



Founders Hugh McLean and Ron Bush at a function to launch the Barbarians 50th Jubilee celebrations in 1987. NZ Herald



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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

It is said the only rugby season worth worrying about is the next one but we have good reason to cherish 1987 and our Jubilee Year.

As current day members of a unique rugby club we are experiencing the culture and traditions shaped and moulded by rugby men who demanded the highest of standards.

We are further blessed not only to have Hugh McLean and Ron Bush our founders with us today but for them to have exercised a quality control of club activities over 50 years.

Some may say the highly successful ETA Foods tour of England, Ireland and Wales has been the most significant tour undertaken by our Club, yet for the fifteen who accepted the call to travel to Thames and play the "Boys from the Bog" back in 1937 there may not have been reason for celebration today. Then again 3 young men considered only outsiders for the World Cup Squad before their selection in the Baa Baa touring side this year have cause to argue that without the opportunity presented by this tour, the attainment of All Black status would for each of them still be a dream.

The Club continues to present and develop players of promise and standing and through the fielding of our first Golden Oldies in this year's classic International Tournament, a further dimension has been created within our club and further confirmation of our club's desire to grow and meet the needs of our members.

The club's philosophy and directions is clear. What we must constantly remind ourselves in the years ahead is to strive for standards and style.

K. E. BARRY
President