

# BAABAA NEWS

The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc. Level 6, ASB Stand, Eden Park, Auckland, New Zealand. [www.barbarianrugby.co.nz](http://www.barbarianrugby.co.nz)



The Barbarians were out in force at September's national Top 4 First XV tournament in Palmerston North. From left: Craig Glendinning, Monalisa Urquhart, Niko Jones (boys' MVP), Kiriana Nolan (girls' MVP), Roger Moore, Jim Lonergan.

Photo: Aaron Davies

## PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

The year has flown by and here we are preparing for our AGM on Wednesday November 28 and our Xmas party on Friday December 7.

The NZ Barbarians Area Schools team held a camp at the Sport & Rugby Institute at Massey University, Palmerston North in September, culminating in a game against Manawatu Under 16 on Saturday September 15.

A fuller report will feature further into this newsletter, but this group really grew and learnt as the week went on and, whilst losing the game, showed in the second half as the match progressed how much they had benefitted from the camp. Many of the team had parents, family and supporters at the game from all around the country and all of them expressed their gratitude to our club for providing this opportunity to their sons and family members.

The Barbarians again sponsored the Top 4 First XV finals in Palmerston North. It was another stirring two match-days and more will be said later in the newsletter, as it will of our NZ Barbarians Schools team, which had two narrow defeats, just the second and third reverses since 2012.

Congratulations to the Black Ferns Sevens for winning the first leg of the World Series in the USA, taking the final 33-7 against a strong home team, and to Auckland for clinching the Mitre 10 Cup in a nail-biting 40-33, extra time, final against Canterbury.

To close, I would like to thank our 2018 committee for all its hard work and support throughout the year and once again express our gratitude to club manager Trina Seits and her team for looking after us so well at the club.

Hopefully we will see a few of you along to the AGM and Xmas Party. Best wishes for Xmas and the New Year to you and your families.

Cheers,

**Ron Williams**  
Past President  
Barbarians RFC



## MEMBER PROFILE KEVIN SENIO



Kevin Senio is the new breed of Barbarian: upwardly mobile, not long out of his playing days, active in coaching, social media savvy and yet with a good appreciation of the club's history and what it stands for.

The 40-year-old former All Blacks halfback joined the Barbarians in 2015, after his professional playing days in France drew to a close. He briefly strapped on the boots for Ponsonby seniors but has since taken up the clipboard, guiding Ponies, as assistant coach, to the 2018 Gallaher Shield triumph, their first in seven years.



Kevin Senio at 'home' in the Barbarians lounge.

Senio stepped into Mark Moore's shoes as Barbarians club captain at the 2017 AGM, and has loved his active involvement within the club.

"It's been good reconnecting and understanding the values and vision of the club, trying to implement that into a couple of projects during the year, and observing and supporting where I can. It's been satisfying as well as enjoyable."

He helped coach the NZ Barbarians Auckland Under 18 Schools team, which had an August game against the Northland Vikings Under 18s in Wellsford, while he was on hand as one of the club representatives for the NZ Barbarians Schools against their Fijian counterparts in Wellington.

Senio says it is rewarding watching some of the youngsters wearing the Barbarians jersey gain knowledge of what the club is about.

Along with the likes of Craig Glendinning and Monalisa Urquhart – all 40-somethings – Senio is one of the younger committee members.

"It's been a good group to work with. The calibre and experience on the committee means there is a real acceptance to take in what's relevant and current with new ideas," he says.

Some of his work for the Barbarians is an extension of his role as players services manager for the New Zealand Rugby Players' Association.

While Senio played for four provinces and two franchises, he still calls Auckland home and was as happy as any staunch blue and whites fan after last month's Mitre 10 Cup Premiership victory.

"I'm a local boy and it's great to see what Auckland's win has done for the local community. I understand the challenges in the landscape, but it was a delight to watch."

## BARBARIANS SCHOOLS REVIEW



The NZ Barbarians Area Schools were defeated 31-17 by a well-drilled Manawatu Under 16s in Palmerston North in September.

Tries went to Tiaan McKinnel, Teihana Senior, and Mark James Tuapawa, with Caleb Beck adding a conversion.

The young men selected in this team came from the far corners of the country, remote rural areas where the schools either don't have a First XV or the First XV doesn't play in a recognised competition. Many of the boys already play senior or senior reserve rugby for their local rugby clubs and they are aged from 14-17.

This year the team was made up of boys from 14 different area schools, from Panguru Area School in the Far North to Tolaga Bay Area School on the East Cape and Maniototo and Roxburgh Area School in the deep south of the South Island.

This was the first year the team has gathered at Massey's SRI and it was highly successful exposing the team and management to a high performance environment second to none in this country, a place they could live, breathe, train and play rugby with total focus, looked after and watched over by the good people at SRI and Manawatu Rugby.

