



Standing on the shoulders of Giants

Don Stewart Memorial Trust Annual Report 2022

Purpose

To support the recreational and multi-sports fields and facilities at College Rifles Park, for the on-going use and benefit of the community.

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Each year we wish to acknowledge the amazing contribution of past CROBA and life members to the continued success of College Rifles. Our Club thrives with the amazing commitment of our Volunteers. Each year we look to build on the legacy each has helped to create.

These Volunteers are too many and their deeds too great but each year we will honour and remember their involvement with College Rifles.



John 'Mac' McKearney

Player, Club chair and regular supporter of our fields and facilities

I first met Mac at College Rifles when we both played Senior Reserves in the early 1970s. We all hung out together as a team and Mac and I went on to be good mates as we shared a love of sport. We went on many adventurous sports trips and both enjoyed not only Rugby, but Squash, Tennis, Cricket and Golf. Towards the end of our footy

career, I copped a lot of derision about my age especially from Mac. It wasn't until after we stopped playing that I found out that he was actually older than me! As rugby players, we always strived for higher honours and to our surprise Mac reached the pinnacle of his rugby playing days when he was selected for the Auckland Maori's as a blonde prop! I do wonder if ex Rifles man, Dennis Hansen, the selector for the Maori team had a say in this!

You would go a long way to meet a guy as solid as Mac. His success was a reflection of his very sharp mind, drive and commitment, just like his contribution to College Rifles.

So cheers to Mac: Pilot, Barefoot Water Skier, International Gun Runner (BBC World news), Auckland Maori Representative, International Rugby Player (Oman), College Rifles Stalwart and an all-round good bloke to all.

Tribute by Lennie Lyons, the Club Supporter most seen in shorts.



Terry 'T' Maitland

Loyal CROBA member, lifelong player and the Club's official sign man

Terry was a well-liked and respected member of our Club for many many years, starting from our primary school days. The fact was borne out by the very big turnout, primarily from our Club to honour Terry with his passing.

Terry did enjoy our annual rugby trips and loved relating stories of some of the shenanigans that we all were guilty of at some stage. A favorite of mine was a wedding in Hastings. T found a rack of bikes and three of us decided to take a Tiki tour which sadly ended when the local police found Terry alone having fallen off his bike, dazed and bruised. He was kindly given a lift back to their establishment, clink, where he was required to become a guest for the night. We were summoned to pick up Terry the following morning and required bail money of \$10.00. Big money in those days!

And his 'friends' were surprisingly Wal and myself.

*Tribute by Paul 'Pablo' Douglas
Club historian and teller of many good stories.*





Wendy T 'Wenz' Thomson

A nippy mid court netball player with boundless energy, committee member, fundraiser and prolific socialiser

My dear friend Wendy introduced me to College Rifles in 1981. I have her to thank for reigniting my love for Netball.

Wendy was totally engaged with the College Rifles club over these years, even with a young family in tow. Recognition for her service with Life Membership to the Club in 2005 was a given.

Wendy T (Wenz) and I spent a lot of time together over these years. Outside of the Netball scene, we travelled together, jumped out of planes together and socialised a hell of a lot

together. Adventurous, fun, vivacious, inspirational, and courageous. Busy, but always an open door to share a secret or two over a menthol cigarette and a cask of wine. Her straight-shooting thoughts and advice, to the point but considered.

Wendy's life epitomised what Sport and Club affiliation is all about, selflessness, commitment, friendship, teamwork, integrity, fairness, inclusion, respect, and resilience.

My life has been the richer for this friendship.

You rock colour my dear friend. Thank you for reminding me to throw my head back and laugh.

Tribute by Julie Townsend, the Club's defensive gold nugget from Alexandra.



Don Stewart Memorial Trust

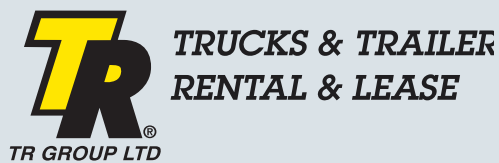
The Trust was established jointly by the Stewart Family and College Rifles, as a long-term legacy. A charitable trust, initially funded by a generous gift of \$250,000 by Don (affectionally known to Club members as **'Grumpy'**), a life member, CROBA member and lifelong supporter and benefactor of College Rifles.

Grumpy's Vision

To ensure Rifles is the home of New Zealand's leading Premier Rugby and Sports Club, by;

- Providing future funding for the sports fields and facilities at College Rifles Park for the on-going benefit of the wider local community; and
- Supporting our community well-being, by providing an annual grant.

