

WESTERN RFC SUBURBS

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Introduction

The opening of the new gymnasium complex at Western Park marks an important milestone in the progress of the Western Suburbs Rugby Football Club.

I hope that this booklet firstly serves to remind club members of the origins of their club and secondly to record the progress of the newly formed Wests club which is after all, still in its infancy.

With a background as rich in history and achievement as Wests has inherited from its three constituent clubs, we all hope that the new clubrooms will be the base from which Western Suburbs will grow in stature in the years ahead.

BRUCE HEATHER

Message from the President . . .

On behalf of the Management Committee of the Western Suburbs Rugby Football Club I would like to welcome you to the new complex on this weekend.

It is a particularly important occasion for the Club as it is the final step in an amalgamation that took place some few years ago. We are now the proud owners of a new facility which is not the old clubrooms of one of the clubs, (except for three quarters of the indoor training centre!) and it is now located in the centre of our catchment area. We all look forward to seeing those in the Clubrooms who found it too difficult to travel to Nairnville.

I am sure you will agree that we now have a most impressive Clubrooms which will not only be a real asset in the social sense but we now have a very much improved training facility. There are plans to develop the complex and to have it operating on a full time basis with paid management. All allowances have been made for further expansion should the club have the necessary finance in the future.

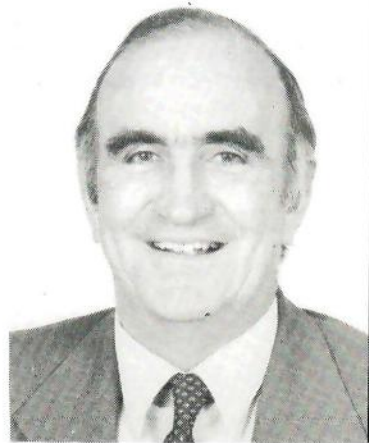
I would like to acknowledge the work put in by the Committee in seeing this project through, it has taken a real effort by those involved. Also there are those outside the Committee structure who have made major contributions who deserve our thanks.

It is also appropriate to thank the Contractor Les Hall, the Architect Dick Te One and the Engineer Dr Park for their additional assistance beyond that usually provided in a normal building contract. Further, I would also like to acknowledge the help of the Director of Parks and Reserves for the WCC, Mr Richard Nanson and his staff, without their excellent co-operation we would not be in this position today.

Finally, I hope that the WSRFC new bricks and mortar will be a very sound foundation for the development of Wellington's finest Rugby Club.

Please have a most enjoyable weekend and bring in lots of your friends to take advantage of these excellent premises as new members.

DAVID MOLONEY
President



... and a message from the Chairman

A very warm welcome to players and supporters, both past and present. This weekend celebrates the achievement of a goal which Club members have desired and Committees have strived hard for over the past six years. The completion of our new Clubrooms is the most important and significant achievement of our Club's short history.

We now have new premises, of which all members can be proud, but this achievement has not been easy. The planning, the negotiating, the hard work, the disappointments, the frustrations and the numerous long debates have been a tremendous burden to this and to previous Committees. We cannot let this occasion pass without acknowledging the time and effort devoted to this task by previous Committees and, in particular, their Chairmen, Joe Cooney and Quentin Hay. All of our current Committee members have been enthusiastic in their support of the project and in particular David Moloney, Bruce Scott, Les Hall and Denis Walker have devoted long hours to the construction and furnishing detail. Many of our other members have willingly given their time and assistance at various stages of this project and we sincerely thank them for their contributions.

I must also acknowledge the support and assistance we have received from the Parks and Reserves Division of the City Council. Without their assistance over the past two years we would not have been able to achieve these new premises.

This will be a weekend of celebration, reminiscence, fellowship and above all it will be a catalyst for a spontaneous act of unification. Our thanks go to Les Hall and his sub-committee for the work they have done preparing for these celebrations.

The Club now has a home and an important milestone passes, however, this is only the beginning. There are still the tasks of improving our spirit, our playing and coaching standards and our playing facilities. I would ask you all to support your Club in its efforts to achieve these most important goals.

Finally, have a great weekend, a safe journey home and please let us have your future support.

GEOFF PIKE
Chairman



1. The Origins of Wests

The June celebrations have provided a convenient point to stop for a minute and look back at the origins of our Club.

Many new members will not be aware of the history of their club or perhaps, even the names of the clubs that merged to create Western Suburbs approximately six years ago.

The following pages record very briefly some of the achievements of the three old clubs that performed with distinction in Wellington rugby for more than a century.



Brian Steele

Onslow's only All Black, toured Australia in 1951 playing in both tests at halfback. He later played several seasons for Athletic.

Athletic Rugby Football Club

As with Onslow, the Athletic Club was founded by a military man in Colonel George Campbell.

Colonel Campbell was the first secretary and he later served in numerous capacities including a remarkable 35 years as President.

1877 is the official year of inception and it is fitting that such a remarkable club as Athletic should complete its 100 years before the Wests amalgamation of 1982 came about.

The list of achievements by Athletic players seems endless – 19 All Blacks, 250 Provincial Representatives, 17 Senior Club Championships etc. etc. There have been many great players including Roberts, Porter, Svenson, Tindill, Bevan, MacEwan; Watt and Heaps.

All these players were All Blacks but there were others such as Dave Harker. Sadly he did not play for New Zealand but there have been many lesser players that have!

Others such as Brian Cederwall made an immense contribution at club level without ever reaching the heights of All Black level.

In the very early years, i.e. the latter years of the 19th century, matches were not as frequent as they are today and it was not until about 1906 that we saw a season of matches that resembles a modern season as we know it today.

Just prior to the First World War Athletic won the Senior Championship three years in a row.

Cliff Porter was Captain of Athletic in the 1920's and of course he achieved memorability as captain of the famous 1924 All Blacks. Porter continued in the 1930's captaining the All Blacks against the 1930 British Lions.

