Demi.



Six Life Members at the Kansai function:
Les Black, Ruzz Barr, Ivan Bolton, Demi
Sakata, Chub Hays and Mark Meates



Two gentlemen: Don Davison
and Demi.



Demi with Chub and JP during the Kansai game
against a Varsity Invitational team. We convincingly
lost. Congratulations to Kansai Tai Dai.



Two very happy Kansai Tai Dai rugby boys;
probably a little confused by the JP (Julie
Patterson) & JR (Julie Reynolds) combo!
Quote JP: "If they play as well as they eat it will be
a great game tomorrow."

In our last newsletter we mentioned the new Jim Burrows Trophy. This has now been 'launched' against HSOB. Varsity won the match 34 – 25.



The Trophy being presented to the winning captain, Brad Hemopo by Tony Burrows (Grandson)



Brad and the Jim Burrows Trophy



Old Maroons Committee – light workload

We have a vacancy for a Secretary on the Committee, as our long-time incumbent, Craig Dickson, is currently completing his PhD at Melbourne University.

Money! Money!

Donations are always welcome. As we do not have an annual subscription, financial assistance is always greatly appreciated.

If you have stories and memories or current events and activities of interest, including photos, we forward look to receiving them.
Please forward to: The Editor, Jenny or Ruzz Barr rjbarr@ayrshire.co.nz or
PO Box 36173, Merivale, Christchurch 8146

UCRFC Website: www.ucrugby.com