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WELCOME TO SEASON 2019

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

On behalf of the New Brighton Rugby Football Club, I would like to welcome back to the 2019 season all supporters, Golden Oldies, Life Members, Junior players, parents and caregivers, senior players, volunteers and paid staff! Also, a heartfelt welcome to all of you that are new members of the Club.

For those of you that I am yet to meet, my name is Paulie. I have been a member of NBRFC for 5 years. I have come from a Rugby Union background and was for 12 years a paid Administrator for MLURFC. I moved on from there and took a break from Union and worked for 2 years for the Broncos franchise in Brisbane, I then took a position with Barcelona Football and stayed in Europe on and off for 10 years. On my return to Christchurch, I was approached by an ex MLU member and asked if I would help at NBRFC. I committed myself to 2 years and I am still here!!! You all know how it is and how in this game it will always be. I am not often seen in the Bar area of the Club as I operate the kitchen with several others on a Saturday. However, NBRFC, have some fine Committee members that are there to see to your enjoyment of the facility and to help you with advice and information as you may need and require.

As you are aware there will be some changes made to the club this season. ECSR and NBRFC will join to build a positive and creative entity, ably supported by Netball, Softball, Cricket, Athletics and a number of affiliates. Together we will create a Sport and Community Hub. Rugby has found over the last 10 years it has become increasingly more difficult to be able to provide equipment, staff and a building to support Rugby. The ECSR initiative has been supported and driven over the years by Wayne Turner and various club members over this time. This season will see the transition to ECSR and therefore a new beginning for Sports in the East and for us all here already in the Club rooms. This move will allow us to get back to being able to grow and develop rugby in our area, give opportunity for our players, pathways for Administrators and coaches alike. See more detail on page 10.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Andy Gibson to his first full season at NBRFC. Andy was employed last year to replace Roddy. Andy has a vision that embraces a transition into the modern game, which will see the growth and development of our players and coaches.

Also, over the next few months the club rooms will undergo repairs that will greatly enhance what we have. The roof will be repaired and, in some areas, replaced. The kitchen area will get a total refurbishment and a total internal/external repaint will be undertaken. For some it is exciting times, for others they have been left with very little doubt that there is a lot to do and we will be getting a move on over the next few weeks.

This week sees the start of the 2019 season our first fixture is an away game at Lincoln University. The boys will be returning to the club rooms and we hope that as many of you that can will attend this match and then return home for a drink and a bite to eat.

Finally, please make yourselves known to people in the club. If you have an interest in facets of the club and believe you have something to offer, step forward. We all learn, even those that have been at it for decades. Tama tu, tama ora, tama noho, tama mate kai. [He who stands to aid, lives; he who sits does so to perish]

Ka kite ano
Kia Kaha

Paulie (Chairperson)

2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Playing Members	Premier to Under 18	\$160
	Tertiary	\$110
Social	Non playing	\$25

- (a) All subs to be paid by 30 April 2019
- (b) Gear will not be issued before payment is received.
- (c) No pay – no play

We are happy to have payment made by direct credit if required (certain parameters will apply). The Club bank account number is

03-0814-0138009-00 (Please show your name as a reference)

Our Club Treasurer will be present on Saturday evenings to accept subscription and Go for Gold payments during April.

Any player who is not financial as at 30 April 2019 will not be permitted to play.

OPENING NIGHT SOCIAL EVENT

Let's get the season off to a great start!

We want to fill the Clubrooms and celebrate the opening day of the season this Saturday 6 April 2019.

Please invite your partner and friends along for a great night. It would be great to see the Clubrooms full to get the season off to a great start.

Finger food will be served around 7.15-7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will be issued again to members on receipt of payment of the annual subscription.

Members are asked to have these cards with them at all times as our Club Bar Licence only allows our staff to serve alcohol to paid financial members and they will ask you for this proof (particular new members).

A big thank you to Dean Cations from Mike Pero Real Estate for sponsoring our Clubcards.

See further details on Page 4

CAR PARKING

All members are reminded that the car parks closest to the Clubrooms are reserved for Committee members throughout the season (including on training nights).

These car parks together with the entrance and driveway into the Domain off Rawhiti Avenue, which is used by the Ambulance Service, are not to be used by members under any circumstances.

Unauthorised vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense.