Foundation supporters



Brian Maitland

NELL Family Trust

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Our ex-players and supporters club has been operating for over 50 years and boasts in excess of 150 members visit our website croba.nz for full details.

Second Annual Report

for the year ended 30 September 2022

Trust Patron

Tom Halpin

CROBA Life Members

Frank Batty, Lloyd McConnell, Dick Freeman, Clive Hart, Brian McPhail, Dennis Ross

Roll call of Past CROBA Members — 2022

Wendy Thomson — recognised as valued netball player, life member and fantastic Club supporter. College Rifles was again privileged to host the Thomson whanau and friends at the Club to celebrate Wendy's amazing life and contribution.

Trustees



Brian Maitland, Mark Hutton, Julie Townsend, Tom Halpin (Patron) and Peter Kempson

College Rifles Park

The Park is a multi-sports facility with 12 sports based at College Rifles and used by over 15,000 participants each year. Total usage of 70 hours EVERY week no matter what the weather and utilised by a wide range of community groups including schools, NZ Services, visiting teams and child care groups.

The community-based park provides carparking, shower facilities, sporting equipment, training and fitness areas and function spaces.

The outstanding complex is the lifeblood of the Club, without which our Club would not be able to operate as it does now or provide the facilities for our local community, that are so desperately required in our local area.

International Defence Force — Women's Rugby



During the Women's Rugby World Cup the Club was honoured to host the International Defence Force — Women's Rugby Competition. The participating countries in addition to New Zealand were Australia, Fiji, France, Tonga, Vanuatu and PNG and the United Kingdom. College Rifles shares its own strong military background so we were delighted that one of our own T-Birds player, Clementine Varea, was selected in the New Zealand squad.





The Trustees are delighted to present this second Annual Report for the Don Stewart Memorial Trust

1 Trust Assets

The investments by the Trust are guided by our Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives — see our website croba.nz. The Trust has invested the majority of funds in managed income funds, debt securities and deposits which are currently providing a pleasing average interest return of over 5.5% per annum.

2 Charitable Grant — ‘supporting our community’

The Trust welcomes funding applications for a charitable purpose with a focus on the promotion of health, wellbeing and social inclusion through public participation in sports. Any College Rifles member, supporter or volunteer covering any sport undertaken at College Rifles may apply.

3 Foundation Supporter

Donations received during the year will be recognised as a ‘Foundation Supporter’ and a valued ‘friend of Grumpy’. To date \$35,000 has been kindly donated with a further \$5,000 already committed for the current year.

If you wish to support the future funding of our facility, please consider providing your one-off donation now, effectively advancing the amount early.

4 Interest Free Loans

The Trust accepts interest free loans from supporters. These loans can be for any amount, any period and including repayable on demand. The Trustees are please to advise we have already received commitments to date for \$100,000.

5 Financial Report

The financial report highlights that total net assets at the end of the September 30 2022 financial year now stand at \$581,205, an increase of \$41,881 for the year. This has been achieved by:

- The initial \$250,000 from both the Don Stewart Estate and College Rifles; plus
- Combined donations including Foundation Supporters of \$35,500; and
- Annual interest income from investments and interest free loans of \$31,381 for 2022 in addition to \$14,324 in 2021.

Our Statement of Financial Performance including full financials are available on our website croba.nz

Funding of our Facilities

CROBA members in conjunction with the 'The Friends of Grumpy' and Trustees, wish to grow the Trust to support Don's Vision and enhance this legacy.

To support the Trust's objectives please consider either:

- By way of a regular donation of a manageable amount; OR
- Making a bequest in your will, a simple and effective way of supporting the Trust beyond your lifetime, OR
- Providing interest free loans. The Trust will invest the funds in approved debt securities to earn interest income. At the end of the period selected, the loan will be repaid to the lender in full, with the Trust enjoying the interest income;
- Corporate buying initiatives supported by the Club.

The Trustees are delighted and thankful for the support received to date. Please note, all donations are tax deductible.

Please review these options on our website croba.nz on how this can be actioned or approach a Trustee.

Charitable Grant for 2022

The Trustees are delighted to announce our first charitable distribution from the Trust. The distribution is consistent with Don's legacy and the Trust Deed.

Trustees approved the distribution of \$3,000, funded from a donation, to young children and their whanau with a focus on young girls in the community by participating as part of the Women's World Cup. The Trustees were delighted with the strong support for this initiative.