



# BAABAA NEWS

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The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc.  
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New Barbarians members with NZRU President Bryan Williams, far left, Barbarians club secretary John Cresswell, third from left, and Barbarians club President John Mills. Rugby World Cup-winning All Black Keven Mealamu is in the centre.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Rugby World Cup

Congratulations to our All Blacks coaches and Barbarian members, Graham Henry, Steve Hansen and Wayne Smith, in achieving the pinnacle of their careers – winning the Rugby World Cup.

What an outstanding career as a coach Graham Henry has had, and the fact that he will still be available to mentor current coaches is very positive for the future of the game in our beloved country.

Thank you Graham, you are an outstanding New Zealander.

The World Cup galvanised the whole of the country in such a very positive manner. Yes, we truly were a stadium of 4.5 million people. Also congratulations to All Blacks captain and Barbarian Richie McCaw, whose outstanding leadership and skill played a major part in obtaining the Cup. Richie was very ably assisted by new Barbarian member

and Blues captain Keven Mealamu.

Well done too to Barbarian Dave Syms for the very major part he played in the logistics of the games and events at Eden Park during the World Cup.

### Barbarians suites (boxes) for the 2012 season

There certainly is a festival of rugby for the 2012 season.

Two tests will be played at Eden Park – New Zealand versus Ireland on June 9 and New Zealand versus Australia on August 25. The first game of Super Rugby commences at Eden Park on February 24 at 7.35pm with the Blues playing the Crusaders. The Blues play seven games at Eden Park next year.

All of these games are to be followed by the ITM Cup provincial series.

Those members who are interested in purchasing tickets/seats in the Barbarian suites, please contact either your club secretary John Cresswell at 09-846-7241, [sec@brfc.co.nz](mailto:sec@brfc.co.nz), 021-703-904 or your President at 021-044-9545 urgently.

The draw (ballot) will take place on Friday December 2.

### Rodney Doidge

In August at the clubrooms we had a special farewell evening for a special Barbarian.

Rodney Doidge has been our popular bar manager for nigh on two decades, stepping seamlessly into the role after Don Johnston. He was proud and moved to receive a painting by Fred Graham which now takes pride of place in his and wife Barbara's dining room. We thank Rod for his unstinting and yeoman service to this club, and look forward to seeing him now on the other side of the bar.

To all Barbarian members and your families, may I wish you a very happy and merry Christmas.

Kind regards,

**John A Mills**  
President, Barbarians RFC

## WHAT'S ON

### Friday November 18

Middleweight team medallion presentation, 6.00pm at clubrooms

### Thursday November 24

Annual General Meeting, 6.30pm at clubrooms

### Sunday November 27

Pat Walsh Memorial Bowls Day at Bridge Park Bowling Club, 9.30am

\*The bowls day will also involve the Kittyhawks Bowling Club. All proceeds to the Pat Walsh Memorial Scholarships. Contact Barry 'Bear' Thomas on 636-7282 or 0274-147-255.



Two great front-rowers and Barbarians: 'Snow' White, left, and new member Keven Mealamu.

## DEATHS OF MEMBERS

### Ron Don (1930-2011)

A long-time Barbarian and one of the more respected and forthright administrators rugby has seen, Ron Don passed away in August.

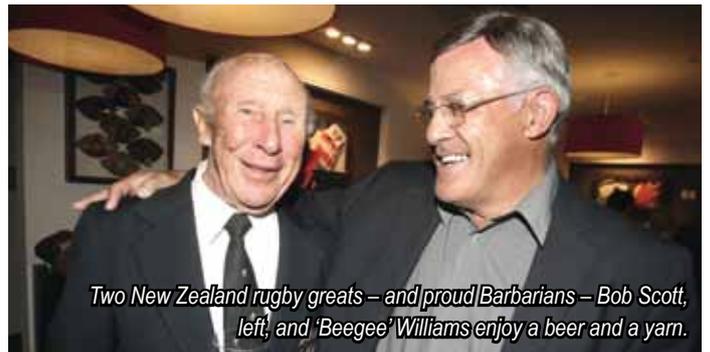
He had been one of only six living life members of the New Zealand Rugby Union, having been promoted in 1999. In 2007 he received the Steinlager Salver for outstanding contribution to New Zealand rugby. Don served on the NZRFU council from 1971-86 and was manager of the 1976-77 All Blacks. He played his rugby for Grammar in the 1940s and '50s before making his name in administration, serving as chairman of the Auckland RFU from 1969-84.