2019 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Patron	Ian Penrose
President	Derek Davidson
Vice-Presidents	Jim Christie Brian Pawson
Chairperson	Paulie Jorda-Gonzalez
Club Captain	Denis Cations
Deputy Club Captain	Michael Woodrow
RDO	Andy Gibson
Treasurer	Wendy Harris
Secretary	Paulie Jorda-Gonzalez
Committee	Paul Holdem, Kevin London, Kevin Odgers, Scott Taylor, Wayne Turner
Junior Chairman	Doug & Cara Stewart
Trustees	Trevor White, Tony Hall and Bill Barry

2019 COACHES

The following coaches are confirmed for the 2019 season -

Premier	Head Coach—Scott Pawson Coaches — Marcel Cummings -Toone, Ross Martin
Premier Reserve	Connor Arnold/Kieran Le Beau (Forward coach TBC)
Colts Premier	Tony Christie, Brett Williamson & Shane McBeath
Colts Reserve	Josh Pitcher and Chris Boyce
Senior Division 3	Tess Ah Kuoi and Andrew Littlejohn
Under 18	Jared Hopkins and Gabriel Francesconi

Contact Numbers for these coaches are on the Club website.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPEECHES

This season the Management Committee will be aiming to start the Club Speeches at 6.15pm sharp every Saturday evening.

We believe all members/players have a responsibility to support the Club each Saturday at least for a short period including the time speeches are on. We are not asking players/members to stay for hours, but at least make an effort to be present by 6pm. We see this allocated speech time as an important opportunity to further communicate upcoming events to all members.

The speech segment will follow the following structure -

- Only one Player of the Day will speak
- Raffles and Go for Gold will be drawn before speeches with the results announced at 6.15pm

This season, we will also be expecting the courtesy of complete silence while these speeches are conducted. **Other Clubs can do it— so can we.** The bar will also close while speeches are on.

We would ask all patrons in the Club at the time to assist us in this process. We look forward to seeing a good representation of each team on Saturday evenings.

SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLE

Kevin Odgers will be overseeing the selling of raffles this season.

This season we will be selling \$2 meat tray raffles with 3 prizes each week

This season we are reverting to a roster for all teams to take a turn to sell the Club raffle. The initial roster will be -

6 April	Premier	27 April	Colts Premier
13 April	Premier Reserve	4 May	Colts Reserve
20 April	Seniors (Div 3)	11 May	Management Committee

We thank all teams in anticipation of their efforts to sell raffles when they are rostered.

Important

Club Bar Licence

The Club continues to welcome all friends, family and visitors to the Club throughout the season. There is nothing more pleasing than seeing the Clubrooms full each week, and at the end of the day the bar turnover supports the operation of the Club.

However all members need to be aware that the conditions of our Bar Licence requires that all non-financial members of the Club sign the Visitors Book at the bar.

Should we get an inspection throughout the season, and we are seen to be serving any person who is un-financial, or alternatively has not signed the Visitors Book, could lead to a fine and closure of the Bar for a period.

We therefore appeal to all members to –

- (a) Carry their Membership Card on them at all times (issued on payment of annual subscription)
- (b) When bringing visitors to the Club, please ensure they sign the Visitor's Book in the Foyer each time they come along. The alternative is to get them to sign up as a social member for a cost of \$25.

Please don't be offended if Bar Staff ask for your membership card during the season.

The Bar is licenced to 11pm each night, and later on Club event nights, so please don't be offended if Bar staff ask you to leave at our official closing time. It is important we stick to the requirements of our licence.



KITCHEN/BAR

The Management Committee is pleased to report our kitchen and bar will be run by Paulie Jorda-Gonzalez again this season.

You will continue to see a wider range of well priced beverages have been made available to members. We look forward to good support from members this season.

Paulie is going to trial some new menu options for April/May to see how they sell. These options are shown in red below.

Orders can be placed with bar staff each Saturday night and the proposed menu will be

Beef Burger & Chips	\$12	Chicken nuggets & Chips	\$8
Chicken Burger & Chips	\$12	Burger & 750ml Beer	\$18
Fisherman's Basket & Fries	\$10	Fish Burger & Chips	\$12
Toasties (various + chips)	\$7	Wedges & Sour Cream	\$10
Fries & Sauce	\$5	Fish Sammie and chips	\$7
Roast Pork & Gravy Roll	\$10	Roast Pork Sandwich/Salad	\$10
Bacon Buttie	\$5	* All served with chips	

We look forward to good support from members again this season.

