

## Takapuna RFC Club Profile

*"It's the people that make the Takapuna Rugby"*

2009 marks a big year for Takapuna RFC....their 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

While there is strong evidence that a team existed as Takapuna RFC before the start of the last century, TRFC was formed in 1934 and located in Taharoto Rd. During this early period, Takapuna won the prestigious Gallaher Shield in 1940.

In the early 1970's the club took a monumental decision to move to Onewa Domain where it is now located. The building opened in 1973 and has proven to be one of the best club facilities in the country. During this time of change, Takapuna again took the Gallaher Shield in 1980.

North Harbour RFU began its early history at Onewa Domain as Takapuna started to dominate the senior grade at all levels. Their success in the last 15 years has been extremely high and they have won 11 North Harbour Premier Championships over this period.

They are continually in demand to host international sides while they travel and play in NZ and the North Shore City Council has recently finished an upgrade of the fields 2 and 3 worth close to \$1.2 million.

The club has faced several challenges in its time, including; rising cost in maintaining and providing a top-class facility, continued changes to the NHRU competition, attracting quality players, coaches, managers and administrators to the club, and professional rugby. To overcome these challenges, Takapuna RFC has increased its sponsorship, provided a pathway for younger players through their international exchange programme and internal academy, and promotes former players to coaching and administrator roles.

Takapuna RFC has had many great achievements:

- 11 North Harbour Premiership Championships
- 2 Gallaher Shields
- 6 All Blacks
- A strong tradition of winning other rugby grades
- A highly successful Junior Boys exchange with Australia
- Many North Harbour and Auckland representatives
- Refurbishment of the club in 2004
- A strong culture of success and winning tradition

So after 75 years...what next for TRFC? Just too simply continue with their current success as a club and with the 2011 Rugby World Cup approaching, they will be looking to play their part in this global event.

Celebrations for Takapuna's RFC 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee will take place from Thursday the 7th of May and ending on Sunday the 10th of May.

This weekend includes:

- Thursday - Takapuna RFC Annual Golf Day

- Friday - Official start of the Jubilee with Evening Drinks and Formalities
- Saturday - Games v North Shore, Old Boys Luncheon and Evening 1930's Cabaret
- Sunday - Takapuna Invitational side v NZ Barbarians, BBQ Lunch

Anson Davies, President of Takapuna RFC says of their 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee –

*“A true celebration of what is great about Takapuna Rugby – the people that have been at the club, those who are at the club and those yet to taste real success”.*

Takapuna would like to encourage all former players, administrators and coaches/managers to join them for this special weekend.

If you wish to find out more information, please visit their website on

[www.takapunarugby.co.nz](http://www.takapunarugby.co.nz).

