



'OLD PIRATES' NEWSLETTER

- April 2020



Well they say time flies, and that's certainly true. Who would think that Christmas was almost 5 months ago?

Now down to business with apologies that this newsletter has taken so long to get out.

So, summers gone, and the winter season is upon us – and in spite of the incredible Covid 19 challenges, life goes on and subscriptions must be paid! If you are yet to pay, remember Heather will be on her broom and after you! Not an experience to relish if you can avoid it! We know that it's tough to ask for subs under Covid-19 conditions – but on the other hand **your club is an exceptional organisation that's worth every penny**.... and 'Old Pirates' does a lot of good things with your dollars.

Last season the 'Old Pirates' supporters club exceeded 100 members – let's keep those numbers up. For 2020 the club has attracted several new sponsors; they have given very generously indeed to the club and the Grandstand Project – and we want to introduce them to you in our 'Old Pirates' newsletters.

Specifically, for our new sponsors and new members the following is an explanation of what 'Old Pirates' is all about.

- We have a leader called Big Buccaneer; abbreviated to BB. He describes himself as 'a Community Leader' with an exceptional IQ and great motivational capabilities. His greatest challenge (and his greatest failure) is to control an unruly Crew (committee) of 6 who he describes as 'a wayward bunch of misfits and old-soaks'.
- To be fair, the Crew is a bunch of misfits and old soaks who have a strong proclivity toward red wine. The constitution of 'Old Pirates' under Clause 4, Section C, paragraph 7, dictates that '*no Crew member may attend a meeting without contributing a good bottle of red to the occasion*'. Doddsy, a well-respected avocado grower out east has regularly contravened this rule as you will read below.
- The Crew has frequently attempted to oust BB and have him replaced under 'Old Pirates' Impeachment Clause 26 (Section F, Para 5) however during challenges to his position, BB has applied various nasty under-hand tactics and, amazingly has survived in the top job since 2015.
- BB claims he is a blood-line descendant of Sir Winston Churchill and is closely related to Julie Coombes who also believes that she is related to the great man. Both are on medication for the treatment of hallucinogenic episodes.
- 'Old Pirates' Statement of Purpose states that all subscriptions will go toward the following causes – and when you reflect on these points it sure makes your subscription a worthwhile contribution.

Old Pirates – ‘Statement of Purpose’:

- To provide a forum for past members to participate and contribute to the club.
- To support the welfare of Club Members by ensuring that a Club standard is introduced for:
 - Farewells
 - Funerals
 - Difficult circumstances - including player injury
- Facilitate and recognise Special Occasions & Special Achievements
- To ensure that the Club History is maintained
- To ensure an Archives Room is developed and maintained
- Any other approved activity that clearly benefits the Club and its members.

In a ground-breaking move, the February ‘Old Pirates’ meeting was held as a pot-luck dinner with the Crew all contributing to the feast. Gypo, up and running from his recent medical escapade had brought a magnificent bottle of Chateaux de Montage whilst all others contributed reds of good character; the exception being Doddsy who again brought along a rough red with the label **Trader Joe’s ‘Two-Buck-Chuck’**. Whilst disappointing, Doddsys’ contribution was very predictable. He has never been known to spend more than \$7.99 a bottle from the PakNSave bargain bin.



BB, a person of limited cultural standing in terms of wine appreciation brought along 2 bottles of standard Tui beer. His rationale being that red wine is the causation of human over-indulgence greed and intemperance which leads to lawlessness and unruliness such as regularly demonstrated by the Crew.

Heather mentioned that she was growing very fond of Kardonnay during the summer months. Gypo corrected her saying that her pronunciation of the wine was incorrect. Visibly annoyed, Heather reacted very forcefully. The ensuing altercation just happened to get recorded..... take a peep.

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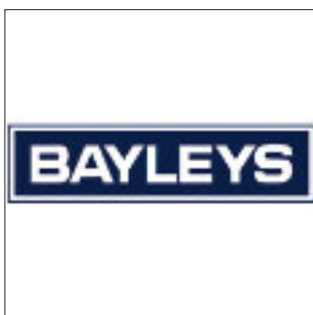
The meal was an excellent offering of various meats with an excellent custard pudding made by Fairy. Witty, for reasons only known to himself brought along a charming and traditional Christmas pudding to go with the custard. Wisely, instead of thruppences and sixpences Witty had thrown in some 50 cent pieces to account for inflation.