Smoking Zone

We once again appeal to all smokers to refrain from smoking in and around the front and rear entrances to the Clubrooms.

The congregation of smokers at the entrances is not a good example for any visitors to the Club. This is all the more important as junior teams begin to frequent the Club over the coming weeks.

A designated smokers' area is located at the side of the Clubrooms and provides some shelter from the elements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11 May	Senior Club Day
25 May	Junior Club Day and Sponsors Day
15 June	Blazer Day

We have a couple of other events planned and the dates will be communicated as soon as they are confirmed.

SPONSORS FOR PREMIER TEAM 2019



David Browne Contracting Ltd are a heating and ventilating engineering contracting company in the South Island. They have completed a range of commercial HVAC and mechanical services projects in the South Island and pride themselves on taking on challenging projects. Work undertaken includes air conditioning, pool water services, piped services, heating and cooling services, medical gases, LPG, and general mechanical construction work.



INDIVIDUAL JERSEY SPONSORS

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JKS Shotokan Karate
Foley Plumbing
Budget Butynol
AB Equipment
Frame'N'Copy
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Printable Solutions 2018 Ltd
Tekapo Tussock Jumpers
Beehives Direct
Swift Panel Construction Ltd
N.E.D Collections
RPC Construction
North Wai Boardriders
Fujitsu Heat Pumps
Southern Lakes Scaffolds

PREMIER 2019

Here is your team

The 2019 Division One squad is a blend of youth and experience, and we are excited by the prospects for the squad this season.

Missing from last year's squad are Jenkin Alaifea (not playing), Luis Canti Argaya (Spain), Nikos Cummings-Toone (Retired), Brent Lamb (not playing), Aaron McCoy (Retired), Ben Nelson (not playing), Ryan Newman (Retired), Julian Quinter (not returning Argentina), Nathan Vella (Sunwolves), Scott Davidson (Hong Kong), Jack Gifford (not playing), Walter Huata (Sydenham) and John Vili (not playing).

The squad will be captained by Reuben Spicer, and Lou Harmon and Robbie Mulvena will be Vice-Captains.

Forwards

Skyler Adams
Nathan Ah Kee
Josh Archer
Kaveni Balenacagi (Colts)
Rory Crowhen
Thomas Edwards (Colts)
Keegan Fairless (CHCH)
Louis Fanene (Aus League)
Gabriel Francesconi (Colts)
Paul Garner
Billy Harmon (Crusaders)
Louis Harmon
Lucas Hill
Matt Jones (Burnside)
Oliver Jager (Crusaders)
Rawiri Karena
Attica Kenton-Dau (ex SBHS)
Troy Mangin
Keegan O'Donnell
RJ Saaga (Australia)
Tu'utu Simalie (Sumner)
Boris Van Bruchem
Tom Verdonk
Enzo Welch

MANAGERS

Wayne Turner
Ron Vette
Wade de Garnham

PHYSIO

Will Bowman

TRAINER

Logan Surridge

DOCTOR

Lee Brown

Backs

Scott Allin
Logan Bell (Lincoln University)
Matthew Burleigh
Francesco Casini (Italy)
Ryan Crotty (Crusaders)
Jordan French
Alex Frew
David Havilli (Crusaders)
Kaleb Hunt-Wheeler
Fai Lalamilo
Kieran Le Beau
Brett Mather
Patrick McCallum
Jesse Montagu (Temuka)
Robbie Mulvena (returning)
Stefan Moir
Reuben Spicer (returning)
Sid Williams

HEAD COACH

Scott Pawson

COACHES

Marcel Cummings-Toone
Ross Martin

FROM THE RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



Welcome back to another year of rugby at New Brighton!

We have had a very productive pre-season which started in October with a players and community info night. Logan our trainer has worked hard with the guys in the gym and along with Ross Martin our new Premier coach working with players individual skills on the grass. Around November we created our Academy and we have 15 young men selected across Premier and Premier Colts. These guys have been working with Logan and been getting extra support around nutrition and mental skills leading up to the season.

All of our new coaches and existing coaching groups have been working well together and have a plan in place for the club moving forward which is exciting. Player numbers are excellent and we will be having a very competitive team in every grade which is a testament to the coaches and the players for putting in a great pre-season.