Special thanks to Ben Koch from Manawatu Rugby for organising the week, Kiwi teamwear for providing the playing kit and gear, as well as sponsors NZ Community Trust, Gold Ridge Marine Farms, plus club member Deano Allnutt (and his wife Lisa) for their generous donation to the team. We also need to mention club member Mike Smith and Marie Relph from Mercury Bay Area School. These two really are the driving forces behind the Area Schools

## AGM

82nd Barbarians Annual General Meeting • Barbarians clubrooms, Wednesday November 28, 6pm

1. Apologies
  2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 81st AGM on Wednesday November 29, 2017
  3. Obituaries
  4. New members
  5. President's Report
  6. Club Captain's Report
  7. Treasurer's Report and adoption of annual accounts
  8. Protected Fund Report
  9. Nomination of Life Members – if applicable
  10. Election of Officers – details of nominees will be circulated prior to the meeting
  11. Election of Management Committee – details of nominees will be circulated prior to the meeting
  12. Amendment to Rules
  13. Albert Storey Memorial Trophy – if applicable
  14. General Business
- \*Subscriptions for 2018-19  
\*Update from affiliated unions  
\*Other



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programme and we are extremely grateful for their dedication and commitment to the NZ Barbarians Area Schools team.

*\*Following the Top 4 tournament, 50 players were selected to participate in a camp at the SRI at Massey University.*

At the end of the week-long camp, the NZ Schools and NZ Barbarian Schools teams were announced, and the Barbarians team moved down to Wellington for their two games against NZ Maori U18 and Fiji Schools.

#### 2018 NZ Barbarians Schools squad:

Backs: James Arscott (Otago BHS), Caleb Cavubati (Scots), Stewart Cruden (Palmerston North BHS), Corey Evans (Auckland Grammar, c), Lukas Halls (King's, Auckland), Tahu Kaa (Christchurch BS), Peniasi Lasaqa (St Kentigern), Samuel Smith (Wairarapa), Roderick Solo (Scots), Ropati So'oalo (Aotea), Kristian Standen (New Plymouth BHS)

Forwards: Arthur Allen (Christ's), Zachary Gallagher (Christ's), Joshua Gimblett (Napier BHS), Benet Kumeroa (Auckland Grammar), Mahonri Ngakuru (St Kentigern), Jacob Payne (Southland BHS), Noah Perelini (King's), Robert Rush (St Kentigern), Poukohe Sorenson (Rotorua BHS), Hamdahn Tuipulotu (St Peter's, Auckland), Junior Ueese (Scots), Keelan Whitman (St Patrick's, Town)

Vice-President Alan Whetton and committee member Roger Moore represented the club in Wellington for the game against NZ U18 Maori, which was lost 21-20. Tries were scored by Ueese, Perelini and Cavubati, while Evans added a conversion and penalty goal.

Club captain Kevin Senio and committee member Rick Johnston attended the next game in Wellington against Fiji Schools, won by Fiji 15-10. Ngakuru and Cavubati, again, scored tries. The Barbarians team played well but maybe tried a bit too hard at times and certainly had chances to win the game.

The NZ Barbarians Schools programme format against NZ Maori U18 and the likes of Fiji, Tonga or Samoan Schools is a great initiative for both NZ Rugby and Pacific Island rugby, promoting another group of young players into the high performance environment, and resonates well with our club, our history and our connections to Maori and Pacific rugby.

## TOP 4 TOURNEY REVIEW

The Barbarians again sponsored the national Top 4 First XV tournament in September, held for the third year in Palmerston North.

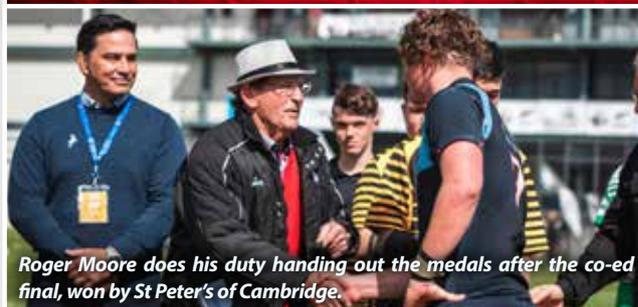
Flying the flag high were committee members Craig Glendinning, Monalisa Urquhart and Roger Moore, while Jim Lonergan and Garry Chronican were on hand in their official



St Peter's and Napier BHS garnered plenty of support for their epic Top 4 boys' final.



The Barbarians Cup, right, stands proudly alongside the Moascar Cup before the Top 4 boys' final.



Roger Moore does his duty handing out the medals after the co-ed final, won by St Peter's of Cambridge.