Many Barbarians will have known Ron Don well.

### Bob Heale (1929-2011)

Bob Heale was a fine halfback out of the Training College and Ponsonby clubs who played 14 games for Auckland in the early 1950s, just before the Keith Davis era. He also represented Otago, and won the 1954 Gallaher Shield with Ponsonby.

By the 1960s he was into coaching, both at Roller Mills junior level and also seniors with Training College. By 1985 he was the co-president of the new Teachers-Eastern club, for which he became a life member. His last teaching job was as deputy principal of Avondale Intermediate. Heale was highly respected and liked in several walks of life, and never had a bad word to say about anyone. He died in October.



Two New Zealand rugby greats – and proud Barbarians – Bob Scott, left, and 'Beegee' Williams enjoy a beer and a yarn.

## BARBARIANS SUITES/BOXES FOR 2012

There are three packages open to members for the Barbarians' suites/boxes for the 2012 rugby season. Each ticket entitles you to a seat in the box and the use of the separate suite (lounge). The view onto the field is superb. Notify your secretary if keen to take up any of these offers.

There are two tests at Eden Park in 2012:

1. All Blacks v Ireland, June 9
2. All Blacks v Australia, August 25

Package 1 (\$950 each): 2 tests + all Super Rugby + all ITM Cup games

Package 2 (\$729 each): 2 tests + all Super Rugby games

Package 3 (\$599 each): 2 tests + all ITM Cup games

Closing date for purchasing tickets: **Wednesday November 30**

Draw (ballot) by a life member: **Friday December 2**

Notification to winners: **Monday December 5**

Payment to secretary John Cresswell: **Friday December 16 or earlier**

NB. The Barbarians club reserves the right to charge for semifinal/final games if required.

## MICHAEL JONES STATUE

As you enter Eden Park from Walters Avenue, and only metres from the downstairs entrance to the Barbarians clubrooms, you cannot miss a rather striking bronze statue.

Large than lifesize, it is of one of New Zealand rugby's greatest players, Michael Jones, a member of the Barbarians. The sculpture, by Auckland artist Natalie Stamilla, is based on an iconic image of Jones scoring the first try by a player at the Rugby World Cup 1987. The picture was taken by Geoff Dale, Stamilla's father, who worked as a press photographer during that tournament.

It is, as we are sure you'll agree, a worthy addition to the Eden Park landscape.



Dean Paddy celebrates a milestone birthday in style.

## MIDDLEWEIGHT RUGBY

September saw plenty of middleweight provincial rugby and it was the Auckland Under 85kg rep side which retained the Barbarians Cup for the fourth year in a row. This cup is for northern region competition featuring U85 sides from North Harbour,

Auckland and Waikato, along with the Thames Valley Development XV.

Auckland finished with an unbeaten 3-0 record, beating Waikato 39-18, North Harbour 32-18 and Thames Valley 55-7.

The hope is now for a 2012 sponsor, which would help the side get to Australia for a tour. The Auckland team will receive its winning medallions at a function on Friday November 18 at the clubrooms.

## BARBARIANS BLAZERS

### Purchasing a Barbarians RFC blazer

- Contact the secretary: phone 09-846-7241 or email sec@brfc.co.nz
- Secretary will email Keven Whittam at Cambridge Clothing, confirming your order. A copy of the email will be sent to the Baabaa member making the order.
- Baabaa member contacts Keven at Cambridge Clothing: phone 09-825-0844 or email. keven@cambridgeclothing.co.nz to make an appointment for a fitting.
- The measure and fitting will be completed at the Cambridge Clothing factory at 3094

Great North Road, New Lynn.

