



# Centurions Rugby Football Club (Inc)

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The 2010 year seems to be flying by as we approach September. The ITM cup has started, and with a solid performance at home against Tasman and a not so solid performance a week later against Counties the wheels are back on the track for our Wellington Lions with a good win away against Otago. Please try and call into the clubrooms either before or after any of our remaining home games, as it would be great to see you.

The annual test luncheon has now been and gone. This year's luncheon was a huge success. Our auction items, an All Black jersey signed by the four living All Black knights, a Toulon jersey signed by Tana, Johnny Wilkinson and Sonny Bill, plus the travel voucher prize (kindly donated back to the Club by the winners from the NZ Rugby Foundation table) raised a record \$11,700. As always this amount is split between Centurions and the NZ Rugby Foundation. A big thank you to John Burrows for his efficient organisation. A great job once again!! Also thanks to Francie Russell for securing Tana's services, Mike Copeland for his traditional humorous and entertaining MC services. Thanks also to Tana himself for making himself available. We wish him well with his continuing rugby career and also hope that the Tana Umaga Foundation meets its objectives and provides one or two scholarships this year. With the Centurions Club and one of our members, generous donation I am sure this will be possible.

As I mentioned in my luncheon speech one of my aims for the Club this year is to increase our membership. Following the luncheon we approved six new members at our August meeting. So please contact me or log onto our website if you know any potential new members as we welcome their involvement. Don't put it off until tomorrow if it can be done today!!!

At our recent committee meeting it was decided that we would establish a Primary Sponsors board in the Clubrooms. Initially the opportunity to support us will be sent out to members, so please support this initiative as we will ensure that your funds will be invested back into grass-roots rugby. Thanks to the WRFU for their invitation to attend the Club rugby finals at the Stadium.

Congratulations to the Norths and Wainuomata Clubs for their deserved victories. The standard of club rugby on display was of a high level and as always the true Club rugby passion and commitment really shone through both on and off the field.

We wish Matt Anderson and his team all the best with their upcoming matches with the Centurions Secondary Schools Colts. Keep an eye out in the Calendar of Events for the upcoming games.

Finally I would love to hear from you. So please email or call me if you have any queries, feedback or gripes. And go the AB's and Wellington Lions!

Mike Russell

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**Bereavement**

Members will be saddened to know of the passing of A.T. (Tangi) Moore. Tangi was a long serving Centurion and served on the Executive Committee from 1955-60 and from 1969-83. He was made a Life Member in 1978 and this demonstrates Tangi's commitment and long period of loyal service. A funeral service was held for Tangi in Paraparaumu on Monday 9 August and Peter Osborne paid tribute on behalf of our club. Tangi will be greatly missed by his many friends and associates and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

**New members**

As mentioned in the President's message we welcome the following new members into our club.

Gavin Bruce                      Barry Ellis                      Philip Rayasi                      Gus Smith  
Tana Umaga                      Richard Watt.

**Kindred Clubs**

Our Executive Committee is concerned that there has been little progress with the Kindred Clubs initiative. The organisation has virtually no funding and has not been able to hold an Annual General meeting for the 2009/2010 year and it seems that there is little enthusiasm, energy or drive to improve this situation. What appeared to be a most promising initiative seems to be going nowhere and will require a strong effort if the current difficulties are to be overcome. Members will be kept informed of any developments.

**Calendar of events**

The date and time of the following events are notified for your diary: -

**August**

Lions v Waikato, Stadium, 21 Aug at 7.35pm  
Lions v Northland, Stadium, 28 Aug at 5.30pm

**September**

Centurions Colts v Wellington U19, 11 September (Time and venue TBA)  
Centurions v Wellington U16, 18 September (Time and venue TBA)  
Lions v Hawkes Bay, Stadium, 18 Sep at 5.30pm  
Centurions Colts v Taranaki, 25 September at Inglewood. (Time and venue TBA)  
Lions v Bay of Plenty, Stadium, 30 Sep at 7.35pm

**October**

Lions v Taranaki, Stadium, 16 October at 7.35pm

**Membership database update**

As previously advised we are working hard on establishing an accurate electronic database of membership details. If your details have changed your co-operation in providing your correct details will be appreciated. We are particularly keen on recording members email addresses as this information will greatly assist with our communication. If you have not already done so, please let us know your email address.

*Please post to*

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