Another remarkable Athletic player was emerging. Eric Tindill one of the very elite group of "Double All Blacks" was now playing for Athletic and Wellington.

In the years leading up to the Second World War there were many fine teams to come out of the Athletic Club. By 1940 however nearly 100 members had answered the call of service to the Armed Forces. In spite of this three Senior Championships were won in the war years.

Athletic stalwarts and supporters will no doubt look back on the 1950's and early 1960's as a period when the Senior team promised more than they delivered. Invariably Athletic was studded with All Blacks and Wellington Representatives and on their day could crush any side in Wellington. But how often they failed to realise their great ability. It was 1965 that the team achieved consistency and a Jubilee Cup win.

There was a period of 10 years which followed that saw Athletic performing at a much more consistent level.

In 1966 a quite remarkable world tour was undertaken a forerunner of many overseas trips by New Zealand teams in the future.

Although Athletic continued to field consistently good sides at a senior level they battled to successfully recruit and retain players in their lower grade sides.

This was probably the overriding factor that led Athletic to amalgamation with Karori and Onslow who both had a natural feeding ground of young players.

The achievements of Athletic over a period of more than 100 years will not be forgotten in Wellington rugby and indeed gives the Western Suburbs club a sense of pride in being part of this great tradition.

ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB ROLL OF HONOUR

19 ALL BLACKS
247 PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES
17 SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
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4 PRESIDENTS WELLINGTON R.F.U.
6 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS N.Z.R.F.U.
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A Proud Moment – 1965 Winners of Senior Championship

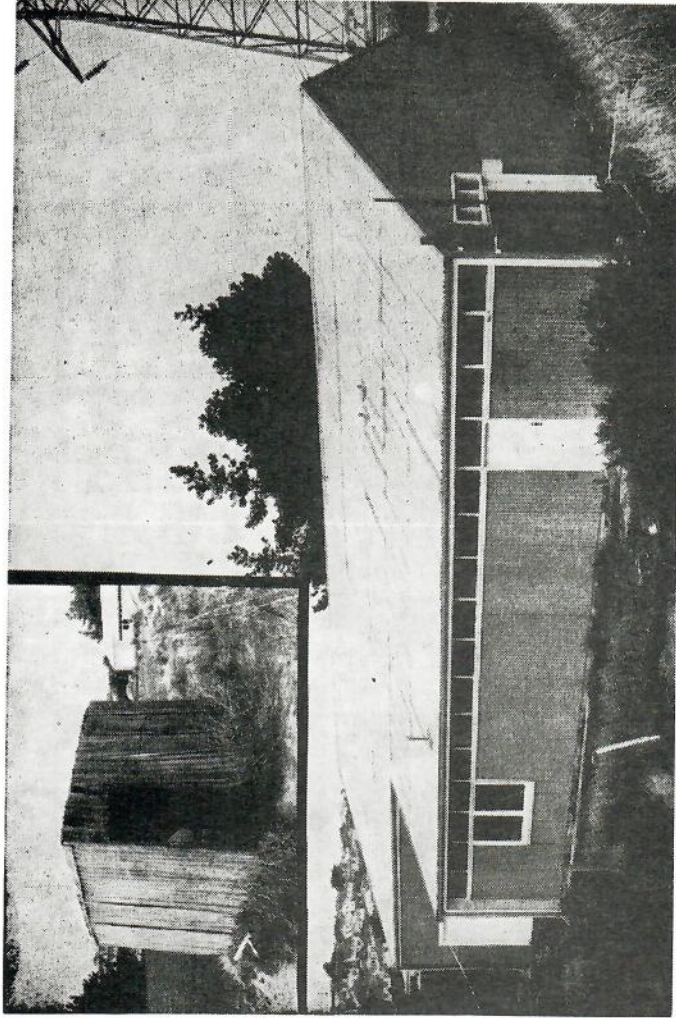


WELLINGTON RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES - Played for Athletic, 1965

I.N. MacEwan, T.N. Lister, J.R. Watt, J.D. MacGibbon, B.A. Cull
1954-65 1965 1958-64 1957-60 1959-64

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The "old" Karori gym at Western Park. The forerunner of today's venue on the same site.

Karori Rugby Football Club

History almost traces Karori's beginnings to 1876, when a Karori XV was entered in the Wellington Competition, with a full compliment of players. For their first fixture, the 'team' were drawn to meet a Wellington Club side. Fate played its hand however and when the game was cancelled perhaps the members became dispirited, the club apparently going into recess.

Interest in the code of Rugby Union took a turn for the better in 1884. Karori was one of several newly formed clubs to affiliate with the Wellington Rugby Football Union – others being Leopards, Diamonds and Thorndon Classical School. Regrettably, little is known of the Karori Club past that time, there being a gap of some 38 years before positive steps were taken to formally establish a rugby club.

On 30 March, 1922 a meeting was held in the Karori Gymnastic Club Room, at the rear of Mr F. Spiers shop on Main Road, Karori. The object was to form a rugby football club and a committee of five, comprising Messrs T. Cox, W.H. Nimmo Snr, W. Nimmo Jnr, L. Guthrie and D. Wildermoth was elected to seek out players and a training venue. The clubs first playing strip comprised a red and blue jersey, black shorts and black socks.

By 1924 there were sufficient playing members to field two teams, one in each of the 3rd and 5th Grades. Two years later a third (Intermediate Grade) team was formed, Karori West Schoolboy teams were taken on board and the playing jersey was changed to alternate 3.5 inch wide sky blue and royal blue hoops. At the same time, the use of Karori Park was obtained for training purposes. Lights were installed at this facility in 1930, the same year Karori first tasted success. Their Intermediate team, coached by Mr F. Malin, recorded the first Championship win for the club.

