



21 YEARS AND STILL TRI-ING

A HISTORY OF THE HAWKE'S BAY MULTISPORTS CLUB

1986 - 2007

HAWKE'S BAY MULTISPORTS CLUB – 21 YEARS OF HISTORY¹

Prior to 1986

Triathlons were beginning to appear throughout the country over various distances and various combinations of events. Many Hawke's Bay athletes travelled away to events. Hawke's Bay had excellent geological features that were conducive to multisports type events. Pandora Pond is a safe swimming area, the estuary for kayaking, flat fast running trails and safe cycling routes.

Local canoeist Roy McCormick is credited with organising the first triathlon in the region. This was held in the Clive area with the presentation ceremony held in the Clive Rowing Club shed.

First swim cycle/run/triathlon held in Hawke's Bay was during the 1985 Hastings Easter Highland Games consisting of 200m pool swim, 10km cycle on the running track followed by a 3km run with a princely prize for first place of \$200, won by Tony Cavanagh. This was followed by the Aquahawks Triathlon from the Onekawa Swimming Pool of a 1km swim, 10km bike and 3km run, won by Wayne Ferguson. Then the Pacific Surf Club organised the first full swim/cycle/run triathlon won by Peter Matson.

After a period of time local athletes got together and decided that a club needed to be formed. Because many of the original members came from a paddling background the club to be formed was described as a 'Multisports Club' rather than a 'Triathlon Club'.

Club formation – April 1986

Discussions between competitors were taking place at these early events and at an official meeting at the Pacific Surf Club the club got started. At this meeting officers were elected and were a mixture of accomplished and respected athletes in their own sports:

Chairman, Glynn Findlay (Pacific Surf Club - canoeist and cyclist), Secretary, Bill Turvey (Hawke's Bay Canoe Club), Treasurer, Graham Martin (Pacific Surf Club), committee, Tony Cavanagh (Fletcher Marathon Clinic), Ken Parker (Fletcher Marathon Clinic - New Zealand ranked athlete at Road Running and athletics), Greg Larson (Pacific Surf Club), Rob Worlledge (Hawke's Bay Canoe Club), Rob Oliver (Ramblers Cycling Club - Olympic Cyclist), Les Dawes (Hawke's Bay Canoe Club), Bill Malmo (Hawke's Bay Canoe Club), Janet Turvey (nee Brown) (Hawke's Bay Canoe Club), and John Coutts (Pacific Surf Club - Commonwealth and Olympic Swimmer).

The Club's aim was 'to foster the growth of and organise events locally and to be affiliated to the Multisports Association of New Zealand.

Club spokesman Greg Larson, told the Daily Telegraph that the club was to 'organise innovative, fun and challenging events which are safe and well organised'. Membership of the club was set at \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

¹ This history is as accurate as records and memories allow. Apologies for omissions and errors.

The first Committee meeting, held at the Pacific Surf Life Saving Club and followed by a bout of drinking at the Masonic, was attended by a collection of various sporting interests. Importantly, an advertisement in the paper hoping to attract interested parties snared two outsiders, not connected to competitive sport, Linda Henry and Kim Arnold who went on to plan and organise strategy to move the Club forward.

Greg Larson, who became spokesman that night and did a sterling job over the two years of occupancy of the job, put to the group that in pursuit of sporting purity, criminals should be barred from joining the Club to maintain a high public profile. This brought a burst of outrage from a criminal element present and the motion was dropped in the hope that future Committee's might take it up and run with it!

The informality of the beginnings of the Hawke's Bay Multisports Club and the rights of passage that were established in those early days became the foundation for the Club's future. Today for instance, that enduring cycle ride down Middle Road, Waipawa, Argyle, Maraekakaho and back to Napier was first ridden 20 years ago.

First official event - Hawke's Bay Multisports Triathlon, 18 May 1986

More than 90 competitors took part in this event, consisting of 40 individuals and 18 teams. Nineteen of the competitors came from outside of the region.

Local sponsors were very generous, with the main sponsors being Athletic Attic, Henry Berry Ltd., Jesse James, Powercorp and The Hub Cycle Centre.

The local newspaper gave plenty of coverage, as a 'super team' was competing. It included Rex Wilson, a Commonwealth Games runner, Rob Oliver, a former Commonwealth Games cyclist and Roy McCormick a leading New Zealand canoeist.

