NEW BRIGHTON RUGBY CLUB



CENTENARY 2021

DAY ONE

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL 2021

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GAME ONE

Golden Oldies v Whakarewarewa

We were delighted to have the Whakarewarewa Golden Oldies team and supporters join us for our Centenary Celebration. Around 60 members of their Club joined us over the weekend and they added a fantastic cultural element to our events. The relationship has dated back to the 1960s, and we hope this rekindles the relationship with the Club and some future trips are possible.



























GAME TWO

Colts v Linwood

Linwood was invited to play matches against our Premier, Premier Reserve and Colts teams over the weekend.

Given Linwood are our closest neighbours, we felt it was appropriate to play them in all three games and we thank them for making their teams available.







POST-GAME IN THE HUB

The Clubrooms were packed, and it was great to see many old faces back in the Clubrooms enjoying meeting old acquaintances.

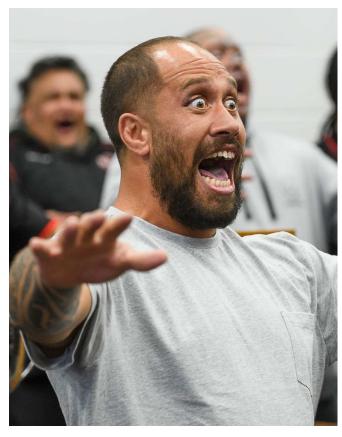
















DAY TWO

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 2021

SATURDAY MORNING

Junior Games

It was important to give our junior members the opportunity to celebrate the weekend – after all this is where it all begins!

The junior section members played a number of games against various opposition to get the day underway.









GAME THREE

Premier Reserve v Linwood









JERSEY PRESENTATION

The Premier team wore a one-off Centenary jersey for the official Centenary match against Linwood. Ian Penrose (Patron), and Aussie Browne presented the jerseys to the players.

Ian and Aussie are believed to be the oldest living past Senior/Premier players with their playing careers dating back to the 1950s.

































GAME FOUR

Centenary Match

Premier v Linwood





























POST-GAME IN THE HUB

The Clubrooms were once again packed for a 2nd evening. The Centenary jerseys were auctioned off from the match earlier in the day and raised \$17,200!

A live band played on to late in the night to keep everyone entertained.









DAY THREE

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL 2021

Centenary Dinner

ADDINGTON RACEWAY SILKS LOUNGE

260 tickets were sold for this final event.

James Daniels did a great job as MC on the night, and we were fortunate to have

Double Olympic Rowing Gold Medallist Eric Murray as our Guest Speaker.

The week before our event, Eric had been jointly awarded as the NZ Sportsman of the Decade with his rowing partner Hamish Bond.











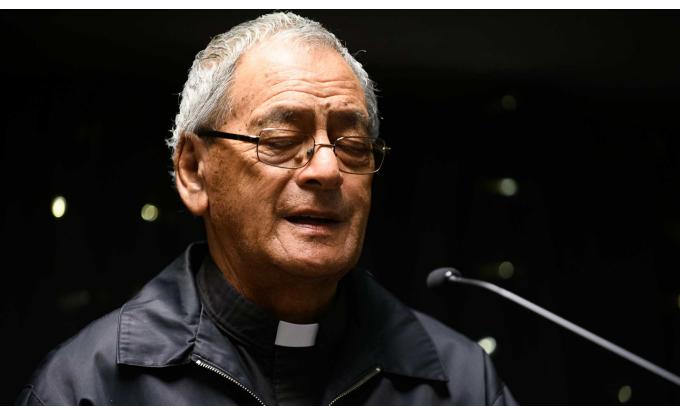














TEAM OF THE CENTURY NAMING

A team of 22 players, Head Coach and Assistant Coach from the first 100-years was named on the night.

Players were awarded a special embroidered cheese-cutter cap, and it was great to have a significant number of the players, or a family member present.

