Key contributors to the administration of the Karori Club during its formative years included Messrs W.J. Crowther, H.C. Hildreth, L. Parsloe and the Nimmo family. With no 'headquarters', they conducted committee meetings with fellow club members in private homes, the Karori Council Chambers, Karori Bowling Club and the Gymnastic club rooms. They actively promoted dances and euchre evenings within the community and often donated profits thus earned by providing wages for the unemployed on special community work projects. During the late 1930's they unsuccessfully endeavoured to secure Wellington City Council approval to erect a gymnasium on Karori Park.

With the advent of World War II, Karori RFC went into voluntary recession. At a time when the gymnasium fund amounted to a handsome £181.4/.10d, their AGM of 18 March, 1940 unanimously voted in favour of lending the New Zealand Government, free of interest, for the duration of the present war, the sum of £100 from the gymnasium fund! This act in itself is typical of the friendly 'family' atmosphere that existed in this small but proud club.

Throughout their formative years the Karori Club had always drawn a substantial membership from its neighbouring farming community, Makara. Whilst Karori had struggled to field a team (after re-affiliation with the WRFU in 1944) Makara based members were not experiencing the same problems. In consequence, following a meeting in the home of Mr Frank Keegan, a Makara Rugby Football Club was

founded in February, 1946. They gained WRFU approval to adopt the ex-Army rugby colours of brown and white hooped jerseys, white shorts matched with brown and white hooped socks. Several ex-Karori members took an active role in the Makara Club.



One of Karori's most distinguished teams, the 1960 Junior 1st side that won promotion to Senior B in 1960.

At a meeting of the Makara RFC in October, 1948 the members voted in favour of reverting to the Karori RFC. With this change came a new group of administrators who were to see the club through the 1950's. People like Alf Nodwell, Ian Smith, Vernon Wiffin – to name but a few. Along with this change came a new training venue, on Education Board land, at Ritsons Paddock, Campbell Street. The adjacent RSA Hall was used regularly for meetings and functions although the Club remained anxious to have their own gymnasium. There was a developing need for suitable facilities both for training and associated activities.

Negotiations were entered into and with considerable Council co-operation it was eventually decided to relocate the Club at Western Park. Members embarked upon a fund raising programme, which culminated in a gymnasium and Club rooms being erected on Western Park, in 1957. This is the sawdust gym, which now forms part of Western Suburbs new complex. An interesting comparison between 1957 costs and our \$1,000,000 plus investment of today. The cost of erection at its former Seaforth Terrace location was £5,445, of which the WCC made a £2,500 grant. The WRFU loaned £1,500 (repayable at the rate of £100 p.a., with interest at 5%).

In the history of the Karori Club, they only ever enjoyed Senior status on two separate occasions. The Keith Bentley coached Junior 1st team of 1951 beat St Pats Old Boys in promotion-relegation for Senior B. Key players in this era included backs George Tullock, Gibb Luxton and Tony Lewis, utility forward Max Parsloe and two locks of note in Ray Larsen and Bill Tarpley. Regrettably, in 1954, the club voluntarily relinquished its Senior status as a result of a heavy outflow of players called up for Compulsory Military Training. The result was that the club regrouped to bring younger players through the grades.

This decision worked to good effect. In 1960, with Bill Tarpley fulfilling the role as player/coach, a youthful Junior 1st side toppled the now defunct Eastern Suburbs RFC to again reach Senior B status. Two outstanding players at that time were John Hammel (five-eight) and Ian MacLean (lock). There were two survivors of the '51 team whose play was of valuable assistance to this otherwise very young side . . . namely Tony Lewis and Jack Morgan.

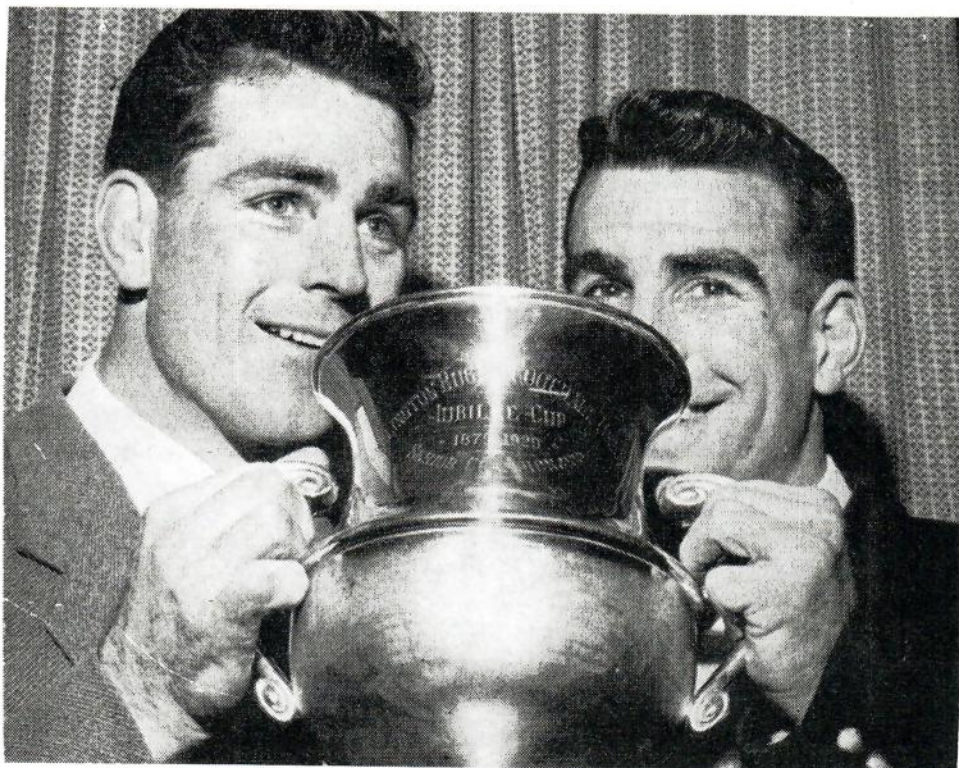
As a club, Karori always struggled to attract top line players who lived within the suburb. They do not therefore match the proud record of Athletic and Onslow at Wellington Representative and All Black levels. They do lay claim to introducing Wests only All Black to Wellington Rugby however, Scott Crichton was a member of their Junior 5th side in 1976, the same year he gained Wellington Maori Colt and full Wellington Maori selection. Keeping within 'the Wests family', Scott was a full international playing out of Athletic Club at the time of amalgamation. Another player who left the Club to further his career was Bill Tarpley. Bill transferred to the Marist Club in 1952 and later gained selection for the Wellington A team, playing against the 1956 touring Springboks.