At the commencement of the meal BB announced that he had recently become a Vegan and was unable to participate in much of the meal. This announcement was met with howls of laughter by the Crew with comments such as “we didn’t think that you could vegetate any more than you have”.

BB countered saying that he was one of the original vegans because, thinking back, he used to chew the end of his pencil at primary school.

The formal part of the meeting commenced at the completion of the meal and after a fair amount of the wine had been consumed.



Minutes of 'Old Pirate's Meeting held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 5th February 2020

Present: Big Buccaneer (BB), and Crew - Heather, Gypo, Rick, Becs, Fairy, Witty, Doddsy and Ash as observer.

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Heather said she had written the Minutes up but simply couldn't find them. She said that recently they had a rat in the house and she strongly suspected that the Minutes could be in the nest. She said that if they found the rat's nest, she would bring the Minutes to the May meeting.

Matters Arising: Gypo raised the issue of the Jack Gray Cup which is presented annually to the worst performing 'Old Pirate' member. He commented that whilst Lewi as the incumbent holder of the cup was a natural choice to retain it, he considered that his 2020 performance should warrant some consideration. There followed a lengthy debate as to which member should be awarded this prestigious trophy. After prolonged debate the majority of the Crew decided neither of the above should be considered the 2020 recipient given the outlandish behaviour of another member. BB said he would personally be speaking on the occasion of the 2020 presentation. He said, *"It will be a forceful and unprecedented speech in keeping with the standards and principles to which I so fervently adhere. If someone breaches my ideologies they can expect my strongest admonishment"*. BB concluded saying that *"this year the presentation of the Jack Gray Cup will have a global impact!"*

Financials: Heather detailed 'Old Pirates' financial situation. She said the current balance as of 1st March 2020 stood at \$1,296.96. She noted that this balance is after \$5000.00 had been donated from 'Old Pirates' to the Grandstand Fundraising Sub-Committee.

Correspondence Inward:

1. A letter jointly penned by Peter (Wally) Mac Loughlin and Bruce (Bruno) Mac Donald from a small town outside Brisbane called **Jacobs Well**. The letter asked whether 'Old Pirates' would consider a branch in Austraya and noted that Wally would consider standing as BB over there. The letter went on to say they would anticipate a greater degree of coherence than has been demonstrated by 'Old Pirates' NZ. In concluding, the letter pointed out that they had the level of expertise to control meetings as opposed to what he described as *'continuous mayhem' at 'Old Pirates' N.Z. meetings'*. Wally explained that he and Bruno had got together and compiled a song that would be used as the 'Old Pirates' Austraya anthem and noted in his letter *"that we herewith attach a video of our first rehearsal and hope that BB and crew enjoy this new release which goes something like this".....*

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2. A note from Club Captain Kim Hinaki which contained an apology because the club had recently been advised by Stratum that for the last decade Kim had marked out the No 1 field one meter narrower at one end than the prescribed measurement. His note stated that this inaccuracy had deprived the Premis and Development teams of several wins including one final when considering the potential tries that would have been scored at the 'Pirates-Corner' end. His letter concluded by saying that although unfortunate, "it would not have happened if John Lewis had done a laser-check of the dimensions of the paddock in 2003 as I requested".

3. A letter received from Becs Moffat complaining that the AGM meetings had become too informal and that male members were attending in jandals and even bare feet. She stated that the lack of decorum was not becoming of a club such as Te Puke Sports. She further commented that Ross Flexman set an excellent standard and the club should require all men to wear a 1960's style blue blazer with pleated trousers as worn by Flexi.

4. A letter from Danny Mc Ginity saying that during the lock-down period he and Mella had spent a lot of time together and found that there are many things that you can do. He stated that one of the things he found worthwhile was bread-making. He said if there is sufficient interest by club members, he could hold bread-making courses.

