



# Centurions Rugby Football Club (Inc)

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**AUGUST 2015**

**Centurions Rugby programme**



The 2015 rugby season is coming to a close, with just the Rep programmes continuing through August and September.

The Hurricanes did us proud, despite falling at the final hurdle, and hopefully they can put that to right next season.

The Jubilee Cup and Hardham Cup have been decided and congratulations to OBU and Upper Hutt on their successes. The lower grades will be playing their semis and finals in the next few weeks.

### **College rugby**

The Centurions Club has also been active. Although we only managed to play two College games this season, another two had to be cancelled due to grounds being closed on account of the weather.

### **Under 21**

We are now well under way organising our representative programme.

This year we are not involved in the U18 competition, as the WRFU have asked us to assist in coaching, managing and selecting an U21 team to play in Centurion colours, in the Heartland development competition. This team is selected from the WRFU Under 21 competition.

Mo Mackey has enlisted the help of Scott Crichton and Steve So'oialo to assist him in coaching this team. Nigel Hughes will be the Manager. A squad has already been selected and training has commenced. The playing programme is as follows:

Saturday	22 August v Wgtn Maori Development	Petone Rec	12.30pm
	29 August v Whanganui Development	Cooks Gardens	12.30pm
Saturday	5 September v Wairarapa Bush Development	Petone Rec	12.30pm
	12 September v HOBM Academy	TBC	
	19 September v Horowhenua-Kapiti Development	Levin Domain	12.30pm
	v Centurions Under 85kg	TBC	

### **Under 85kg**

The bi annual Under 85kg Barbarians Tournament is not being held this year, so we have arranged a replacement game with the Waikato Under 85kg Rep team.

This game will be played in Taupo on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The team will be coached by Andrew Robinson and Ian Tulloch.

We have also been able to arrange a game with North Harbour to be played at Te Whaea on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, and hopefully we will be able to arrange a game with the Centurions Under 21 team at some stage.

Nominations are being called for, and training will commence following the completion of the WRFU Under 85kg. competition in a few weeks

## **ITM Cup**

This competition is now underway. Centurions will be opening the Clubrooms for the weekend games, but at this stage it has not been decided whether to open up for the midweek games. Discussions are being held with the Stadium Trust, as to whether or not it is worth them the expense of employing a barman for these midweek games.

We have also been having discussions with the Wellington Supporters Club. They have no clubrooms, and membership has dwindled to a few active members. We have therefore extended an invitation to them to use our Clubrooms for the weekend ITM Cup games. Please extend a welcome to these people, and we will advise you of the outcome of our discussions with the Supporters Club, once finalised.

## **ITM Cup schedule**

Saturday 15 August v Taranaki	New Plymouth
Thursday 20 August v North Harbour	North Harbour
<b>Saturday 29 August v Northland 7.35pm</b>	<b>Westpac Stadium</b>
Saturday 5 September v Southland	Invercargill
<b>Friday 11 September v Tasman 7.35 pm</b>	<b>Westpac Stadium</b>
<b>Thursday 17 September v Otago 7.35pm</b>	<b>Westpac Stadium</b>
Sunday 27 September v Waikato	Hamilton
<b>Wednesday 30 September v Hawkes Bay 7.35</b>	<b>Westpac Stadium</b>
<b>Sunday 4 October v Bay of Plenty 4.35pm</b>	<b>Westpac Stadium</b>
<b>Saturday 10 October v Manawatu 5.45pm</b>	<b>Westpac Stadium</b>

## **Annual luncheon**

Planning for the Luncheon is well in hand. The Luncheon is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, in the Deloitte Lounge at Westpac Stadium starting at 12 noon. The guest speaker is Sir Graham Henry.

Our organiser Paul Rolton is very surprised and pleased at the number of tables already booked. The committee decided that even though there is no test in Wellington this year, that we would continue holding this iconic function, and were prepared for a much reduced turnout. However Paul says this is not the case and numbers have held up well.

For anyone requiring tables to this function, they would be advised to contact Paul [paul@guardservices.co.nz](mailto:paul@guardservices.co.nz) 0273538951, as soon as possible.

Please note that funds raised from this function go to the NZ Rugby Foundation who do a marvellous job with seriously injured rugby players. It is also the principal fundraising event to provide funds for Centurions to carry out their Rugby programme.

## **Centurions golf tournament**

The Centurions Charity Golf Tournament will be held at the Shandon Golf Course on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please put this in your diary as it is also becoming a must attend, on the Wellington sporting calendar. If you would like to enter a team, (we would like at least one from every Rugby Club in Wellington), please contact Nigel Stirling [nigel.stirling@gibsonsheat.com](mailto:nigel.stirling@gibsonsheat.com)

## **BBQ with the Lions**

We held this function for the first time last year and it was a great success. (The Lions won their only game of the season following the BBQ)

This year it is again being held in the school holidays, to allow all members children, grandchildren to come and meet the Lions in a very relaxed setting. It is a great family occasion, so come along with your children and have a bite to eat and meet the Lions.

It will be held in the week of 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October, prior to the Lions last round robin game. We will confirm the actual date and time as soon as we can.