Whilst ultimate success on the playing field always eluded them, players remained loyal to Karori. There existed a good spirit and fellowship, a factor which visiting teams never failed to pick up on.

Karori's colours at the time of amalgamation were black jerseys, white shorts and black socks (white top). Their mood almost matched their colours when the vote to merge with Athletic was defeated in 1976. That was an opportunity to allow Karori players to develop their game to maximum potential. Fortunately, a bigger amalgamation was 'around the corner' and rugby is the winner.

Onslow Rugby Football Club

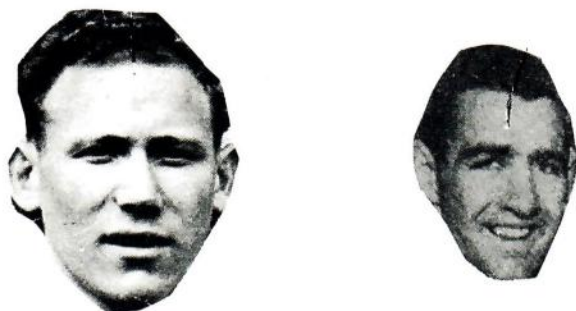
In 1922 a rugby team was entered in the sixth grade championship in the name of the Onslow Rugby Club. However the team was under the auspices of the Khandallah Boys' Club, the forerunner to the Onslow Rugby Club which was founded in 1926. Major F.C. Gentry is regarded as the father of the club and alongside his rugby-playing sons was very active in its early years. Other prominent names were A.B. Gibbons and A.J. Griffiths, while the local headmasters of Ngaio and Khandallah schools, the Bringans brothers, encouraged the establishment of a local club. Jack Griffiths, one of the first junior players, was to become the district's first All Black. By 1936 this flourishing club had six teams, 40 vice-presidents, 78 financial members and 32 honorary members. In 1937 Onslow won the Senior B Grade and the following season Lin Thomas represented Wellington A, a rather unusual achievement for a Second Division club player. The outbreak of war in 1939 prevented Onslow from entering senior ranks. Fifty-four club members served in the war, nine being killed in action. The Onslow colours of red and green were used with honour overseas as the club presented a set of jerseys to the 22nd Infantry Battalion whose commander was Brigadier L.W. Andrew, a keen member of the ORFC.



All Black Dave Gillespie, Captain of Onslow in 1962 claims his share of the Jubilee Cup from Marist skipper Mick Horan



How the late Neville Lodge depicted Onslow RFC at the time of their 50th Jubilee.



Onslow Greats

Jackie Dougan (1950's) and Paul Delaney (1960's).

The immediate post war years were quite remarkable in the Onslow Club.

The 1946 annual meeting attracted an attendance of 150 people and the season that followed was quite outstanding in Onslow's history. With a liberal sprinkling of representative players the Senior 2nd team completed an unbeaten season by defeating Eastbourne 30-9 to win senior status.

The next 10-15 years were the years that established Onslow as a major force in Wellington rugby.

1955 will always be remembered by Onslow supporters as the greatest year in Onslow's history.

Equipped with a massive forward pack and an efficient backline the Senior A team took the Jubilee Cup in front of club crowds that are rarely seen today.

The brilliant, Jackie Dougan who transferred from Petone to Onslow in 1955 transformed a good side into a great one. Rarely in Wellington Club rugby has one individual had such a tremendous impact on a team. He undoubtedly should have won an All Black jersey in the period that he played for Onslow but New Zealand was in the midst of a period of rather negative back play at this time.

In 1962 Dave Gillespie captained Onslow to another Jubilee Cup victory and there were two or three other years that saw Onslow as runners-up in the championship.

Overall however there was inconsistency in the Onslow team and although exciting to follow they caused their supporters enormous frustration.

An exciting and convincing win over Petone or University would be followed a week later by a defeat by one of the bottom sides.

In 1969 the Onslow Gymnasium complex was completed but throughout the 1970's Onslow was never again the force in Wellington rugby that they had been in the 50's and 60's.

