



# Centurions Rugby Football Club (Inc)

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## **President's message**

A big thank you to Richard Loe and Mike Copeland and congratulations to John Burrows for another outstanding pre-Test luncheon. That flowed onto an outstanding Test and the omens, as is usual in a World Cup year, were good. The table donations raised a record \$7,322.81 (plus Malaysian \$500!) and all in all we were able to raise some \$10,800.00 for the New Zealand Rugby Foundation which is fantastic.

Having spent a little time with Richard Loe at the luncheon and chatting both to the New Zealand and the South African paraplegics, the Foundation needs all the support which it can achieve. It does a wonderful job.

We have decided to review how the luncheon might proceed in the future and would welcome any input from members. While we have no intention of re-inventing the wheel, there are certainly one or two aspects which might require tweaking.

We are also delighted to record that while the Prime Minister John Key could not maintain his wish to speak at the luncheon (and thank you Doug Catley), he did indicate a desire to become a member and we are delighted to record that he became an Honorary Member on 1 August 2011.

On the field Hamish and his team of slightly ageing Centurions have maintained a busy schedule playing coaching matches against First XV's and are now moving into our Colts programme.

Poised as we are here between the disappointing Super XV season and a potentially thrilling World Cup, we watched a predictably unpredictable ITM Wellington Lions team and it sometimes feels a bit like Ground Hog Day. Having said that, didn't Andrew Hoare, Ma'a Nonu, and Piri Weepu show in recent Tests what they can do in different professional environments?

Unfortunately under the terms of our licence we cannot use our Clubrooms during the duration of the World Cup. Let's hope we all enjoy the World Cup and can celebrate the merits or otherwise over Christmas drinks.

Best wishes

Nigel Hughes  
**President.**

## Annual Luncheon

As stated by our President, our annual luncheon was once again an outstanding success and there have been a good number of messages of congratulations to John Burrows for his dedication and effort as organiser over a period of 10+ years. John's work has resulted in an annual function of the highest standard which is eagerly anticipated by many. More importantly the luncheons have raised a considerable amount of money for both our club and the Rugby Foundation and this reflects great credit on John's magnificent contribution.



John Burrows says farewell as luncheon organiser and a good time was enjoyed by all.

## Club Captain's Report

Our Centurions Secondary Schools team has been selected and is as follows

James Oreilly - HIBS.

Jordie Maxey - HIBS.

Andrew Knight -St Pats Stream.

Elekana Laupola - St Pats Stream.

Saio Salevao - St Pats Stream.

Ken Kapeli - St Pats Town.

Siaosi Pouvalu - Rongotai.

Jackson Bachop - Scots.

Larry Leaufagatele - St Pats Stream.

Graham Upton - Aotea.

Dylan Hayes - St Pats Stream.

Ivan Vaignasote - St Pats Stream.

Elijah Williams - Steward - Wgtn Coll.

Natiti Sami - Wgtn Coll

James Kora - Scots.

Sonny Fualau - St Pats Stream.

Luanu'u Olive - Wainui.

Hone Mateo - Wainui.

Brady Cutting - Newlands.

James Perkinson - St Pats Stream.

James Prescott - Wgtn Coll.

Site Timu - Taita.

The team will play a Wellington U21 Representative team at Helston Park on Saturday 3 September at 1.00pm and a further game against a Wellington U16A representative team is planned for 17 September. Further details TBA.

### **New Member**

Murray Gifford, Club Captain of the Wellington Football Club has been appointed as a new member. Welcome Murray, we look forward to your involvement with us.

### **Centurions Charity Golf Tournament**

(In support of NZ Rugby Foundation)

We are pleased to confirm that the annual Golf Tournament will take place once again hosted by the Royal Wellington Golf Club at Heretaunga, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Four Ball Stableford (two count).

12.00pm registration, BBQ and Tee Draw

1.00pm Shot Gun Start.

Entry Fee (Individual Booking, \$150.00 incl GST, Team Booking, \$600.00 incl GST)

Includes: -

Starter Pack, BBQ lunch, On Course Catering and Refreshments, After Match Drink, Buffet Meal, Excellent Prize Table, Hole Prizes, Hole in One Competition, Guest Speaker.

Dress Code: Clean tidy golf attire.

This is the day before the Rugby World Cup Quarter Final which will be played at the Westpac Stadium on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm. We are hoping to have some World Cup tourists from South Africa and Australia join us, so come along, enjoy a round of golf and meet fellow rugby enthusiasts.

More information: Brendan Gardner, ph 577 0313, mob 021 609 095 or email [comp3@gmx.com](mailto:comp3@gmx.com)

### **Change of Treasurer**

Unfortunately for our club, our Treasurer Ray Rowsell is moving north and his services will therefore no longer be available to us. During his relatively short term, as well as managing our finances in a most competent manner, Ray has modernised our membership database and this is now in an electronic form which allows us to operate in a hugely more efficient manner. Many thanks for your efforts Ray, they are greatly appreciated.

To fill this vacancy Murray Usmar has stepped forward and has been duly appointed as Treasurer. Murray's contact details are B 817 4882, H 973 3961, e [murray.usmar@dhb.govt.nz](mailto:murray.usmar@dhb.govt.nz)

Whilst Ray was Treasurer it was sometimes convenient for correspondence, subs etc. to be posted to Ray's home address. This practice is no longer appropriate and it is important that all correspondence intended for the club should be posted

to The Secretary, Centurions Rugby Football Club Inc, P O Box 11 101, Wellington 6142.

### Contact details

Have your contact details changed recently? If so we would like to keep our database right up to scratch and would appreciate your updated details.

#### Centurion Members change of contact details.

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Address.....

Phone details.....

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Please post to The Secretary, Centurions Rugby Football Club Inc, P O Box 11 101, Wellington 6142 or email to [grahamwgstephen@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamwgstephen@hotmail.com)

Visit our website now. [www.centurionsrugby.co.nz](http://www.centurionsrugby.co.nz)

### Corporate wardrobe

We have replenished the corporate wardrobe and have a good selection of all sizes of jerseys, jackets, ties and beanies. Again Brendan Gard'ner is your contact and he will be pleased to take your order for immediate delivery.

#### Executive contact details

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