

Riwaka Rugby Club Newsletter 1 2016



Happy New Year and welcome to the first Riwaka Rugby Club Newsletter for 2016!

We have many wonderful new and exciting things happening at the Club and we want to share the good news with you!

We have been working behind the scenes to create a new Player Development Programme; aimed at supporting and promoting rugby at the Club and within our community.

We are very fortunate; and maybe fate played a part, that club stalwart Gobby Fry's son-in-law, Tito Elisara arrived back home during 2015. Tito has a wealth of experience playing, coaching and managing rugby teams in the UK. We're thrilled to have Tito back and being involved in rugby. With his experience running a club in the UK, Tito was keen to develop rugby in the local area, so we snapped him up and appointed him Club Captain and Development Officer. Tito will also be helping out the both senior and JAB coaches.

Whist setting up the development programme, once again fate played its part and the opportunity came up to set up our own gym. The idea of a gym fitted hand in hand with the development programme, so we now have the RFit Gym, which will officially open on the 20th of February 2016.

Another focus for us has been setting up a new Riwaka Rugby Club website; to enable us to communicate with our players and supporters, acknowledge our sponsors and also promote the Club's facilities. Check out our brand new website at www.riwakarugbyclub.nz

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the bar at the Riwaka Hotel over the New Year period. We had a good turnout of volunteers with between 12 and 16 volunteers turning up each night. All proceeds go to the operation of the Club.

We are looking forward to a very positive and successful year ahead at the Riwaka Rugby Club and look forward to keeping in touch and seeing you throughout the season.

Thanks for your support!

Kind Regards
Nick Fry | Chairman

RUGBY

Once again we will be combining with Huia and fielding Kahurangi in the premier grade. We hope the team goes extremely well and wish them every ounce of good luck for the season ahead. We encourage any members of the Club who think they have what it takes, to try out for Kahurangi.

The Senior B's have started pre-season, with a good initial turnout of players. We hope this year will be a big one for the Bs as we are all very keen to see them do well and hopefully be in the finals at the end of the season. The Senior Bs have their first game on **19th of March** so be sure to get along and support them. They will be playing in the country half of the draw.

The Women's team is taking shape with a core group of players, a manager and possibly a coach. If you or anyone you know is interested in playing or helping out, please contact jacquisturgeon14@gmsil.com

JAB has a new Administrator for the 2016 season. Thanks to Jo Sturgeon for taking on the role. Jo S takes over the reins from Jo Ryder.

A word from our new JAB Administrator, Jo Sturgeon:

Jo Ryder has been JAB Administrator for the past 4 years and has have very big boots to fill. I will not be going it alone as I have a team of amazing parents to help. Lindsay & Jeanie Bradley, Rachael Cederman and Paul Holden. If you are interested in helping out please let me know.

Registration dates are yet to be confirmed but will be similar to last year.

I look forward to seeing you all then.

CLUB COMMITTEE

The new Club Committee was appointed at the AGM. As you can see there are a few new names, so congratulations to all those below who have stepped up:

- Andy Drummond - President 021 614 915 thepines@xtra.co.nz
- Joss Fry - Vice President 027 528 6054 joss.leanne@xtra.co.nz
- Nick Fry - Chairman 021 284 0222 nick.fry@celciuscoffee.co.nz
- Secretary - Vacant
- Karen Sixtus - Treasurer 027 410 3306 karen@mba.net.nz
- Nookie Hannen - TRU Delegate 528 9672 knappeng@clear.net.nz
- Kerry Hay - JAB Delegate 027 201 6640 kerry@haysplumbing.co.nz
- Jo Sturgeon - JAB Administrator 027 257 3333 jo@croppak.co.nz
- Tito Elisara - Dev Officer/Club Captain 020 4085 6175 titoelisara@yahoo.co.nz
- Shinade Inwood - Committee 027 828 0820 shinadeandtodd@live.com
- Matt Chapman - Committee 027 838 7396 mattj.nz@hotmail.com
- Allan Rogers - Committee 027 442 9133 allan.rogers@til.kiwi
- George Sturgeon - Committee 027 447 4273 motfarm@xtra.co.nz

SITUATIONS VACANT

The Club is always looking for volunteers to help at all levels. Some volunteer roles are quite involved, whilst others require less time and commitment.

Volunteer Vacancies currently available are:

- Club Secretary
- Website Administrator
- Game Day Time Keeper/Scorer and Groundsman

If you are interested in any of these jobs email admin@riwakakrugbyClub.nz

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