



MARIST ST PATS RFC
1971-2011

***Jubilee
Weekend***

13-15 May 2011

***Celebrating
40 Years***

JUBILEE WEEKEND PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 13 MAY

Mickey Do Dinner

MSP clubrooms, Hataitai Park

6pm: Clubrooms open

7pm: Welcome from MSP President Mick Robbers. Guest speakers

Buffet meal \$25

SATURDAY 14 MAY

Left Footers' Luncheon

Green Room, MSP gym, Evans Bay

12pm: Complimentary lunch and cash bar

12pm: Special General Meeting re artificial surface at St Pat's College

1.15pm: Senior 1s v Hutt Old Boys Marist

3pm: Premiers v Hutt Old Boys Marist

Dooley Hooley

4.30pm: Post-match at the clubrooms, Hataitai

SUNDAY 15 MAY

Club Mass

11am: MSP clubrooms

Morning tea to follow

WELCOME TO MSP'S 40TH JUBILEE

Mick Robbers, MSP's first senior captain in 1971-72, and President from 2009-2011, looks back on 40 years with the club.

It was certainly exciting in 1971 to be a player in Wellington's new rugby club, Marist St Pats. Our first season, a senior team brimming with potential, one of the union's largest playing rosters, and a club full of hope and anticipation for the future. It was just fantastic to be there!

Club business was confidently and shrewdly conducted by a dedicated executive, led by the inimitable Ron Evans as chairman and the master diplomat Kevin McColl as club captain. Clubrooms were already on the drawing board and the Wellington Catholic community including the colleges and primary schools were proudly behind us.



Amalgamating the players was generally painless. We were rugby players who wanted to make our club proud. We had played with and against each other at primary school, college, the previous clubs and representative sides. Marist and other players from outside Wellington also wanted to be part of something special. Rugby and our Marist traditions meant the club's catchment was limitless. Add in the enormous coaching talent pool which included Brian Coulter, Mick Horan, Frank Ryan, Terry Robinson and Ivan Vodanovich, to name but some, and it was game on!

Supporter, member and community expectations were justifiably set at nothing less than a Jubilee Cup. That was a huge ask, but we did have two senior sides to choose from, two All Blacks in waiting, a Junior All Black, and numerous representative players. However our old foe Petone also had a formidable team, plus the determination to beat us into second place in both 1971 and '72 by two or three points.

Second place was not good enough, of course, but MSP certainly became the club to beat in Wellington. Thirteen Jubilee Cups and numerous WRFU championships, many more All Blacks, NZ Maori, NZ age grades, Samoan, Super rugby, Wellington and other provincial honours speak volumes of the indomitable spirit and skill of our players and coaches.

It has been achieved only through the tireless and unselfish work of executive and junior committees, coaches, players, members and supporters who made up the MSP communities over the last 40 years. Some have never 'retired'. Everyone contributes - that is what makes our club successful. The unselfish giving of time, energy, ideas and resources is the MSP tradition, its legacy and its future. In that regard, nothing has changed over 40 years. I know the next 40 will be tackled with the same enthusiasm, optimism ►

► and excitement because the MSP tradition is vibrantly alive and burning with passion just as it was in 1971. I was proud to a part of it all then, proud to watch from afar over the years as a member, and proud to be actively involved again over the last few years. Some faces and names have changed, but the same legacy lives on in Marist St Pats.

To all those joining with the club to mark this Ruby Jubilee, particularly those who have travelled a long distance, your attendance ensures the success of the weekend. A very warm welcome to you all.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS 1996 - 2011

MSP players who have won international honours in the years 1996-2011 include

New Zealand All Blacks

Victor Vito 2010

Junior All Blacks

Victor Vito 2009 Ged Robinson 2009

New Zealand under-21 Colts

Andrew Gallagher 1996 Kas Lealamanua 1997 Arden David 2006

New Zealand under-20

Jeff Allen 2010 Solomona Sakalia 2011

New Zealand under-19

Dan Scanlon 1996 Dominic Fa'anoi-Feaunati 1997
Reece Poutawera 1997 Victor Vito (c) 2006

New Zealand Maori

Kristian Ormsby 2003

New Zealand Sevens

Victor Vito 2007,08,09

Manu Samoa

Brendan Reidy	1996,97,98,99	Issac Feaunati	1996,97,98,2000
Pailate Fili	1997	Lome Fa'atau	2000,01,02,03,04,07
Kas Lealamanua	2000,01,02,03,04	Semo Sititi (c)	2001
Fa'atonu Fili	2002,03,04,09	Ene Fa'atau	2002
Dominic Fa'anoi-Feaunati	2003,04	Jamie Parkinson	2005
Apoua Stewart	2005		

Manu Samoa under-20s

Paul Tuia 2011

MSP OFFICE HOLDERS 1996 - 2011

The following administrators have upheld the club's high standards over the past 15 years through many hours of voluntary work. The lists build on the appendices to Tim Donoghue's outstanding 25th jubilee book, Battling On.

