



# The Lupin Snooper

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New Brighton Rugby Football Club Inc

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## MERRY XMAS

The Management Committee wish all members and their families a safe and Merry Xmas.

We get to this time of the year and realise that the rugby is not far away once we get through Xmas!

### XMAS GIFT IDEAS

I have been in touch with L&A Apparel and they have confirmed that have good stock of our supporter gear and equipment which would potentially make great Xmas gifts.

Just go to our Website to place an on-line order

<https://newbrightonrugby.gearstore.co.nz/>

### NBRFC Gear Store





## 2020 COACHING APPOINTMENTS



**Premier Head Coach**  
Lewis Williams

**Notable Experience ...**

- Director of rugby/ Head coach Various Spanish Professional clubs 2005-2019
- Manawatu Rugby Development officer
- Manawatu Assistant Coach NPC 2004
- NZRU U17 Selector 2002-2005

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**Premier Assistant Coach**  
Set Piece/Forwards  
Brendon Snyman

"It's a massive honour to be part of New Brighton. I am delighted to be part of a team with such rich history, talented players and coaches. I want to thank everyone involved for allowing me to further my coaching career in unacademy Christchurch. It is without a doubt the highlight of my career. I am extremely excited to join the team."

**Notable Experience ...**

- (Player coach) - Moseley Rugby Club 2018/2019
- (Player) - London Welsh 2017/2018
- (Player coach) - Coventry and Saracens 2015/2016
- (Player) - French rugby clubs 2005-2015
- (Player) Blue Bulls 2003-2004
- (Student) Auckland Grammar

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**Premier Assistant Coach**  
Backs  
Ross Martin

"Delighted to be involved with New Brighton for another year. It's posing to be an exciting year with the caliber of players in the club and the support from the community."

**Notable Experience ...**

- Premier Assistant Coach New Brighton 2019
- Crusaders Academy First Fives Position Specific Coach 2019
- Queensland Reds Performance Analyst 2017-18
- Canada 7's Performance Analyst 2015
- Ireland 7's Performance Analyst 2014-15

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## Premier Reserve

Backs/ Attack Coach


**Xade Halbert - Pere**

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"I have enjoyed significant success in both Rugby League and Rugby Union over the last 10 years. More importantly I wish to bring that success to New Brighton RFC and our community."

**Notable Experience ...**

- Crusaders IHPU Coaches Course
- IRANZ Advanced Coaching Course
- Christa College Age Grades
- Sydenham Age Grades
- Riccarton Knights Premier Reserve
- Canterbury Rugby League U18



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## Premier Colts Coach

Backs/ Attack


**Tony Christie**

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I am excited about the opportunity to coach the Premier Colts team again next year. I am very passionate about the club and I believe the squad has the talent to win the competition in 2020! Bring it on!

**Notable Experience ...**

- Canterbury 7's Head Coach
- Canterbury Metro Under 18 Assistant Coach
- New Brighton Colts Premier Coach 2019



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## Premier Colts Coach

Forwards/ Defence

**Brett Williamson**

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"I'm really pleased to have been retained for a second season with this side. Working alongside Tony and supported by a core group of returning players, I hope we can welcome in some exciting new talents and build on the work of 2019."

**Notable Experience ...**

- New Brighton Colts Premier Coach 2019
- Canterbury/ West Coast U16 Development Head Coach
- Shirley Club Colts Head Coach
- SBHS 2nd XV



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## **Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Incorporated**

The rugby clubrooms have officially been handed over to Eastern Community Spots and Recreation to manage from 1 November 2019.

The building is now branded as the Eastern Hub.

Since the season, a good amount of work has been done on the building -

- (A) A new commercial kitchen has been installed in the ground floor
- (B) The new roof installation has been completed
- (C) Internal painting has been completed
- (D) Some of the new signage has been installed with the remainder to be installed once the external painting is finished

Other parts of the projects to come -

- (1) External painting is in progress
- (2) Two large 65" TV screens will be installed to display honours board and sponsors details
- (3) A new bar fit out will be completed in the New Year
- (4) Addition of a new fire alarm system to make the building compliant
- (5) Installation of an additional set of stairs on the northern side of the building to make the building compliant.
- (6) Refit of the downstairs lounge (subject to balance of funding being secured)

Over \$400,000 will have been spent on the building once all this work is completed.



## JERSEY SPONSORSHIP 2020

As you will have noticed, a good number of Clubs have taken the approach of finding individual jersey sponsors over the past few seasons.

This past season was the first time we had actively encouraged players from Premier, Premier Reserve and Premier Colts to find their own jersey sponsor.

### **CAN YOU HALP US BY FINDING A SPONSOR?**

Each jersey is being sold at a cost of **\$350 per jersey**. The \$350 raised will be split as follows -

- (a) \$180 - will be a contribution to a players 2020 subscription
- (b) \$100 - retained by the team to be used at their discretion, but most likely towards team kit and running costs
- (c) \$50 - will be retained to pay for a sponsor plaque that will be presented on Sponsors Evening
- (c) \$20 - a fundraising contribution to go to the Club to assist with running costs and improvements.

Sponsors will receive -

- (a) Exposure through sponsor names on the back of the jersey
- (b) Name will be displayed on the sponsors board in the Club
- (c) Invite to annual Sponsors evening
- (d) Communication via Lupin Snooper newsletters

Given these jerseys tend to be used by lower grade teams after this season, the sponsors are exposed to spectators beyond just one year.

If any member has a potential sponsor to offer please contact Wayne Turner ASAP.

Sponsors will be issued a GST invoice and payment won't be required until **February 2020**.

**We are also keen to attract sponsors who might be able to offer a higher level of funding and may be interested in having their logo's on full team sets of training tees or hoodies. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please contact Wayne Turner (021) 748-144.**

## **New Strength and Conditioning Coach**

**Strength and Conditioning Coach**

Mark Drury

"I am really excited by the opportunity to be involved with the New England Rugby Club for their 2020 season. Not only do they have a proud history with a progressive attitude but they are also my local rugby club. I am looking forward to working with the squad to continue to progress their physical capacity."

**Notable Experience ...**

- Crusaders Head of Physical Preparation
- Canterbury Mitre 10 Head of Physical Preparation
- Scotland Rugby Academy Head of Physical Preparation
- Scotland U20's Head SSG
- Edinburgh Pro 12 SSG
- Hawkes Bay NPC Head SSG

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## A fitting tribute!

A number of members were privileged to attend the unveiling of Connor Pokoati's headstone in the Memorial Cemetery in Ruru Road on Saturday.

Mana, Lynne and Tisean have made a magnificent tribute to their son. On the bottom left hand corner of the headstone is the NBRFC logo which underlines how important Connor saw the rugby club as a significant part of his life.

Rest-in-Peace PUKU