5. A short note received from J.C. stating that he had recently been up at Steve (Macca) Mc Manaway's shed and had seen the Lancaster Park seats. His letter stated that the seats "are in a less than satisfactory condition covered with mould and dust". He said that "someone needs to speak to him about that"

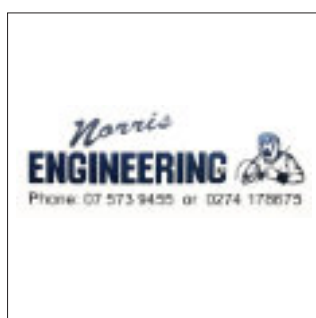
Correspondence Outward:

1. BB responded in writing to Wally and Bruno's request to establish an 'Old Pirates' branch at Jacobs Well, Austraya. BB stated in his letter that the whole idea is preposterous for the following 3 reasons.

- The questionable backgrounds of at least 2 of the proposed participants makes it unlikely that they could organise kumaras for a haangi.
- Any meeting, if one was to be held, would be an alcohol filled fiasco.
- As the quorum for any 'Old Pirates' meeting is 4 members, they cannot hold a lawful meeting.

BB concluded his letter by stating that the request is rejected although he hopes that Jacob's well.

2. A letter to Club Captain Kim Hinaki thanking him for his frank and honest admission that he had stuffed up the No 1 field measurements since 2003. BB said that he had spoken to coach Mattie Wallis about the matter. He said that Mattie expressed concern that during some games the wingers become confused because the touchline tends to wobble in and out causing wingers to become disoriented when running



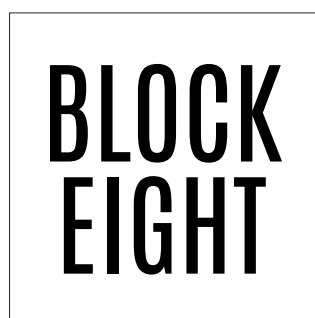
Heather said that whilst she agreed generally with BB she confessed that she has a supermarket trolley at home. She said her pussy really, really loves the trolley which she explained was lined with an old eiderdown which had been used by Murray as an oil-rag on one of his D8 bulldozers. She said that recently her pet Muscovy duck started sleeping with the pussy which was most unusual. She said that she had contacted TV3's Newshub and they indicated that they might be interested in doing a story. She thought that they might contact her soon. BB thanked Heather saying that as usual, her comments were both topical and enlightening.

Fairy said that he prefers the larger Pak-n-Save trolley which he commented *"is ideal for storing winter Whangaparoa Grey pumpkins which need a roomy airy caged environment"*.

BB said when trolleys are being flagrantly taken and used in an unbecoming manner it is but another sad indictment on the current state of civilisations decay.

BB went on to mention several instances of Covid 19 **non**-compliance by 'Old Pirates' members. He said he would like it to be recorded in the Minutes that *"it's a sad fact that society has various levels of depravity; some of which challenge the basic and fundamental principles of civilisation as I know it"*. He continued by describing some of the non-complying instances.....

- Nui Thomas who was noted at New World in bare-feet, not applying social-distancing and squeezing the tops of the avocados and putting back what he didn't want.
- BB described what he termed *'a lockdown prank gone slightly too far.'* He said that following an advertising standards-complaint referred to him in his capacity as a Community Leader, he had received a report that Doddsy had placed an item for-sale on Trademe which was headlined: **FOR SALE - OLD FASHION DUTCH-OVEN**. BB said *"that whilst it may be seen by Doddsy and some other nit-wits not too far from here as a bit of a hoot, it was a despicable lark and not in keeping with Stage 4 lockdown values"*. He said that such an immoral prank could only be perpetrated by Doddsy who he described as *"a delinquent with personal hygiene deficiencies"*.
- President Ash Peats' Liquorland Toyota delivery van registration '**GROGME**' was apprehended heading to Club Patron Bear Stapletons' Mark Road orchard on 20th April with a large delivery of alcoholic beverages. He was pulled-over and questioned by BB's subordinate and deputy Community Leader Rowan Scott who incidentally has recently been on Covid-19 stress-leave having dealt with excessive delinquency in its various forms. Rowan commented: *" the role of Deputy Community Leader is made all the more challenging when someone like club the President*



for the line. BB's letter advised Kim that there have been reports that he was often observed to be a bit unsteady when pushing the line-marker and that he would have a casual chat with the President about things. He noted that perhaps he (Kim) be limited to 2 small bottles of Tui prior to marking out the fields. BB said that as this was not an 'Old Pirates' issue the matter will be handed on to the main committee.