- Keven will contact you when the blazer is ready to be collected. Leave your contact details with him.

- There are two payments to be made:

1. The cost to make the blazer is \$197.00, payable to Cambridge Clothing Company when you collect your blazer.

2. There is an additional cost of \$120.00 for the material, blazer pocket and buttons, payable to the club (we provide the material, pocket and buttons, which are kept in stock by Cambridge).

Our treasurer will invoice you for the club cost of \$120.00.

- If you have any queries, please contact the club secretary as per above.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOP FOUR

For the fifth year, the Barbarians sponsored the national schools top 4 competition in Rotorua, held in August.

Auckland's Kelston Boys' High School won the national First XV title, beating Counties Manukau's Wesley College 24-12 in the televised final. In the national co-educational

First XV top 4 competition, run at the same time, Auckland champion St Kentigern College defeated Waikato's Cambridge High School 51-24 in the final.

The general consensus among the several Barbarians on hand was that the standard, skill and speed of the rugby was getting better and better.

The Barbarians club would like to thank the sponsorship of Four Winds Trust at this tournament.

Kelston Boys' High School First XV with its spoils: the Barbarians and Moascar Cups. Photo: *New Zealand Herald*



Sir Fred Allen by the bronze statue of Dave Gallaher.

## SIR FRED ALLEN

One of our most esteemed Barbarian members is of course Sir Fred Allen, whose biography was released in August. Not bad for one who is 91!

The Barbarians are mentioned in the book. In fact, one of the chapters is entitled 'The Baabaas', with our logo prominently positioned.

Allen was the first New Zealander to lead the UK Barbarians, against Swansea in 1946. He also coached the NZ Barbarians against the Coronation Shield Districts in 1956 after the Springboks tour. The Boks skipper Basis Viviers captained the Baabaas.

There is a reminder in the book of the Barbarians' club motto: "Rugby football is a game for gentlemen in all classes, but never for a bad sportsman in any class."

Then follows: 'This matched Fred's philosophy exactly and is one of the reasons why he has always been a keen supporter.' Allen was also quoted on the shift from the Cricket Avenue property to the clubrooms in the ASB Stand: "We were all sad to say goodbye, but the new self-contained premises on top of the main Eden Park stand are a very impressive replacement."

The book is called *Fred the Needle: the untold story of Sir Fred Allen*. It is well worth a read.

## FIXTURES: EDEN PARK

### Super Rugby 2012

#### Friday February 24

Blues v Crusaders, 7.35pm

#### Friday March 23

Blues v Hurricanes, 7.35pm

#### Friday April 13

Blues v Sharks, 7.35pm

#### Friday April 27

Blues v Reds, 7.35pm

#### Friday May 11

Blues v Lions, 7.35pm

#### Saturday May 26

Blues v Highlanders, 7.35pm

#### Saturday June 2

Blues v Chiefs, 7.35pm

#### Saturday July 7

Blues v Force, 7.35pm

\*The playoffs are set down for July 20-August 4.

### Test matches 2012

#### Steinlager Series

##### Saturday June 9

All Blacks v Ireland, 7.35pm

#### Four Nations/The Rugby Championship

##### Saturday August 25

All Blacks v Australia, 7.35pm

## CLUB CONTACT

Your first port of call is our club secretary John Cresswell, who is now mostly based at Eden Park in his clubrooms office. Do not be concerned at a recent notice which went out from a 'John Bracewell.' Rest assured the secretary is not the former New Zealand cricketer!

