



Issue 3

## NEWSLETTER

August 2013

### WE FAREWELL WINSTON HOOPER

New Zealand Harlequins mourn the passing of longtime member Winston Hooper.

Winston had an integral part as Secretary and Historian for many years in the running of the N Z Harlequins. His record keeping was in constant demand as an accurate source of information.

With his time reporting for the Waikato Times and being Historian for Waikato Rugby Union he produced several year booklets plus Jubilee books for both Harlequins and Waikato Union on rugby history.

Members who constantly asked for what happened "back in the day" the answer always was "ask Winston." Fortunately because of his record keeping the answer will now be "look up his archives" which we will store in our clubrooms.

Thanks Winston for your long contribution to New Zealand Harlequins.

**NZ Harlequin's Club**

### UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2013

**Super 15 final Chiefs v Brumbies**

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton, Saturday 3 August, 7:35pm

**2 Aug Annual NZ Harlequin breakfast**

**5 Sept Annual NZ Harlequin Test dinner**

**7 Sept All Blacks v Argentina**

**14 Sept Waikato v Auckland  
75th Jubilee Luncheon**



### NZ HARLEQUINS 75th JUBILEE LUNCHEON

Join the NZ Harlequins this year and celebrate this club's great history. This luncheon will be held on 14 September at Hamilton Old Boys Rugby Club, 11am. \$30 a ticket for a full buffet lunch. For all those interested please RSVP by 30 August to Lance Fletcher - Mob: 027 222 2185 Email: fletchl@xtra.co.nz or any other committee member.

### NZ HARLEQUINS ARGENTINIAN TEST DINNER 2013



NZ Harlequins Test Dinner 2013, will be held on Thursday 5th Sept, Sky city, 6pm for a 6.30 start. The speaker is the Argentinian Ambassador to NZ, Fernando Escalona. This event is now sold out.



## NZ HARLEQUINS UNDER17 2013

**NZ HARLEQUINS UNDER 17 TEAM 2013 IS ANNOUNCED.** The annual training camp and trials, were held at St Pauls in the holidays. The camp provided a great opportunity for young rugby players to learn from resource coaches and to test themselves against each other in trial games. This camp has once again provided the Waikato region with a great bunch of new rugby talent.

### 2013 NZ Harlequins under 17 team

Taylor Hayes	St Pauls Collegiate
Sanalio Taunata	St Johns
Shelby Loomans	Te Awamutu College
Hooker Bailey Oliédam	Te Awamutu College
Thomas Dickson	Hillcrest High
Jono Cook	Hillcrest High
Kuli Kaituu	Cambridge High
Patrick O'Sullivan	HOB U21's
Aaron Preest	Melville 1st XV (Hamilton Christian)
Trent Collingwood	St Pauls Collegiate
James Parton	HBHS 2nd XV
Travis Williamson	Melville High
Sam Bowley	St Pauls Collegiate
Kaiani Beattie	HBHS 2nd XV
Zach Cathcart	HBHS 2nd XV
Nicholas Mc Curran	HBHS 2nd XV
Kip Fawcett	St Pauls Collegiate
Shannan Tomuri	HBHS 2nd XV
Caleb Loomans	HBHS 2nd XV
Herewini Barlow	Melville (Raglan Area School)
Josh Young	St Johns
Jerome Nonoa	Melville (Ruakura W)
John Vanderwee	St Peters
Chey Riki Hamana	HBHS 2nd XV
Joe Touelle	St Johns
Logan Allen	Matamata College

### 2013 NZ Harlequins under 17 management

Coach	Eru Brodie
Coach	Dean Gage
Manager	Haydon Ross
Trainer	Byron Morgan
Physio	Shane Derry

## NZ HARLEQUINS UNDER 17 2013

12-14 July Training Camp & trials

**23 Aug Harlequins v NZ Area Schools**  
Waikato Stadium, Curtain Raiser

### CONFIRMED NORTHERN REGION U18 DRAW 2013

Date	Home Team	Away Team
<b>31-Aug</b>	North Harbour B Thames Valley <b>King Country</b>	Vikings Auckland Div <b>Harlequins</b>
<b>7-Sep</b>	North Harbour B Thames Valley <b>Auckland Div</b>	King Country Vikings <b>Harlequins</b>
<b>14-Sep</b>	<b>Harlequins</b> Vikings King Country	<b>North Harbour B</b> Auckland Div Thames Valley
<b>21-Sep</b>	North Harbour B <b>Vikings</b> King Country	Thames Valley <b>Harlequins</b> Auckland Div
<b>28-Sep</b>	Vikings Auckland Div <b>Harlequins</b>	King Country North Harbour B <b>Thames Valley</b>



## OHAUPO 125 YEARS FESTIVAL MATCH

Ohaupo Rugby club celebrated their 125 year jubilee with a festival match on Queens birthday weekend, NZ harlequins Classics v Waikato Classics. It was an entertaining match, there were big hits, great skills and all players enjoyed themselves. Grant Cotterall was the referee.