Brian Saunders of Wellington won the individual event just ahead of Stacey Carter, also of Wellington. Janet Turvey (nee Brown) won the open women's title and George Christison (who won Coast to Coast in 2004) narrowly won the junior section. Ross Moore replaced Rex Wilson in the 'super team' and they predictably won the team's event.

Second official event - His and Hers Biathlon, 3rd August 1986

The second event went well and although Palmerston North's Terry McPherson was too strong for the field of 45, local athletes started to shine. Peter Bailey and Tony Cavanagh chased hard and came second and third respectively. Jane Martin won the women's section and local school teacher John Fry won the veterans section.

Third official event - DB Duathlon - 28 September 1986

A DB Duathlon was held at Onekawa Pool involving a cycle out to Puketapu.

Close to 150 competed in this event. The numbers were growing and because of this some problems were starting to surface. Marshals were hard to find, results were becoming harder to get out and sponsorship details were being interpreted differently and causing problems.

First Club Championships

The first Club Championships held on 7 February 1987 became legendary for the post match activities held under the Ahuriri Tavern on a cold wet Sunday afternoon because Sunday opening was non-existent then. However, the cheque book was open and beer could be purchased from a friendly publican at the time. The activities post match included Garth Cooper, a superb athlete and 5th place in that year's Coast to Coast, succumbing to the rigours of drink and collapsing head first and remaining buried for some time in a mountain of cardboard boxes. Robbie Oliver, seizing the opportunity and having a fateful premonition of the forthcoming night, escaped home by the skin of his teeth.

For the record the first Club Championship was won by Wayne Ferguson, Clare Burnard (nee Miller) was the women's victor, and Graham Weaver won the veterans section. Interestingly the winning time of 65 mins and 15 seconds was 14 seconds outside the record time held by Hugh Morrison. The winning time for the original course, one lap the length of the lagoon and back again, cycle out to Bay View and back and an 8km run from the Ahuriri Tavern to the monument outside Ocean Spa and back to the start/finish was regularly contested for fastest time between Hugh Morrison, Tony Cavanagh, Tony Walch and Wayne Ferguson. Give it a go today and measure yourself against those performances 21 years ago.

First Longer Event - 1987

The Leopard Gold Triathlon was organised in 1987. It consisted of a two kilometre swim, a 64 kilometre cycle and concluded with a 16 kilometre run. (not quite the full Half Iron man distance). This was the club's first major sponsorship. Between Leopard Breweries and Radio 77ZK, a \$5,000 sponsorship was secured.

A 70 strong field had to cope with a last minute change of swim venue from Pacific Beach to Hardinge Road. The weather was stormy with heavy rain falling during the cycle section around the Seafield Road circuit which resulted in several bike accidents on the railway lines outside the Ravensdown Fertiliser Works. The chilly conditions also affected some of the competitors who had to be treated for mild hypothermia.

The event was won by 21 year-old Hamilton triathlete Warren Ross. Top local athlete was Hugh Morrison finishing in tenth place. Other locals taking part were (in order of finishing) Peter Matson, Tony Walsh, Graham Martin, Denis Hurwirth, Tony Porter, Graham Weaver, Marcus Karaitiana, David Robertson, Bill Turvey, Peter Martin, Lynn Robertson, Pete McCallum, Janet Turvey and Bill Malmo.

Hawke's Bay Secondary School Triathlon Committee

Within New Zealand, the Triathlon Association was gaining momentum with book shops displaying numerous overseas and local magazines promoting the sport. Elite athletes were gaining a lot of media coverage and with sports gear becoming more sophisticated the sport was becoming more specialised.

There was a move in the club that there was no room for team events and that school children were not a priority for the club. This spurred the setting up of the Hawke's Bay Secondary School Triathlon Committee in 1987 that organised events solely for the local

secondary schools. Their first event had 55 teams from local secondary schools and at this time it was the largest number of athletes involved in one event.

As this event became more popular teams from as far away as Gisborne, Taupo and Dannevirke started to compete.

In the mid 90's the Regional Sports Trust network represented by Sport Hawke's Bay, was becoming more credible across New Zealand. The Club approached Sport Hawke's Bay. A partnership approach was established and this became the beginning of a beneficial arrangement between the organisations that soon grew to other joint ventures on other events. At this point the Multisports Club realised the importance of fostering the sport and they took over the running of the secondary school events. The Secondary School Triathlon Committee was then disbanded and their funds absorbed into the Multisports Club.

