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From the EDITOR – Jenny Barr

UCRFC Old Maroons Annual General Meeting



Friday 7th June 2019, 6.00pm
UC Rugby Clubhouse
Speaker: Chub Hays, Maroon Foundation

The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30pm
Meals \$20 | Wine included
Partners/guests encouraged

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

EXCITING LAUNCH OF THE MAROON FOUNDATION!!!

Friday 7th June 2019, 7.15pm
UC Rugby Clubhouse



The launch follows the Old Maroons AGM. This is definitely an event not to be missed. Please make the effort to attend and learn more about the Maroon Foundation – our Old Maroons' initiative moving on from the 1980's Gold Club.

Congratulations!

The Canterbury Rugby Football Union was initiated 139 years ago and have recently taken a positive step forward and elected their first female President. It will come as no surprise to those who know her, that the new appointee is Julie Patterson - or JP as she's known to her friends. Possibly the only Canterbury rugby rep to have played both Hooker and Fullback at provincial level, JP also helped form the Canterbury Women's Advisory Committee and was appointed to the first Metro Committee in the mid 1990s.



We sincerely congratulate JP on her appointment; we are extremely proud of her and of her connections to UC Rugby and to the Old Maroons. This 2016 CRFU Volunteer of the Year brings a wealth of business acumen to the role and a desire to see the game flourish at all levels and for all people.

It's been 139 years and you're the first female president, how does that make you feel?

It's difficult to find words really!

It's a huge honour and a privilege to be appointed President. It's a position I never imagined I'd be in, so yeah, it's a huge honour!

Along with playing, you've been quite active in the game's administration. Tell us a bit more about that side of things?

I got involved in the club committee quite early on at University, while I was still playing. I worked through the committee in what would be considered the 'normal fashion'. I was the club secretary for a long time. Then I was the Deputy Chair. I guess I was the first female Chair of the club briefly, so that was pretty cool!

Then I got involved in Canterbury around the same sort of time, I played and was also on the first Metropolitan Committee – so I got involved in the competition side of the game and in the disciplinary side. I guess it's the disciplinary side that I stayed involved in... I think I stayed on that panel for 20 or 21 years.

I also picked up sighting liaison duties for provincial men and women, and the Super Rugby games, and a few Internationals as well, that's something I still do for Super Rugby!

What do you envision the future of rugby in this region will look like?

I think we've got such an amazing history and record. To continue to grow that and secure our place in New Zealand sport, we need to make it more open, and attractive, and safer for players coming through, so we retain that player base and grow it in both the men's and women's side of the sport.

What are your views on the positive shift in women's rugby in Canterbury?

It's amazing! It's like we've got this wave of success and I think it's easier to start conversations when you are successful. I guess that's a flow on - from not just Canterbury rugby, but the Black Ferns, there's definitely a connection there. But

the last couple of years seeing the Farah Palmer Cup team do so well was incredible.

They are a great team of athletes who work well together, they show their passion by putting it on the field!

I think it's a lot easier for people to understand that women clearly do have an important part to play, not just on the playing field, but in all aspects of the game. But it really helps if you've got that pinnacle team doing the best they can and doing it so well.

Do you have a mentor or anyone you look up to?

Absolutely! There's been some great people [at University that] I've been supported and encouraged by. Laurie O'Reilly was my coach for a long time, he was also the chair of the Club; we went through a lot of changes over time. Another big influence is Ivan Bolton, who is the Club President; he's been the President for as long as I've been involved with the Club (I think I started in 1984-85?) It's stuff like that, great guys like that... he's in his late 80s now but every Saturday he's still down at Ilam doing what he does. All you can do is admire people like that, they're the heart and soul of rugby.

Do you have a message for any young girls out there who are considering playing rugby or being involved in the governance side?

Don't hesitate! There's a place for everyone, it doesn't matter, if you want to play then get amongst it! But if you're not a player then you can still be a manager, be the person that puts out the flags, get involved in a club in another way, you know, referee! We don't have games without referees. So, there's always different pathways for people and I think we all benefit if we've got better balance, so just don't hesitate, find someone to talk to, and just put your hand up, volunteer! We're always looking for volunteers to help out.

Jim Burrows Memorial Trophy Game

The annual game between University and HSOB was played for in April this year. Pictured is the Trophy being presented to the HSOB Captain by Jim Burrow's nephews – Tom Burrows (left) and Prof. John Burrows.



****Inter-Universities Rugby****

Saturday 25th May 2019: University of Canterbury vs Lincoln University

Ilam Fields – all teams playing Lincoln University

**Past Player luncheon at 1.15pm
Hosted by the Old Maroons**

Lessons to take away – Prof. Ian Culpin Speaker at the Old Maroons AGM 2018

As promised in the last Newsletter of 2018, we offer further insights from the AGM speaker last year.

