



AquaTaxi Riwaka Rugby Club Newsletter 4 April 2016

Hello and welcome to our April Newsletter!

It's been a busy month at the Cub, with senior rugby fully under way. Our teams have had mixed results and moving into the second round we have high hopes this will improve.

In last month's Newsletter I mentioned we had met with representatives of the Huia Club to discuss a closer relationship and possibly even an amalgamation of the two clubs. We agreed to a meeting, so we could hear what Huia Club had to say and allow us to make an informed decision from there.

Prior to the meeting we had overwhelming feedback from our community they wanted Riwaka Rugby Club to remain. After consideration of all the facts, the committee decided to stay with the current 'two Club' arrangement and a combined Division 1 team.

This arrangement allows us to retain our own identity and also provide opportunities to our members that wish to play Division 1 Rugby. We have formerly notified Huia Club of our decision and the only changes we have asked for are a strengthening of the current Kahurangi Memorandum of Understanding.

R-Fit Gym is fully operating and is now open to the public. As well as a weights gym we also have Women's Boot Camp and Yoga classes. For more information visit www.riwakarugbyclub.nz or telephone Tito

Once again thanks to those sponsors who contributed to the recent R-Fit Gym advertising in the Guardian Newspaper. We want "R-Fit" to be able to support itself financially and advertising the gym is a large part of achieving this. I would like to apologise if you were contacted for advertising so soon after the last advertising. The newspaper was asked *not* to contact the same contributors again.

Congratulations to Brent Steinmetz and his team who recently completed Godzone 2016. The Club is proud of your achievements and we hope one day when you have finished running, biking and kayaking around the district we will see you back at the Club.

Club Day is scheduled for Saturday 21 May. There will be JAB rugby on in the morning, with AquaTaxi Riwaka playing at 1:15 pm and Kahurangi playing at 3.00 pm, so it should be a great day. Please remember it is international Riwaka Rugby Club volunteer's day, so feel free to buy a drink for the volunteers!

RUGBY

Division 1 (Kahurangi)

Our Division 1 team has had mixed results with 2 wins and three losses in the first round and a first up loss in the second round. Rather than me telling you how the team is going I thought I'd ask the coach.

From Chris Binns (*abridged*)

"The team have been making steady progress, but suffering a bit with injuries. We lost another 2 players yesterday, and we have had 3 concussions in the last month.

The team is certainly looking forward to finally playing on Riwaka pitch this weekend. A couple of players have really stood out over the last month, Hana Corbett-burrows at loose forward and midfield pairing of Mike Wells and Cameron Nott. "

Upcoming home game dates:

- 30 April 3:00pm Kahurangi v Harlequins @ Riwaka
- 14 May 3.00 pm Kahurangi v East Coast @ Riwaka
- 21 May 3.00 pm Kahurangi v Moutere @ Riwaka **(and CLUB DAY)**

The Division 2 (AquaTaxi Riwaka)

Our Division 2 team had a good first round with three wins and a loss. As at the 16th of April the team was 2nd in the country competition and 3rd overall. Last weekend they played their first game in the 2nd round combined competition and unfortunately lost to Wanderers 23-18.

In some respects, the team is a victim of its own success with about 40 registered Division 2 players making it difficult to select a consistent team. They even had 19 forwards turn up for training last week, which is probably quite good for live scrummaging and line outs, but does make it difficult for the coaches to give everyone game time.

One of the major objectives of our Club is to provide rugby for those wanting to play and at the moment we are not quite achieving this. This is something the Committee is conscious of and needs to look at further.

Upcoming home game dates:

- 30 April 1:15pm AquaTaxi Riwaka v Nelson @ Riwaka
- 21 May 1:15pm AquaTaxi Riwaka v Marist @ Riwaka **(and CLUB DAY)**
- 28 May 1:15pm AquaTaxi Riwaka v Huia @ Riwaka

JAB

Our JAB teams have are continuing their training for kick-off on 7 May. The teams are looking good and I wish them the best of luck.

Well done to those JAB coaches who recently attended the John Leslie Coaching Clinic. The coaches received coaching and information on how to successfully and easily train a junior rugby team.

The Club recently sent a letter of motion to the Nelson Bays Sub Union requesting Wanderers Under 52 kg players be included in the country side. The aim of the motion was to even up the playing numbers between Nelson and Country. The motion was passed and we will now see Wanderers players in the Under 52 kg Country side.

That's about it for this month. Hope to see you on Club Day the 21st of May if not sooner.

Kind Regards
Nick Fry | Chairman