**John Cresswell's details are:**  
**Club office number: 09-846-7241**  
**Cellphone number: 021-703-904**  
**Email address: sec@brfc.co.nz**  
**Home number: 09-630-6425**

## NEW MEMBERS

The new members are:

**Gary Dawson (Waikato):** Current CEO of the Chiefs franchise and former CEO of Waikato RFU

**Simon Limmer (Bay of Plenty):** Former NZU rep, Waikato University and Auckland University club player

**Ian Ward (North Harbour):** Former North Auckland player, Rodney junior coach and administrator, life member of Mahurangi RFC

**Mike Donovan (Auckland):** Current member of ARU board, former Grammar-Carlton RFC president, former Waikato and Manawatu rep

**Bill Thurston (Wellington):** Former independent director of the NZRFU, stalwart of Victoria University rugby

**Ron Perkinson (Auckland):** Former Waikato and Natal rep, former Auckland Second XV coach and Auckland A selector, chairman of ARU strategy committee

**Gerard van Tilborg (North Harbour):** Chairman of North Harbour RFU, North Zone rep on NZRU board

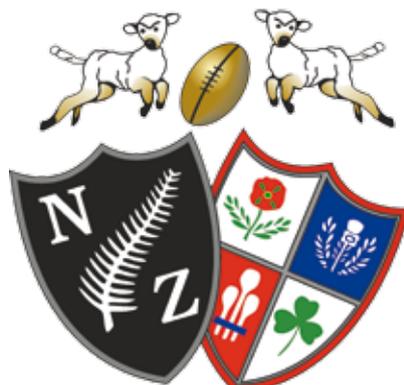
**Keven Mealamu (Auckland):** RWC-winning All Blacks hooker, current Blues captain, current Auckland rep and former Chiefs rep

**Mark 'Bull' Allen (Bay of Plenty):** Former All Blacks prop, now College First XV Rugby commentator

## AGENDA FOR AGM

This will be the 75th annual general meeting of the Barbarians, and will be held at the Eden Park clubrooms at 6.30pm, Thursday, November 24.

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes of 74th AGM in 2010.
3. Obituaries
4. New members
5. President's report
6. Club captain's report
7. Treasurer's report and adoption of annual accounts
8. Election of officers
9. Presentation of Albert Storey Trophy
10. Presentation of Nelson College 'Original' jersey
11. General business



**Bryce Woodward (Northland):** Current Blues assistant coach, former Northland, NZU21 and NZ Barbarians coach

**Dean Allnutt (North Harbour):** North Harbour U85kg coach/manager, heavily involved with middleweight rugby

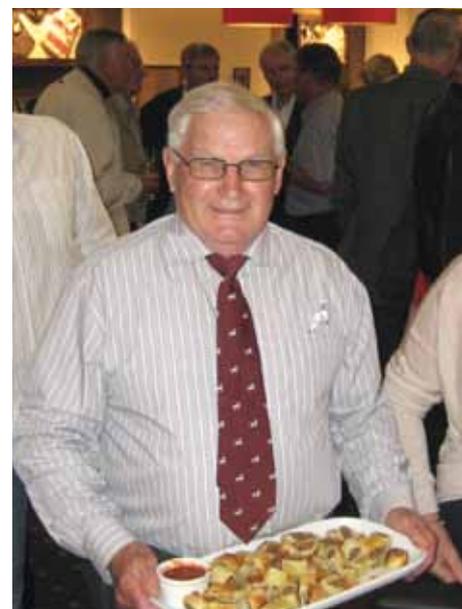
**Nick Sheppard (Auckland):** Current Blues high performance manager, former NZRU provincial rugby manager and CEO of Counties Manukau RFU



*President John Mills presents new Barbarian Nick Sheppard with his club tie.*

The Albert Storey Trophy is presented by the club for service to the club. Phil Lindesay is the current holder.

The Nelson College jersey is being presented to us by the principal of Nelson College. Barbarian Colin Gibbons, an old boy of the school, has arranged for the jersey to be ready for presentation on this night. The jersey is one of three 'original' jerseys and the Nelson College principal was so impressed with our clubrooms that he thought that one of the 'original' jerseys from the first rugby match in New Zealand, featuring Nelson College and the Nelson club (May 14, 1870), should be displayed here. We will also be given a ball and a photograph.



*Rodney Doidge discharges some of his final duties as our popular club bar manager.*