Our pre-season game schedule has had some disruptions with Harbour unfortunately not being about to make the trip and then the cancelled CHCH game due to the tragic events in Christchurch on the 15th March. On the 8th March our Premier and Colts team toured to Dunedin and played a strong Otago University which was a great experience and both teams got a lot out of it. Colts went down while our Premiers won by a narrow margin. The teams all stayed at the Dunedin Holiday Parks Friday and Saturday night and enjoyed some team bonding and forging friendships and memories for a long time to come.

We have two weeks left in our pre-season window before we attack the competition. I know I speak for everyone when I say the season start date can't come soon enough. The excitement within the coaching and playing group is huge!

A huge thank you to all the coaches, managers and trainers for their efforts in getting our teams to the point we are at the moment. I am looking forward to working with them as we path our journey throughout the year.

JUNIOR SECTION UPDATE

Kia Ora

On behalf of the Junior Committee, players and supporters, welcome to the 2019 season. After much work and preparation behind the scenes, the junior season finally gets under way on Saturday 30th March with our annual pre-season fixtures against Parklands, before grading games for all our teams start on 6th April. It's an exciting time of year, as children move from their summer sports to winter sports in the space of a week (!) and we'd like to thank all of the coaches, managers and parents who have transported their children cross-codes and seasons as they have moved between practices for summer and winter sports.

The club again boasts over 220 players, across 17 teams, ranging across all the grades [U6 – U13] with particularly strong representation in numbers amongst the U6 and U7 ripper grades, and U11 open grade, which bodes well for the growth of the club in future seasons.

As with any junior club, and rugby club in general, we rely on volunteers to form our coaches and managers for the teams, and we want to thank those who have stepped in to a coaching/managing role for the time and effort they put into helping the children gain as much as they can from their rugby experience. It's the goal of the club to support these coaches and managers best we can so that the children can not only grow their skill levels and experience, but most importantly have fun in doing so. Half time oranges, plenty of mud, and full-time smiles are what make the experience so rewarding!

We'd like to give thanks to those companies that support our junior teams with clothing and apparel to keep them warm during practice and on Saturday mornings. There are simply too many to name as sponsors of individual sides but if you pop down on a Saturday morning and take note of the sponsors on the jerseys you'll understand the level of support that we're lucky to have for our junior club. On behalf of the junior club, our thanks go to Dean Cations – Mike Pero Real Estate and Urban Corner, The Bower for their sponsorship of hoodies for all the junior club, Westende Jewellers for the Player of the Day trophies and medals, and the Naked Baker for keeping us all well-caffeinated on a Saturday morning and their help with fundraising for the club through their famous pies.

Finally, we are always immensely fortunate with the support that our teams receive on the sideline and it is something our club prides itself on. As with our senior sides, it is passionate, but fair and we'd ask you all to continue to support our teams in this way over the coming season. Our game is played by and run by volunteers who partake in rugby for the love of the game. Please don't underestimate the positive impact your positive support has on the children as they play – it only helps enhance their rugby experience and they are, after all, our future!

KIA KAHA

DOUG & CARA STEWART

OBITUARY CEDDY SMITH

The Management Committee wish to record the passing Caddy Smith (Life Member) on Saturday 23 March 2019.

Caddy has been a massive figure in the Club over many decades as a player, coach, Management Committee member and Trustee.

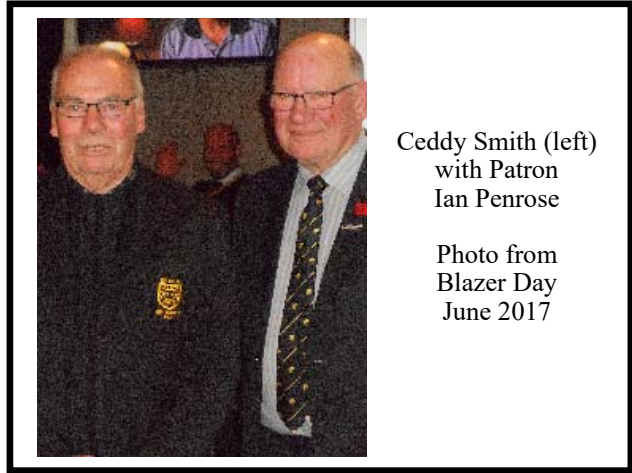
Caddy played 191 Division One games between 1961—75 playing at 1st five for the team.