Photos: Aaron Davies

capacities as President and Chairman, respectively, of the NZ Schools union.

A marvellous two days' of rugby action was capped when St Peter's of Auckland won the boys' final 31-28 over a gallant Napier BHS side in a dramatic contest, thus annexing both the Barbarians Cup and the coveted Moascar Cup. St Peter's was inspired by skipper Niko Jones, son of Barbarian Sir Michael Jones. Jones junior also clinched the boys' MVP award.

It was a red-letter day for the Saints marching in, with St Peter's of Cambridge again taking the co-ed final for the Barbarians Trophy, 33-29 over Rangiora HS.

The girls' Top 4 final, sponsored by the Barbarians for the first time, saw Hamilton GHS take the honours, dispatching Manukura 42-7. Kiriana Nolan of Hamilton GHS was adjudged the girls' MVP.

You can read about the Top 4 tournament finals day in more detail here:

<http://allblacks.com/News/33026/st-peter-s-x2-take-top-4-titles-in-epics>



Manukura, in left scrum, and Hamilton GHS locked horns in the Top 4 girls' First XV final.

Photo: Aaron Davies

## BAABAAS BRIEFS



\*Dr Farah Palmer, one of the first intake of lady Barbarians in 2013, won the board and management category at the annual Women of Influence Awards in August. Palmer, whose name is carried on the national women's provincial competition cup, is a trailblazer, becoming, in 2016, the first woman onto the NZ Rugby board.

\*Our member from Manawatu, the aforementioned Clive Akers, one of New Zealand's foremost rugby historians and co-editor of the *Rugby Almanack*, has put together, over some 35 years, no less, an impressive listing of all New Zealand first-class players from 1870-2015, entitled the *New Zealand Rugby Register*. Clearly, many Barbarians will feature among the 820 pages, so purchase your copy. It is available only via the NZ Rugby Museum. Please contact PO Box 36, Palmerston North 4440 or email [info@rugbymuseum.co.nz](mailto:info@rugbymuseum.co.nz)

\*Akers has continued to be busy, his latest book – *Continuing in Jacob's Shadow* – is a walk through 125 years of Horowhenua Kapiti rugby – and follows his centennial book for that union, *In Jacob's Shadow*. It can be purchased for \$20 at Paper Plus Levin, Paper Plus Paraparaumu, NZ Rugby Museum and the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Union office.

\*The 2018 subs notices were sent out months ago. Please pay your subs, if applicable, at your earliest convenience, as this is a requirement of membership.

\*The club has a stack of fetching apparel in stock and this is available to members and non-members alike. Check the website for further information and prices, et cetera.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES



The club uses email and the website for much of its communication and dissemination of information these days.

Some of you may not have an email address, but can you please let us know a possible email address for a family member or friend that could expedite our communications to you. This would also help reduce the cost of postage. Please contact secretary Ken Baguley if you wish to take this route. You will then be able to keep up with the club activities on a far more regular basis.

## VISITORS TO THE CLUB

Eden Park security will only allow members and/or visitors into the ASB Stand and our clubrooms by showing your membership/visitor cards. If you need more than one visitor card to bring friends or family to the club, especially on 'game days', please contact Ken Baguley to obtain additional 'visitor' cards. Please ensure any additional 'visitor' cards are returned before leaving the club at the end of the function/event.

## CLUB CONTACT



Your first port of call is our club secretary Ken Baguley, who is often based at Eden Park in the clubrooms' office.

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## WHAT'S ON IN 2018-19



**Wednesday November 28**  
**AGM, 6pm**



**Friday December 7**  
**Christmas party, 6pm**



**Friday January 11**  
**Black Caps v Sri Lanka, T20I, 7pm**



**Friday February 8 (DOUBLE HEADER)**  
**White Ferns v India/**  
**Black Caps v India, from 3pm**



**Saturday February 16**  
**Blues v Crusaders, 7.35pm**



**Friday March 22**  
**Blues v Highlanders, 7.35pm**



**Saturday March 30**  
**Blues v Stormers, 7.35pm**



**Saturday April 6**  
**Blues v Waratahs, 7.35pm**



**Friday May 10**  
**Blues v Hurricanes, 7.35pm**



**Saturday May 18**  
**Blues v Chiefs, 7.35pm**



**Friday May 31**  
**Blues v Bulls, 7.35pm**



**SATURDAY AUGUST 17 (DOUBLE HEADER)**



**BLACK FERNS**

**v Australia, 5.05pm**



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**v Australia, 7.35pm (BC)**

\*All events are at Eden Park unless otherwise specified. \*Keep an eye on the website and your email for confirmation of further 2018-19 functions/events.