Tuesday twilight tris

Tuesday night triathlons were a monster night and were often the first triathlon new club members participated in. Around 100 people competed in teams of three, most of them stacked with guns which attracted huge interest and top-flight competition for many years. This team event comprised of a swim around the Pandora Pond, a cycle to Bayview and return, a transition outside the Ahuriri Tavern, and a run to the monument on Marine Parade and back.

It was always a mad rush to get from work to the pond by 6pm with all the necessary triathlon equipment. Events were run and organised by the committee and nine times out of ten the organiser was actually competing as well.

The event was sponsored by Woolworths. The entry fees were spent on beer consumption at the 'round house' tavern on the same evening, with a 'no profits-no bank account' mentality prevailing.

Shed 2 series

The Twilight Tris were shifted to Sunday mornings in 1992. Five sprint distance events were held during the summer season culminating with the club championships, being the last event. The club champs are always hotly contested, with members eyeing each other and comparing performances during the four lead up races. The course was similar to the Twilight Tris except the run course was altered to a lap of the walkway around Pandora Pond. This series remains an iconic series within the club with members looking forward to it each season.

The series has been sponsored by Shed 2 for some time with the prize-giving held at that venue. The club hosts its volunteer's dinner and annual prize-giving at Shed 2, reciprocating the generous sponsorship from the organisation.

The first set of cycle racks and the first club tent were purchased in 1993 to accommodate the growing interest in the event.

To encourage participation, wave starts were introduced in the late 1990s. In the early 2000's a short distance course was introduced. This proved extremely popular as a beginner's entry and pathway to the longer distance, so much so that by 2007 entries into the short distance equalled the long distance. With teams participating in both events as well, by 2007 the transition area was full and the club is pondering its next move if participation expands further.

Coast to Coast

Roy McCormick was an early competitor in the Coast to Coast, gaining TV coverage by finishing first in the paddle section on the second day.

This led to several other members of the Multisport Club getting involved in the event. Bill Turvey, Janet Turvey, Glynn Findlay, Owen Cleverton, Carol Romotoski, Jacqui Sinclair plus numerous others competed in the early days. Later members who competed included; Glen Yule, Geoff Martin, Daimer White, Wayne Panther, George Christison, Hamish Goodwin and Kent Wilson.

Ironman

Ironman has played a big part in the history of the club. Graham Martin, Tony Walsh and Tony Cavanagh competed in the 1987 Auckland Ironman. Cavanagh won the age group outright and qualified for Hawaii, not taking up the offer. The following year Ken Parker also qualified for Hawaii and competed in the race. Sue Martin was the first female club member to complete the Auckland DB Ironman. March 1994 saw at least twelve HBMSM members complete the 10th Anniversary Auckland Ironman.

Ken Parker, being the first Hawke's Bay triathlete to compete in the Hawaiian Ironman in 1988, was followed in later years by others including: Dave Kale, Phil Harty, Kent Wilson, Gig De-Ridder, Brett Mudgeway, Brian Allen, John Burmester, Owen Cleverton and Tracey Richardson. Phil Harty was the second New Zealand athlete home in 1994 and still holds the record for the fastest Hawke's Bay person at Kona, but off course this has not been confirmed as it is still subject to the outcome of drug testing results!

The group training for the Ironman contenders is iconic in the club and went on for a decade from the late 1980s into the 1990s. Training for all those who intended to do Ironman started in the first week in November with the traditional 150 km Tuesday morning cycle ride through Waipawa and Central Hawks Bay: It was missed at the peril of contenders. These rides went on until February, a month before the Ironman. There was a lot of fun and banter on these rides, with a stop at the Waipawa dairy for a bread roll and coke a highlight for both members and the shop owner. There was also the compulsory pit stop at the top of the first hill out of Waipawa. Women just kept riding on. There were sometimes up to 20 riders as others joined in to get a good training ride and participate in the fun of it all.

A three hour Saturday morning run in the Whirinaki Forest was also compulsory, followed by a swim session on the way home.

With the occasional ride to and from Taupo, by the time race day came all of the squad were raring to go. Club support was always great, as it is today with Taupo Ironman.

Club member's memories of Ironman are of the fun and enjoyment of the group training and some great training buddies.