3. A note to Becs thanking her for her observations about the slippage in dress standards at club meetings. BB said that as a Community Leader he fully appreciated Bec's concern and had personally observed a deterioration in societal behaviour over time. In thanking Bec's for her observations he stated that *"have little confidence in my ability to turn the inevitable tide of societies decline"*. He continued saying *"that it's nice that Flexi has retained a polished sense of dress that reflects the standards set in the 60's"*.

4. A note to Danny Mc Ginity saying that his offer to conduct bread-making courses at the club was appreciated however it might be more appropriate for him to consider contacting Plunket or the Community Garden Centre.

5. A formal letter from BB to Macca requesting him to give the 400 Lancaster Park seats a good clean. His letter noted *"that when we ask for a favour we don't expect a half-baked job to be done!"*. He noted in the letter that *"some of these seats had accommodated great gentlemen of rugby including Richard Loe, Fergie Mc Cormack and Grizz Wylie"*.

General Business:

BB said that although not strictly 'Old Pirates' business, as a Community Leader and a Person of Significance, he has been greatly disturbed at the lack of respect shown by some 'Old Pirates' members during the Stage 4 Covid-19 lock-down. He commented that he didn't intend mentioning names, but he had caught John Corbett in a sting using the Commodore dash-cam. BB said John was observed doing a dirty deal on dunny-paper. He had been noted leaving New World with a supermarket trolley loaded with 8 bulk packs of Purex toilet-paper. Watch here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJJaKceRxU>

BB said that John was also allegedly selling the dunny-paper on TradeMe for an outrageous \$11.00 per roll under his email address soft2touch@gmail.com

BB said that the one thing that really upsets him is shopping trolleys being stolen and that he had contacted John the owner of New World Te Puke about the dunny-paper 'getaway' trolley however the response he received was most disappointing with John saying *"what other way can you get 8 bulk packs of Purex home?"*



endeavours to draw rank by stating that..... "I am on club business and heading to a Grand-Stand sub-committee meeting". BB said that he and Rowan had determined, through investigative processes, that Ash had told an outright porky and it is likely that the President might face consequences for perversion and corruption. BB posed the question:

"Is it now timely for me to ascend to club Presidency given the delinquent act and subsequent false statement by the current President"?

Heather said she would be happy to propose the following Motion: *"That BB attempt a challenge for club Presidency"*.

On being put to the vote the Motion was lost 2 for and 6 against. In speaking against the Motion Witty said:

"There's little point in replacing the organ-grinder with the monkey."

- On another topic altogether it was reported that Fuzz McLeod has a full collection of the club's iconic Lace & Leather magazines that he wishes to donate back to the Club. Fuzz contacted 'Old Pirates' and said: *"I am cleaning out my basement and amongst my extensive assemblage of Penthouse magazines I've come across the entire Lace & Leather collection"*. He further commented saying *"I intend keeping my Penthouse collection for casual recreational reading but the club can have all the Lace & Leathers"*. BB said it was a great gesture and the club accepted the Lace & Leathers with gratitude whilst wishing Fuzz all the best with his 'other' literary pursuits.

Becs requested that the following Motion be tabled:

"That the imbalance between male and female members of the Crew be rectified by bringing more female members on to the committee and dropping off a few 'has-beens".

In speaking to the Motion Becs said *"at times I feel uncomfortable bordering on threatened especially when I have to sit next to the likes of Rick and Gypo"*.

Heather said that she often had similar misgivings and that she would add Doddsy to the list *"because we all know that he has roving eyes and wandering hands"*

BB commented that all three had "chequered-pasts and he deeply empathised with both Becs and Heather. He said: *"in particular Rick is a dubious character known to lurk around the fringes of normality"*. He said that as such he would be prepared to table the motion at the next meeting.

The Meeting concluded..... with all reds fully drained.





NOTICE BOARD FOR MEMBERS

**ORCHARDISTS: Let's get the Grosafe Chemical rebate scheme going.
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Step 1 – Contact Garth Richter on **021 460 952** or Grosafe on Free Phone **0800 220 002**

Step 2 – Discussion with Garth to understand your business/orchard

Step 3 – Chemical / Product solutions/requirements

Step 4 – Open an account with Grosafe/ Horticulture

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