In 1975 he started co-coaching the Division One team with Dick Hockley and then Ron Eastgate before taking over as sole coach between 1973-83. Over this period the Club had great success winning the CSB Cup in 1977 and 1980, CSB Trophy in 1978 and DCL shield in 1979. Caddy also had further stints coaching with John Te Amo in 1986, with Graham Stanley in 1989 and finally in 2000 with Ian Penrose.

Outside of his on field contributions, he was also a key contributor to various building projects/additions to the Clubrooms. He also had the vision to contribute as a Board Member on Eastern Community Sports and Recreation (ECSR) as he was aware the Club's best chance of securing its future was by consolidation with other Clubs.

Caddy is a huge loss to our Club but we are extremely grateful for all that he has done in the past to make us what we are today.

KIA KAHIA



Caddy Smith (left)
with Patron
Ian Penrose

Photo from
Blazer Day
June 2017

COMING SOON

A full range of Supporter gear will be available to purchase online

MAJOR CLUB RAFFLE

After the successful introduction last season, we will be running a Club raffle this year with the expectation that all Open Grade teams and social members will sell tickets.

Fundraising is a necessary element of making the Club sustainable, and it is only successful if we all participate.

Last season the raffle was very successful given all the prizes were donated. We are therefore seeking donated prize offers of goods or services for this season's raffle. Ideally any prizes should have a retail value of a minimum of \$500.

If any person has a prize to offer please contact Kevin Odgers -

kevinodgers@xtra.co.nz

(027) 2791204

OBITUARY CONNOR POKOATI

As many will know, the Premier team lost a key member of the squad when Connor Pokoati passed away on 26 December 2018 after a cancer battle first diagnosed in June 2018.

Aged only 26 years old, Connor had played 32 games for the Premier team since 2014. Connor was immensely strong and a very good scrummager, and always at the front of the group in fitness training plus one of the strongest in the gym.

In being the “ultimate team man” he was also the “ultimate club man”. First fifteen at SBHS, on to Captain the New Brighton colts side and then to Premier rugby, Connor was still more than happy to play Premier Reserve rugby when required and he did so without a hint of a complaint. This is testament to the man, what an absolute gem to have within a team sport environment!

Connor was a natural leader amongst his peers, he was often a conduit and a confidante to his coaches around what was happening with the younger guys on and off the field.

Away from rugby, Connor was very intelligent and had completed a Master of Arts in European Union Studies at Canterbury University and was planning to move to Singapore for an internship.

Connor is a great loss to the Premier team , and the squad intends to put on a great season for him and his family.



Connor's signature has been added to the Premier jerseys this season. His name is also on the back of the front row jerseys

ECSR UPDATE—CONVERSION OF NBRFC CLUBROOMS TO ECSR HUB

As per the update in the Lupin Snooper December 2019 edition, the Club membership has given authority for the Club to convert the Clubrooms into the ECSR Hub.

So far I have been successful in raising \$325,000 for this project, and therefore remain \$75,000 short of the total project cost. What you will see over the coming months is -

- An arborist will be trimming down the trees along the clubrooms southern boundary
- The roof on the Clubrooms will be replaced
- The kitchen downstairs will be completely re-fit to a commercial standard (originally it was planned to move the kitchen upstairs but it was cost prohibitive)
- The old downstairs lounge will be refit to be used as a recreational and meeting space
- Two new changing rooms will be added to the Clubrooms along the gravel walkway on the northern side of the building
- The building will be painted internally and externally
- The building will be rebranding as the ECSR Hub
- Honours boards will be replaced with LED screens to display honours board details and acknowledge sponsors