Maintaining a Multisport focus

With the original committee kayak focussed, there were frequent discussions about the balance of kayak versus swimming events. Wanganui had successfully organised a quadrathlon for several years and the Coast to Coast was still gaining exposure through television coverage.

The Multisports Club was finding its membership focusing on swimming type events so several members (Janet and Bill Turvey) went outside the club and organised the first Three Rivers Triathlon at Clive Domain under the umbrella of the Hawke's Bay Canoe Club. This proved successful and a duathlon option was added later to satisfy the triathletes who wanted a winter event to get themselves into gear for the Icebuster Triathlon.

Over the years some illustrious competitors have been involved with this event. Olympians Paul MacDonald and Ian Ferguson featured in the early races and then Ben Fouhy before he went on to win various World Champs medals.

The event was taken back under the umbrella of the club and continues to run successfully.

Recently with a reduction in kayak entries the kayak option has been dropped, the event rebranded to the 'Festival of Duathlon' and the transition area moved to Clive school. Great numbers attended the 2006 and 2007 events.

Mohaka Madness

When local triathletes suggested they wanted a harder event two of the original committee (Janet and Bill Turvey again) decided to set a course that could be described as 'madness'. With support and funding from the Club the Mohaka Madness was born. The event started with a nine-kilometre paddle down a grade 2+ section of the Mohaka River and then a hectic climb up to almost the top of the Titiorokura ranges before descending over farmland only to climb up it once again out of the Mohaka Valley on the bike to finish in Napier.

The event was a nightmare to organise. Gaining permission from farmers to use their land was becoming difficult because of new safety regulations. Marking the course over farmland so runners wouldn't get lost meant putting out and collecting hundreds of signs.

Changeable and unpredictable weather conditions all added to the mystery of the event. A 15 cm dump of snow the night before the event one year meant a quick change of course was needed. The original planned run was impossible so instead it started at what would have been the end of the kayak leg and the cycle was shortened (Neville Harkness organised the transition area) to start just before Te Pohue. Thanks to Chester Burt a new paddle course was quickly marked out in the inner harbour and the event went relatively smoothly.

The picture of a competitor in snow conditions running with his shirt off appeared on the front page of the local paper and resulted in numerous letters to the editor causing some negative publicity for the event and organisers.

Numbers became static over the next year and the event changed formats several times before being dropped off the calendar.

2007 will see a resurgence of the event with an extra mountain bike leg thrown in.

Bloke Free event

The Bloke Free event was set up by four women (Megan Wakeman-Dyer, Rachael Jackson, Mars Cooper and Kaye Ross) in 1995 purely to introduce more women into the sport of triathlon as women found when competing in events, particularly the longer events like the Napier Half Ironman, that there were very few women entering.

The club wanted an event that allowed woman to 'achieve', either as an individual or as a team member. Women who had never considered triathlon but had a background in swimming and walking/running, and anyone who could ride a bike were encouraged to try this event. So the 'Bloke Free' was born. As an incentive the first 50 participants got a free t-shirt and this worked a treat. Megan Wakeman-Dyer was teaching at the time and got her class of six year olds to design the three disciplines for the front of the t-shirts. Over 240 women entered one year, especially once the high schools got on board and entered many teams. It was a winner. The first event was emotional for some women who had not achieved anything in the way of sport since having children and they were the ones who returned the following years to finish the event solo.

The event has run every year since and expanded into a series of three races in 2005. A series of events that gradually introduce confidence to the water, the first being in an indoor 25-meter pool, the second in an outdoor 50-meter pool culminating in the final event held at Pandora Pond. In 2006/07, 349 women participated across the three event series.

Professional Administration

With the club moving from strength to strength and the demand on volunteer resources growing there was a move in 1997 to contract out event management responsibilities. George Henderson, a committee member at the time, had the desire and know-how to take up the demands of this post and the club entered into the era of professional administration. Through his company Coastal Promotions, George grew the number of events on the HBMSc calendar and brought professionalism to operations.

George restarted the Hawke's Bay Half-Ironman in 1995, bringing on board Horley's as a sponsor. The event ran for the next five years using different course layouts including open sea, pond, inner harbour swims, Seafield Road cycle, flat course cycle, multiple run laps, seashore out and back runs. One year George organised a bagpipe player at the top of Seafield Road, a sound to slowly grind your way to, knowing when the pipes were the loudest you'd reached the pinnacle. Another year, competitors swam up the inner harbour channel with the tide pushing swimmers onto the eastern mud bank causing many to wade through the mud on their way back to transition. The event was in fact the

NZ long course champs with TRINZ backing, on two occasions peaking at 250 entries, but entry numbers were such that its viability was always in doubt.