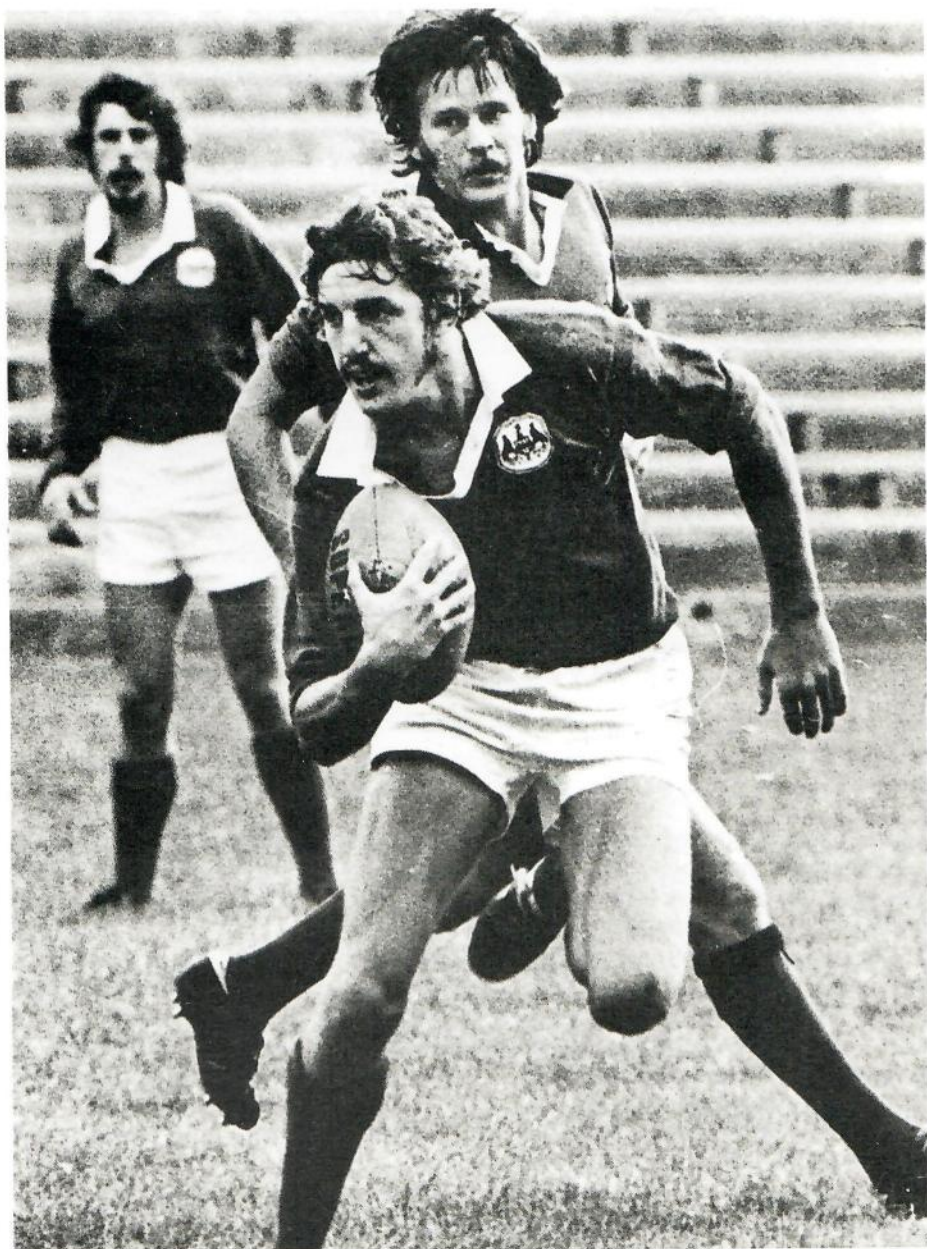
Quite the most outstanding player in latter years was Paul Delaney and his presence held the Onslow side together for many years.

Several outstanding players emerged from Onslow College notably Bruce Niven and Bruce Hill who played at a representative level on many occasions.

Prior to the formation of Wests in 1982 Onslow were struggling both at a senior playing level and in administration. The question remains unanswered as to whether this was just a phase in the club's history or whether it was the beginning of a permanent slide as a force to be reckoned with in Wellington rugby.

The final three or four dismal seasons did not however detract from the many years in which Onslow had stamped their mark in Wellington rugby.

2. The Arrival of Western Suburbs



Onslow Flanker Dennis Cox bursting away against Athletic with Warran Voss looking for Athletic reinforcements.



Wests first Wellington Representatives 1983

Back from left to right: S.T. Crighton, B.W. Cederwall

Centre: J.L. Salmon

Seated: L.J. Hall (Club Captain)

From the moment of preliminary talks amongst the three clubs, to the official amalgamation there were very few hitches or delays. The Western Suburbs concept was presented to special meetings on the three clubs and at each was passed with large majorities.

There were however, casualties from the amalgamation and good club members from each of the clubs drifted away – some apparently never to return. This of course is always one of the prices of a merger. The fact that such an emphatic vote in favour was passed was a reflection of the decline in depth both at Onslow and Athletic, as well as a realisation at Karori that Senior status would only come through amalgamation.

1983 saw the first election of officers to Western Suburbs and principal office bearers were:

President:	T. Snowden
Treasurer:	Mrs D. Armstrong
Chairman:	J. Cooney
Club Captain:	L. Hall



Western Suburbs first Senior 1st Team 1983

Back Row: G.J. Harris, R.J. Miller, B.R. Burns, V.R. Mead, M.W. Rusbatch, M.A. McGuinness, M. Galvin, L. Tuimanusile, J.D. Hamlin.

2nd Row: G.A. Head (Coach), R.C. Jays, T.J. Wilson, T.W. Snowden (President), J.L. Salmon, S.K. Baker, S.D. Crockett, H. Quinn (Manager).

Front Row: L. J. Hall (Club Captain), P.R. Sim, F.P. Ese, S.T. Crichton (Captain), B.W. Cederwall, E.J. Meachen, J.G. Cooney (Chairman).

Absent: R.F. Slade, A. Wilson, K.C. Laban.

For the inaugural year three Patrons were chosen:

Tom Morrison	(Onslow)
Eric Osboldstone	(Karori)
Eric Tindill	(Athletic)

A new playing uniform was quickly obtained from Australia incorporating the new colours of red, white and blue. The strip chosen for the first season was that of Eastern Suburbs Rugby League Club in Sydney.

The first season was naturally a difficult one but there were highlights too. Scott Crichton achieved All Black status including Test honours.

The first senior match for Western Suburbs was against Upper Hutt and resulted in a 9-9 draw.

In all, the Seniors won 10, lost 8 and drew 2. Gareth Head was the senior coach. Sixteen teams were fielded in this first season and this presented an enormous job for selection of the top teams. The 3rd grade open side became the first Western Suburbs team to win a championship.