*NZ Harlequins Classics. Back Row: Peter Bloodworth, Hutana Coffin, Ray Stowe, Glenn Marsh, Rodney Fisher, Tanirau Manawaiti, Lee Lidgard, Wayne Ormand, Arran Penne, Josh Sole, Tony Barchard, Phil Coffin, Chris Leofoa, Matt Phillips, Sam Hall, Lance Fletcher, Stu Giles. Front Row: Conner Fullerton, Josh Thomas, Matua Parkinson, Michael Scott, Glen Osborne, Gus Ieger, Kevin Nepia, Kramer Ronaki, David Fox, Murray Driver.*



*Waikato Classics. Back row: Dean Anglesy, Paul Martin, Paul Sturgeon, Guy Coleman, Rhys Duggan, Bill Bartie, Dave Collins, David Briggs, Warren Hodges, Marty Holah, Rex Robinson, Scott Coach, Sean Honeck, Selwyn Hohepa, Scott Miller, Wayne Warlow, Royce Willis, Keith Lowen, Steve Gordon. Front row: Damien Karuna, Michael Collins, David Dillion, Deon Muir, Aaron Paterson, Andre Ellison, Jamie Muir, Kevin Putt, Andy Baker.*





## NZ HARLEQUINS HISTORY

**The Harlequin Rugby Football Club (Inc.) Hamilton, New Zealand, was formed in the State Fire Office, Hamilton, Waikato, on June 15, 1938.**

The Harlequins first team played in Tauranga in 1939. After the war In 1946, there was a meeting of the club and the club stated it's aims and objects as:

- To renew and maintain old friendships of playing days.
- To engage in football free from competition, for the joy of it.
- To invite promising juniors to play for the club and teach such youngsters the spirit of the game.
- To play friendly games with similar clubs when such can be conveniently arranged.

Many All Blacks have played in the New Zealand Harlequin's jersey over the years and since the inclusion of the under 17 development programme in 1992, has given a clear development pathway for young up and coming Waikato rugby players.

The annual NZ Harlequins' under 17 programme has been hailed as an outstanding success since its inception in the early 1990s. Nominations for our trials, up to 160 in some early seasons, exceeded all our expectations.

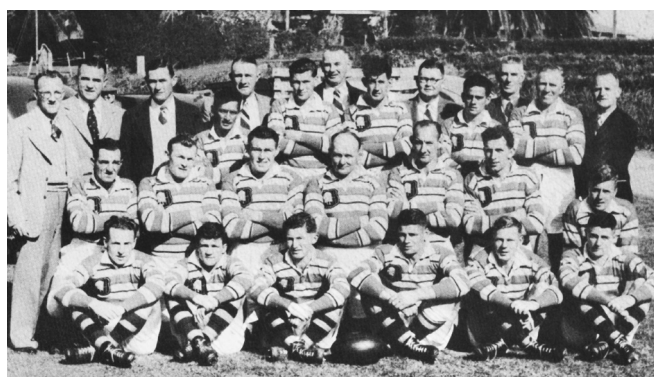
In the earlier days the special squad trainings got the youngsters excited and the battle for places in the playing side was intense. "Every team featured players from smaller country schools and they grabbed their opportunities with relish. It's the same today."

The progress of youngsters such as Bruce Reihana, who made the first under 17 team, then Mark van Gisbergen, Isaac Boss and Regan King proved the value of giving these players the opportunity to shine.

Annual matches with NZ Area Schools and the NZ Vikings Club from Northland have become regular features. A NZ Harlequin camp, backed by the NZ Rugby Foundation and supported by the Waikato Rugby Union for approx 40-45 players, is staged at St Paul's Collegiate annually.



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1939



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1951



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1983



NZ Harlequins Rugby U17 Team versus NZ Area schools 2010

### The NZ Harlequins Current Committee

**President:** Graham Jefferis, **Vice President:** Tony Tissingh **Club Captain:** Lance Fletcher, **Secretary:** Paul Street, **Treasurer:** Murray Pratt, **Committee:** Peter Gilbert, Martyn Steffert, Brian Clarke, Paul Martin, Reiner Van Der Nest, Kevin Hart, Dave Hall, Bernard Murphy.

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