During the four year period of George's contribution a close alliance was formed with Sport Hawke's Bay through committee member Matt Lock, who had come to the region to take up a post with Sport Hawke's Bay. The club's reputation for running good value, enjoyable events was now well established, certainly within the central North Island, and this growing credibility resulted in the club, backed by Sport Hawke's Bay, winning the right to host the National series Olympic distance triathlons. In 1999 Hawke's Bay hosted the National Champs for Olympic distance triathlon within the 'Tararua Festival of Triathlon' which also included novice, kids and participation options.

Other events to grow in stature and professionalism during this period were the Tremains Corporate Triathlon and the Bloke Free Triathlon which incidentally won 'best name for an event' by a reputable New Zealand magazine.

In 2000 George Henderson handed the reigns on to Matt Lock under the umbrella of Smartfunctions. Again this was a part-time equivalent sub-contract arrangement. Matt had the goal of growing financial streams to a level where the club could take on a full time position. During this period the club worked hard on securing pub charity relationships and growing the sponsorship portfolio. It should also be mentioned that HBMSC has always been the envy of many clubs both regionally and nationally in triathlon circles, for having a progressive and effective committee driving this development. HBMSC continued to be successful in attracting National series events and National Olympic distance champs were held in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005.

Upon Matt Lock's departure to the UK, the committee then employed Jeanette Cooper into the development manager's role. In 2005 she was employed on a part-time basis and in 2006, full-time. Jeanette took professional event management to a new level. With a full time commitment to event administration, the number of events grew as did the number of sponsors and volunteers. The HBMSC remains perhaps the only triathlon club in New Zealand to have a full-time employee. Events grew from eleven a year in 2005 to 33 in 2006/07. Likewise the number of entrants grew during that period from 3,811 to 5,422 a huge 42% increase. Membership also grew during this period to 260, a 213% increase on the 83 membership of 2005. The club also was asked by TriNZ to host a leg of the inaugural Contact Energy National Series in 2006.

In 2006 the committee went through an audit process with Sport Hawke's Bay called Club Mark. This was a best practice sports management and governance health check. Club Mark status was achieved and sponsors and funding agencies are assured that the club is well run and a safe investment.

Also in 2006 the club achieved 'Club Operation of the Year' at the Hawke's Bay Sports Awards.

In 2007 Triathlon New Zealand, recognising the club's achievements, asked to present to a triathlon industry forum, on 'club's best practice'.

Tremains Corporate Triathlon

This event has been the financial backbone of the HBMSC for over ten years and allowed the club to move into professional administration. The first event was held at Pandora Pond and sponsor for the event for the first two years was Norwich Insurance. Tremains Real Estate approached the club about taking over the sponsorship and promotion, which was accepted in consultation with Norwich Insurance, who donated the trophies currently used for category winners.

Significant thanks should go to Tremains for their continued unfaltering support. The establishment of this event was significantly driven by Garry Turner and Ken Parker in the early days. Matt Lock linked in Sport Hawke's Bay to raise even further the participation, profile and financial growth through sponsorship.

The immense popularity of the Tremains Corporate Triathlon resulted in over 1,200 competitors, and the growing legal implications of managing public events was a key factor in HBMSC wanting to move to professional administration. The event expanded to involve a kid's triathlon and eventually a kayaking section. By 2002 Hawke's Bay's premier participation event involved over 1,800 people and packed the East Pier and Ahuriri area with hundreds of supporters and onlookers.

With continued explosion in popularity the event was moved to Westshore in 2006 where parking and transition space was plentiful. This event has the potential to grow even further with an enthusiastic and loyal sponsor and corporates eager to participate.

Harveys Corporate Duathlon

Matt Lock in his role as development manager, and with the success of Tremains recognised an opportunity to continue corporate involvement in the sport during the winter and established the Corporate Duathlon in 2002. The event included a kid's option and was held in Havelock North for the first two years.

In 2004 Harvey's Real Estate were looking for an opportunity to demonstrate social responsibility and the club teamed the organisation up with Cystic Fibrosis who was represented in the club by Tracey Richardson. The Corporate Duathlon was rebranded a charity event, moved to Mission Estate and in the first three years the club raised \$12,500 for Cystic Fibrosis. The event moved to the Filter Room in Meeanee in 2007.