Presidents

P J Hansen	1996	P J Gill	1997, 1998
K M Allan	1999, 2000	J W Knox	2001, 2002
R J Safey	2003	P J Dunn	2004, 2005
B J McGuinness	2006	B J Milne	2007
P B Quinn	2008	M P Robbers	2009, 2010, 2011

Chairmen

T E Christie	1996, 1997, 1998
B J McGuinness	1999, 2000, 2001
A J Woods	2002, 2003, 2004
J C Spillane	2005, 2006, 2007
J J Holden	2008, 2009, 2010
R J Mollo	2011

Club captains

J L Gordon	1996	P J Dunn	1997
R B Evans	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002		
M J Sood	2003	T Spillane	2004
B Tietjens	2005, 2008, 2009		
P A Martin	2006, 2007	N F Murphy	2010, 2011

Secretaries

K M Allan	1996	R B Evans	1997
G M Woods (Manu'a)	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001		
D J Renouf	2002, 2003	C M Upton	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
K A Ah Kuoi	2008, 2009	G M Woods (Manu'a)	2010, 2011

Treasurers

M A Spillane	1996, 1997, 1998
S McCabe	1999
M A Spillane	2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING TEAMS 1996-2011

The following MSP teams in the years 1996-2011 have won their grades:

1996	Premier Senior 4 Colts Under-19	Swindale Shield Thompson Memorial Trophy Paris Memorial Trophy, John E. Kelly Memorial Cup Premier 4
1997	Premier Senior 3 Senior 4	Jubilee Cup JDR Cup Thompson Memorial Trophy
1998	Senior 3 Colts 80/80 Red 80/80 White	JDR Cup Paris Memorial Trophy, John E. Kelly Memorial Cup Division 2 Division 3
1999	Premier Senior 1 Colts 80/80 White	Swindale Shield, Jubilee Cup Harper Lock Shield Division 2 Division 3
2000	Premier Colts	Swindale Shield Paris Memorial Trophy, John E. Kelly Memorial Cup
2001	Senior 2 Colts 80/80 Blue 80/80 Black	HD Morgan Memorial Trophy Paris Memorial Trophy Division 2 Division 3
2002	Premier Senior 1 Senior 2 Senior 4 White Colts 80/80 Red	Jubilee Cup Harper Lock Shield National Mutual Cup Paul Donoghue Memorial Trophy Paris Memorial Trophy Division 3
2003	Senior 1 80/80 Blues	Harper Lock Shield Division 3



2004	80/80 Blues	Division 3
2005	Senior 1	Harper Lock Shield
2006	Senior 3 Red 80/80 Blues	Paul Donoghue Memorial Trophy Division 2
2007	Colts Under-85 Red	Division 2 Division 2
2008	Premier Senior 2 Womens	Swindale Shield, Jubilee Cup National Mutual Cup Division 2

2009	Premier Senior 1 Under-85 Blues Reserves	Jubilee Cup Harper Lock Shield JC Bowl Division 1
2010	Senior 2 Under-85 Blues	HD Morgan Memorial Trophy JC Bowl, Paul Potiki Shield

JUBILEE CUP WINNERS 1996 - 2011

Jubilee Cup winning coaches and captains in the years 1996-2011 have been:

	Coach	Captain
1997	Iain Potter	Matt Calvert
1999	Peter Russell	Kas Lealamanua
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2002	Peter Russell	Trent Eagle
2008	Murray Tocker, Kevin Horan	Ged Robinson, Dan Scanlon
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A LEAP OF FAITH

Ron Evans, Marist St Pat's first chairman, reflects on the club's origins and first 40 years.

The Marist presence in Wellington extends back to 1860 and the arrival of Bishop Viard SM. Marist Brothers began teaching at primary level in 1876 and Marist Fathers at secondary in 1885.

Old boys of these schools subsequently formed rugby clubs. Marist inaugurated with the WRFU in 1921 and St Pat's Old Boys in 1926. The common denominator from hereon was Marists, as the international families of Marists were known. And so commenced their magnificent contribution to our national game, rugby. Marists always recognised the intrinsic value of rugby in the development of youth. They held the view that, 'Rugby does not build character – it reveals it'.

Throughout nearly 50 years of rivalry, and by nature of their avowed Catholic traditions and perceived Irish heredity, both clubs were referred to as 'Micky Doolans'. 'Old Boys' was indeed a meaningful term for this era, but Old Boys clubs per se have proved to be an enigma. No fewer than eight such clubs affiliated to WRFU have folded over these past 40 years.

That's been a continuing story. Over 25 clubs have folded since 1950. When both Marist and St Pats Old Boys were in their prime there were 12 clubs in the Jubilee Cup. Only four remain.

Why did we amalgamate? The emphatic answer is because we foresaw the value of a merger, not because we needed to. Essentially, the time was right. Negotiations progressed with dignity and mutual respect at all times. Both clubs were blessed with astute, committed administrators, all dedicated to pursuing the culture and charisma we shared.

Instilled in us all was a common seed that had been nurtured for nearly 50 years by the devoted, resolute men whose idealism was imbued by their faith. It soon became apparent that our traditional Catholic mandate required a more pragmatic approach i.e. 'Catholic' in its wider context of embracing ecumenical, unbigoted and universal values.

Regrettably, there were casualties. A number from both clubs were unhappy or disenchanted with a merger. Loyal, decent and righteous to a fault, often ungraciously cited as bigots, they only ever wanted the status quo. It was not to be, but the door of reconciliation remained open.

Tim Donoghue wrote *Battling On* in 1996 to commemorate MSP's then 25-year journey. And a splendid book it is. It relates far more than I could the club's outstanding successes and its contribution to Wellington rugby over two-and-a-half decades. Suffice to acknowledge then this past 15 years which has seen the lustre of professionalism, greater women's involvement, and continuing superb achievements on and off the field.

I simply marvel at the untold hours of voluntary service, the tireless dedication to school teams, the strategy, organisation, coaching and administration, not to mention the superb social calendar. Yes, MSP is the foremost rugby club in New Zealand. Truly a credit to each and every one of you. For an old timer, it's simply awesome.