Four schoolboy divisions were entered in the Wellington primary competitions. They were Western Nairnville, Western Karori, Western Newlands and Western Churton Park.

West's entered their second season of 1984 with Brian Hathaway, President; Joe Cooney as Chairman and Les Hall as Club Captain.

There were considerable difficulties in finalising the sale of the Athletic gym. This consumed much time and effort of the committee during the course of the year.

Several experienced and valuable members of the senior squad departed through either transfer or injury, or retirement. Scott Crichton and Dirk Williams had outstanding seasons. In all, the seniors won 8 and lost 11 matches. There was a very meritorious victory over the champion M.S.P team.

Championship honours went to the J5 team for whom Steve Tibbenham scored 106 points. John Gavin was the Coach. The J9's became the second team in 1984 to win their grade. In the Under 19 team Martin Pike notched up 88 points out of a team total of 153.

1985 saw Joe Cooney move into the President's chair, making a cycle of one president from each of the old clubs in the first three years of Wests. Dianne Armstrong (Treasurer) and Les Hall (Club Captain) continued on, to give the club some stability in these vital areas.

The most notable event on the playing side was the Seniors winning the Hardham Cup. After a disappointing Swindale Shield round they came back to top form in the second round to take the cup.

Dennis Thompson took the Seniors further up the ladder in 1986 when they were placed third equal in the Jubilee Cup.

The flying winger Kevin Campbell joined Crichton and Williams in the Wellington rep. team. Richard Carter who came into the side to replace Scott Crichton (away with the Cavaliers) showed immense promise and was sponsored to Argentina.

The best of the lower grade sides were the Presidents who won 12 out of 13 matches and the J7's who finished a creditable 3rd in their grade.

Wests 10th grade schoolboy side won their Seven-A-Side McDonalds tournament at Plimmerton.

The strongest memory of the 1986 season was however the continuing saga of the Nairnville gym. The future siting was a contentious issue within the club and there were factions both for and against the move to Western Park. One of the stumbling blocks was obtaining a reasonable price for the complex at Nairnville worth about \$1,000,000 in replacement value but of course with only a limited value to a very small group of potential buyers.

There was disappointment also in the sale price of the Bell Road property which realised only half of what was anticipated.

1987 saw a visit from the Argentinian Club Tucuman and a Western Suburbs Colts team made a most successful tour of Australia. This Colts team was a great credit to the club both in playing ability and as ambassadors for their club. A junior division also made a successful tour of Australia.

The Colts team provided an opportunity to build for the future. Match results were:

v	Sunnybank	won	15-13
v	Darling Downs	won	24-4
v	Narrabri	won	22-9
v	Gunnedah	won	21-14
v	Gordon	won	12-0

Martin Pike scored 55 points on tour. In addition Martin established a club record for the senior team of 200 points for the season. This was a remarkable effort that had not been remotely approached by any player from Wests (or for that matter Athletic, Onslow or Karori in 100 years of rugby). If anything, the enormity of this 200 points has been missed entirely – it was made from a total



Dirk Williams in typically dynamic form for Wellington. The All Black jersey just eluded him before his departure for Australia last year.



Martin Pike. Record points scorer in 1987 with 200 points for Wests in Senior 1st Rugby.



Western Suburbs stalwart Scotty Crichton captained the Senior team and represented New Zealand on several occasions.

team effort of 383 points and played a very large part in the performance of the senior team.

After narrowly missing the cut-off they won six of their second round matches to take the Hardham Cup.

Others to score outstandingly during the season were Trevor Murtha (J3) with 132 points and Andrew Woods 129 for the Under 19 team.

The J4 team won their grade.

Financially the club made a handsome profit for the season but there were still problems in realising the sale of the Nairnville complex.

At last 1988 saw a successful conclusion to this saga and a contract was concluded with the Wellington City Council to purchase the premises.

By now the principal office bearers had changed to:

President:	D. Moloney
Chairman:	G. Pike
Club Captain:	P. White
Secretary:	B. Scott
Treasurer:	Mrs M. Pearson

The chairman noted a trend that had deteriorated year by year. That was the absence of team reports and whilst this may seem a rather minor matter, many notable events in our club's history are consigned to oblivion by Coaches/Managers not bothering to furnish a report of their activities. In 1988 only three teams bothered with this formality which makes it virtually impossible for someone trying to review a season or compile an accurate history of the club.

That aside, this 1988 season was one of the best yet for Wests. The senior team started poorly but had a brilliant spell in mid season to make the top eight. The team faded again towards the end. Martin Pike was once again indispensable in the senior team with superb kicking to notch 177 points for the season. With the inclusion of colts matches Martin scored over 500 points for Wests in the 1987-88 seasons.

The colts were runners up in the Rheineck Cup and played extremely good quality rugby before losing to Upper Hutt in the final.