As the Director of the New Zealand Centre for Olympic Studies and the former head of the School of Sport and Physical Education at the University of Canterbury, Ian was involved in the development and coordination of the All Blacks Leadership programme, now being coordinated by Gilbert Enoka. He touched on the philosophy behind his thinking and the integral part that sport plays in reaching your potential as a person. The sporting landscape is changing and Ian stressed that coaching in 2018 and beyond needs to be about 'sharing the power' – moving from the concept of 'ideal self and ideal team' to 'real self and real team'. The future of sport is about Olympism, the development of the whole person (growth, development & performance) as opposed to performance alone:



Olympism: A Philosophy of Life

By blending sport with culture and education, the programme promotes a way of life based on:

1. the balanced development of the mind, body and character
2. the joy found in effort
3. the educational value of being a good role model for others
4. observing the universal ethics of:
 - tolerance
 - generosity
 - unity
 - friendship
 - non-discrimination
 - and respect for others

Japan Touring Team 1975

Members of the team to tour Japan in 1975 have kept up a solid record of connection over the years, the most recent being a gathering at the home of Les and Leslie Black in late November 2018. Old Maroons President Ruzz Barr caught up with the group, having also travelled that year for the Club – albeit to the annual pre-season match in Temuka ...!



Back row: Colin Donald, John Black, Alan Trenberth, Ian Lockie (Captain), Kevin Jennings, John Edmondson, Les Black, Jim Carle, Chub Hays, Jim Baines

Front row: Ruzz Barr, Guy Pierce, Dave Faulkner

Canterbury Sports Awards 2019

The Club had WINNERS in the recent 2019 Canterbury Sports Awards. Honoured were:

Ivan Bolton (Boltie), UC Rugby Club President – pictured right – Lifetime Achievement Award

Kemdra Cocksedge – Outstanding Sportswoman



World Cup Champions



Pictured from left:

Helen Mahon-Stroud, Nikki Ewins (Inwood), Lil Falope (not a Crusadette but a Black Fern Prop from Auckland), Chris Rodd, Lesley Simpson (Brett), Mary Davie, Julie Reynolds, Maree Fitzgibbon, Jude Ellis, Natasha Wong, Julie Patterson, Lauren O'Reilly and Sarah Helmore

Our New UC Rugby Club Chairman – Jared Brixton (Brick)

Born and raised in Christchurch, Jared has been an avid sports fan for as long as he can remember. He has played a variety of sports, but it is rugby where he has found his passion. Only starting playing in 1991 (while at Canterbury University), he has continued to play around New Zealand and overseas, but his move into the executive is where his business and rugby interests have combined.



Jared's professional career sees him in the role of Managing Director for KiwiHost, where he leads staff, contractors & franchisees in delivering corporate training across New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region. This training background comes in handy in his role as one of the coaches at the UC Rugby Club.

Jared has been on the rugby club's executive since 2013, but took over as Chairman in 2018. In that short time, he has overseen the signing of the historic lease with the University of Canterbury and the conclusion of their long running legal battles with insurers over their earthquake claims, dating back to 2011. By concluding these deals, he is able to see the Club invest in the Maroon Foundation for the betterment of the Club going forward.

Tigers, Div 3, 2018



What a great looking bunch of gentlemen!!

As usual, their results for the season are irrelevant.

Following this, we feel that this contribution from Chris Risbridger (Grimace) is inspirational:

A Tiger by another name:



He's lost a bit of speed over the years and the body might take a little longer to recover, but that doesn't stop 41-year-old 'Tiger' from schooling a few of the younger lads in third grade. He knows that with a little more application and better luck with injuries, he could have made a career of it. But right now, in this moment he has no regrets. There's nothing better than having a few cold ones with his mates after another hard-fought loss.

Anna Richards

Old Maroons legend and IRB Hall of Fame recipient, Anna Richards, needed something to take to the upcoming Barbarians match to recognise her origins. Anna is coaching the Barbarians team and was in town during the April coaching at the Black Ferns camp at Lincoln.



Old Maroons having an impact:



Catch up in Australia – from left: House (James Kora), Craig Dickson (Old Maroons Secretary) and Sidey (Ryan O'Sullivan) enjoying a beer on March 23rd, 2019 after the Melbourne University vs Albury Steamers (NSW) pre-season game.

Contributions appreciated!

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

Old Maroons – Newsletter

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If you have stories and memories or current events and activities of interest, including photos, we forward look to receiving them.

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March 2019 at the Clubhouse:



Warwick Taylor, Dale Atkins, Chub Hays

Bereavement

We note with much sadness the passing of Don Hamilton, April 2019

Interesting facts

House is stuck on 97 games for UCRFC (last played here in the 2011 final)

Sidey reached 100 games for UCRFC in 2018 and started this game at 1st 5/8 (not bad for a loose forward)

UCRFC Old Maroons Committee: President: Ruzz Barr; Treasurer: Lindsay North; Secretary: Craig Dickson; Committee: Don Davison, Sarah Helmore, Dallas Seymour, Alan Alty, Mark Dineen, Rowly Brown, Mark Thompson and Victor Simpson

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