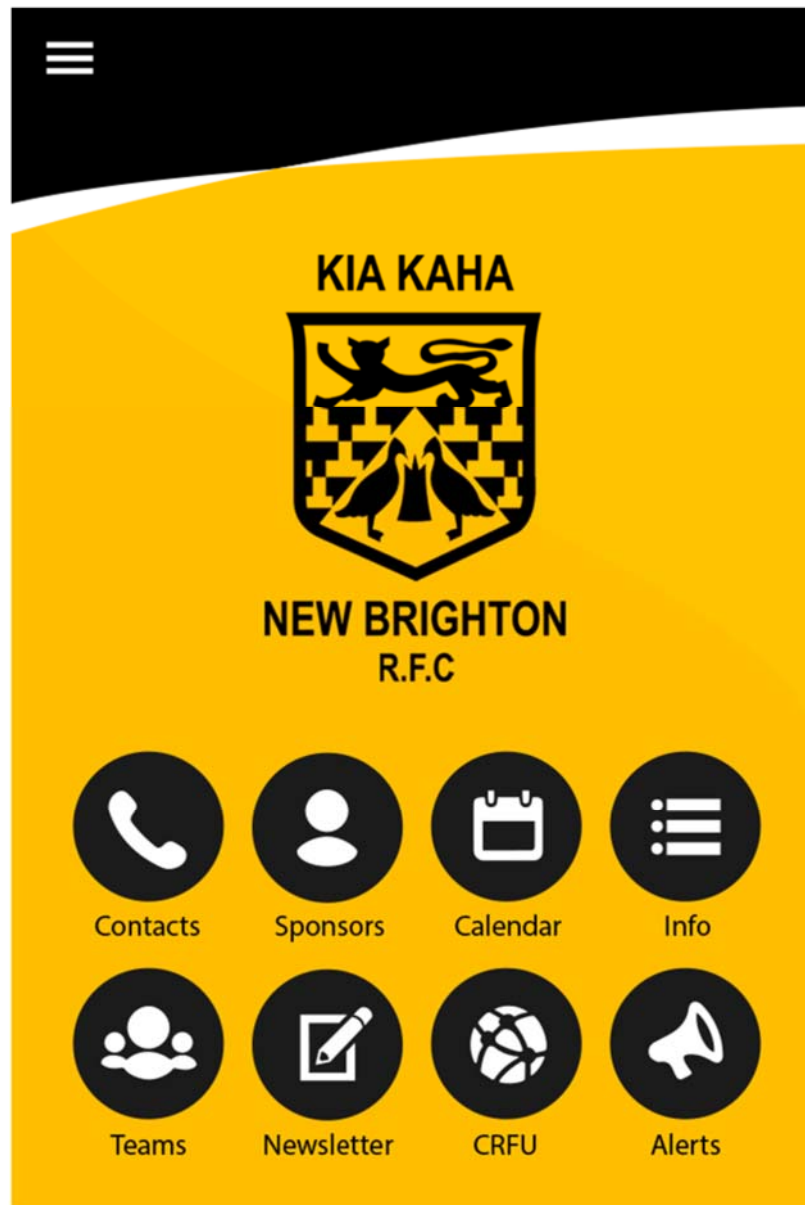
We are also working to have the netball club integrated into our Saturday evening speech programme.

More details will follow as soon as timeframes become clearer.

Wayne Turner

NEW BRIGHTON RUGBY CLUB APP!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device
Search “ClubAppsNZ” to download the app on your device
Then search “New Brighton Rugby Club” to find our app



This app now has a link to the CRFU Sporty link to keep track of draws, results and points tables throughout the season

New Brighton Golden Oldies 2019

We have another full season for our Golden Oldies rugby team (35 years and older)
First game 14th April followed by 1 game every 3-4 weeks, played on Sunday afternoons. We also have a ladies netball team that plays along with us.

New members welcome email: nbrfcgoldenoldies@gmail.com

Kia Kaha
Michael Woodrow

Match Schedule -

14 April v Springston (Away) - Ladies netball game (TBC)

26 May v Lyttelton (Home)

30 June v Woodend (Away) - Ladies netball game

21 July v Ashburton MSA Evergreens (Away)

11 Aug—Kaiapoi Tournament (3 short games—first game 1pm)

25 Aug v Burnside (Home)

September—end of season trip



KEY FUNDRAISER—GO FOR GOLD 2019

This has been a wonderful source of fundraising for our club, and we would like to thank everybody who has continued to support the Club in this way.

This year we have already sold 120 tickets which means there will be four prizes each week. If we could sell another 20+ tickets, we would be in a position to add in another prize draw each week.

To summarise the key elements of the fundraiser, which will apply this season –

- The total ticket price will be \$200.
- The Go for Gold Club will run over 20 weeks.
- Ticket holders will become *Affiliate* members of the Club.

While this is a relatively expensive ticket price, we welcome weekly \$10 payments to make it easier if required. The other option is to create a syndicate with other members/friends

If you don't already have a number and would like one, please contact Wayne Turner ASAP.

Email: wayne.turner1@xtra.co.nz

Application forms are also in the upstairs foyer in the Club, or can be downloaded from the club website -

<http://www.newbrightonrugby.co.nz/information/go-for-gold/>