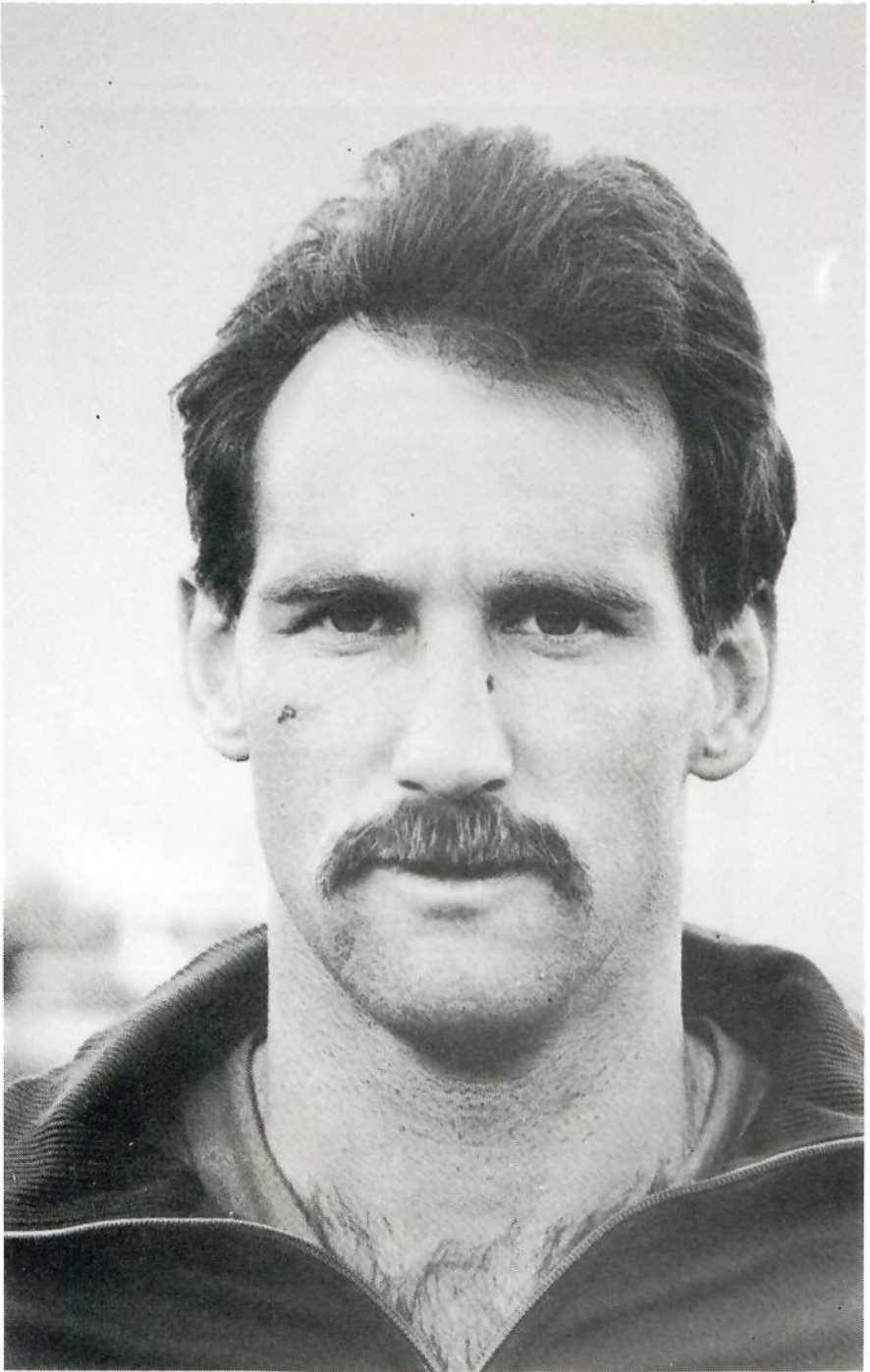
The Senior 3rds played with great character under coach Hemi Pou and Manager Kevin Gray.

The age group teams also had memorable seasons with Derek Sun (U21's) scoring 120 points.

An increase in Schoolboy rugby saw 18 teams fielded on Saturday mornings. Two junior teams toured Australia with some success.

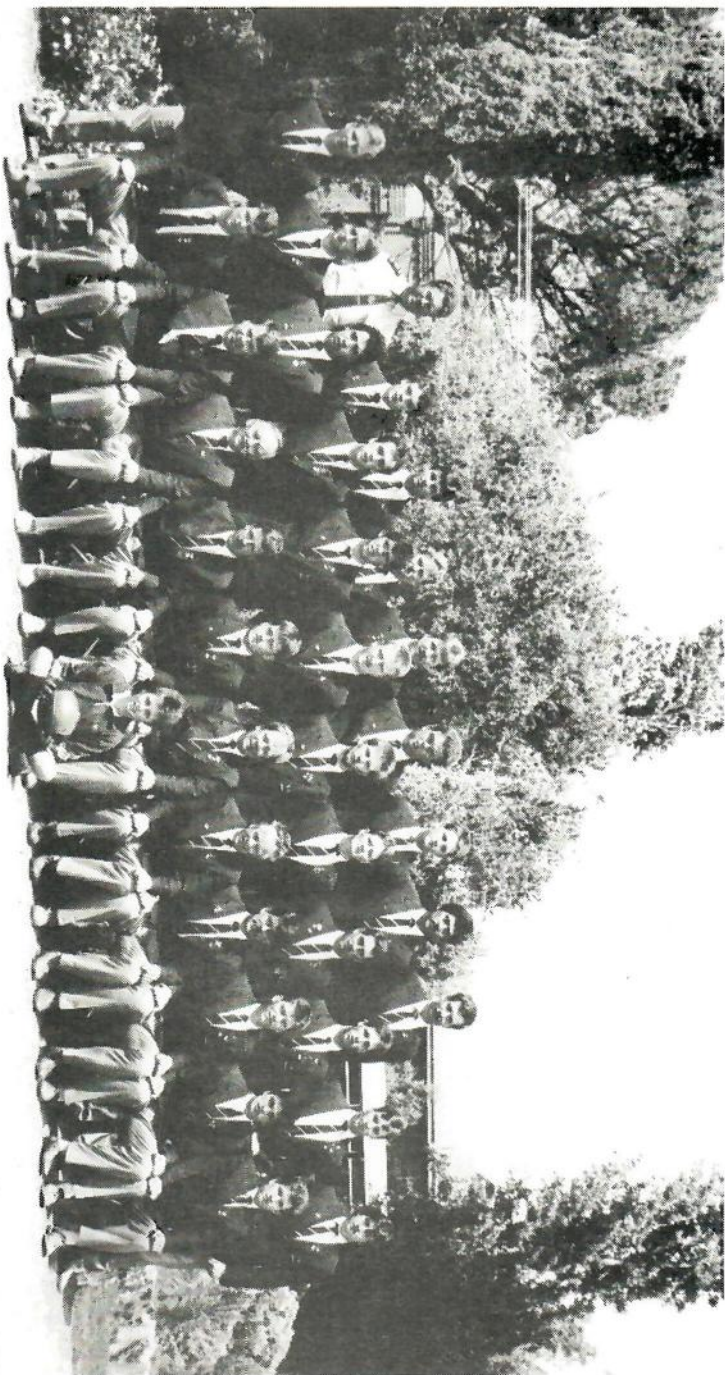
And so we came to 1989! The finishing touches are being made to the new premises at Western Park as this booklet goes to press and the scene is set for a memorable weekend on the 2nd-5th of June.