Iron kids

Coastal Promotions with the assistance of Sport Hawke's Bay brokered sponsorship through the Hilary commission allowing the club to provide a series of duathlons for primary and intermediate children throughout Hawke's Bay. These events were low cost, low-key events based on participation with plenty of spot prizes and affordable printed T-Shirts for the kids. The events were held over three years from 1997-2000, in September of each year. The format was two events in Napier and two events in Hastings Sunday and Wednesday after school hours using local parks like Anderson Park, Windsor Park and Ron Giorgi Park. The events were organised by the Henderson family with a couple of club volunteers and a few parent helpers alike. Schools got behind these events and around 1,000 kids participated each year. The club resurrected

an Ironkids triathlon and duathlon series in 2005 with Jeanette Cooper as development manager.

Olympic distance success

The strength of HBMSC is that it offers something for all participants – novice to elite. In the area of Olympic distance racing the club has a strong history of club members that have represented New Zealand on age group teams. This list includes but is not limited to: Stephen Hislop, Ken Parker, James Beech, Glen Harkness, Garry Turner, Corinna Turner, Kerry Harford, Maurice Windle, Gary Hosegood, Matt Lock, Brent Jones, Callum Milward, Simonne Morris, Gillie Cooper Tracey Campbell, Ann Robottam, Naomi Edwards, Barry Payne, Bob Loan, Brian Gare, Ian Clark, Jim Denholm, Debbie Walden, Nicola Baudinet, Ross Dyer, Owen Cleverton, Arie Gronveld, Tony Harding and James Dever.

Club training

Wayne Ferguson was a great help to all club members who were not strong swimmers. Wayne, from a swimming background shifted his athletic prowess to triathlon in his early twenties. He coached club triathletes at the Onekawa Olympic pool for many years (circa 1995 – 2000) until he moved to Australia. Coaching sessions were typically three times a week. Sunday at 10.00am after a cycle around Crownthorpe and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00-9.00pm. Wayne assisted many club members to become confident swimmers. He did it all on a completely voluntary basis and reflected the strong voluntary culture in the club.

Sunday mornings consisted of a ride (race!) around Crownthorpe, with the Multisports Club starting the now famous Sunday morning cycle ride that leaves from the Taradale Clock tower weekly. Some of the more mature club members have been around the Crownthorpe circuit more times than they have had hot dinners.

Similarly, the club started the Tuesday evening 'sprint' around Apley/Seafield Roads. Starting when daylight saving began and finishing at daylight saving end, this circuit proved very popular always ending with a 'Conanyning' home from Bayview to the Airport. Only ever attempted by mad triathletes!

In recent years the club has entered men's, women's and mixed teams in the Harriers Club Apley Road relay. Competition between the open and veteran men always runs hot with some close racing over the years. The vets have won once or twice with humble pie having to be eaten by the open men at club prize-giving in those years. 2008 looks promising for veteran men's teams win with many open men moving up after reaching that golden age!

Honours Board

Our club has had some talented athletes over the years but true world-class honours are extremely difficult to achieve and the club is yet to progress a member onto the high performance stage. However, some the significant results have been achieved:

James Beech, achieved a world duathlon age group gold medal Ferarra, Italy in 1996 and a world age group bronze medal at Lausanne 1998 triathlon World Champs. James raced professionally in France and Germany for two years and is a product of the coaching and mentoring provided by Janet Turvey (nee Brown). While at school James won the New Zealand secondary school winter triathlon championships in his fifth, sixth and seventh-form years.

Callum Millward has represented New Zealand in the under 23 representative class.

Likewise Ian Clark was part of the Trans Tasman under-19 team in 2005 and 2006 with New Zealand winning the team's point's trophy in 2006.

Presidents of the Club

Glynn Findlay	1986 - 1987
Graham Weaver	
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Maurice Gray	1991 - 1992
Gary Hemmings	1992 - 1995
Janet Turvey	1995 - 1996
George Henderson	1996 - 1997
Phil Harty	1997 - 2000
Tony Lambdon	2002 – 2004
Fred Koenders	2004 – Present

More information

Detailed information on club achievements from 2005 onwards can be found by reading the annual President's Report on www.hbmsc.org.nz/about