The best of the Wests is still to come!



Dirk Williams – Is he the best player ever to pull on a Wests jersey?

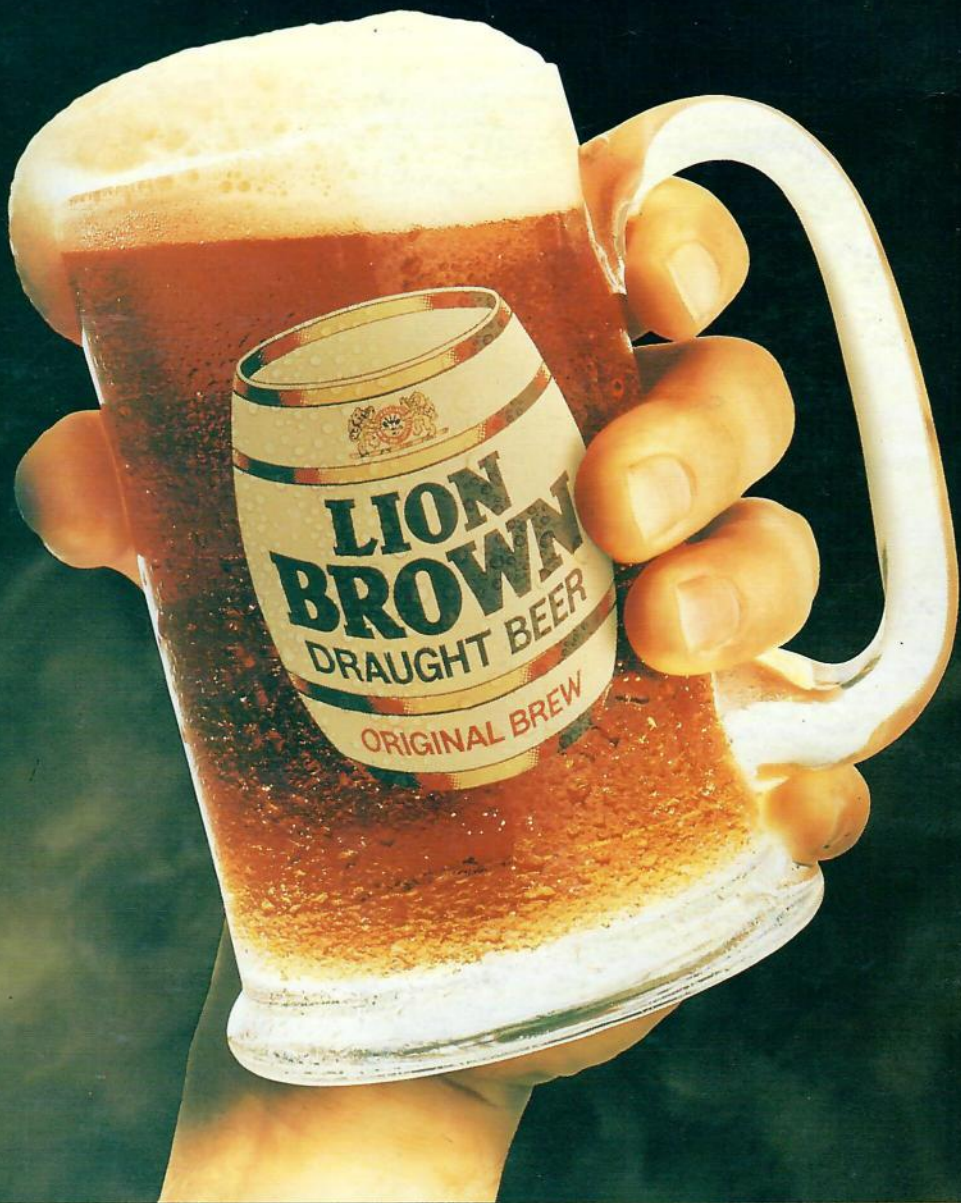
WESTERN SUBURBS RUGBY CLUB COLTS AUSTRALIAN TOUR, 1987



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WON: 5
LOST: 0

Back Row: (l to r) L. GYNN (Coach Capt), A. PEARSON, P. CONE, P. AUSTIN, R. BUTLER, I. HISLOP, K. GURDI, R. TANMANN, R. BEST (Baggage Master),
MIDDLE ROW: (l to r) T. McNAB, T. LYNCH, P. RAHMANIA, C. KIBBI, P. WHITE, G. TRUEMAN, D. KALAHAR, D. RICKBERRY, P. WHITLOCK, D. WOODHOUSE, S. VENN, M. SPEECHLEY, R. GREENING,
FRONT ROW: (l to r) C. STOVE (Asst Manager), P. WIGGINS (Finance Manager), G. HAY (Capt), T. CLARK (Asst Capt), G. PIKE (Captain), G. PIKE (Coach), G. PIERSON (Asst. Baggage Master), M. WOODHOUSE, S. ROBERTSON, M. TURNER, M. SMITH, — IN FRONT: B. GYNN (Ball Boy)

POINTS FOR: 95
POINTS AGAINST: 40



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