

REMIT FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR PHIL GORMAN

Phil started his involvement with the Club in the early nineties when watching Father Tony play and Coach for the Club his support for the Club was followed by his best friend John McVey playing for the Tararua 1st Team and sister Jo playing for the Upper Valley Wanderers Women and around this time Phil became active as an administrator. Phil did have brief encounters with the playing side but in his early years but according to Tony preferred to concentrate on his Harry Potter impressions sooner than the Football and later when Phil tried his hand at Senior Football he turned up for the RJs put in a stellar effort in the warm up and then sadly those Harry Potter moment returned it was time for Phil to realize his future lay in administration

Phil's achievements in this field were outstanding before Phil's contributions the Club would have been lucky to raise \$5,000 a year and with amalgamations of the three then Soccer Clubs in Upper Hutt and a Clubroom rebuild looming financially work lay ahead for Phil. He worked closely with John Glensor on the rebuild at Harcourt on one such day with feverish activity John Glensor was heard to comment not only did Phil lack his Fathers football skills he lacked his Carpentry ones as well a bit harsh I felt as most of us were in the same boat

In our new home Phil drove the Social and Fundraising side along with the Bar work and thanks to Phil's effort the Mortgage was paid off ahead of schedule one of his innovations was to Build a grandstand In the Clubrooms for a World Cup Final

When the proposal from Council came to relocate to Maidstone Park Phil was instrumental in the negotiations demonstrating the level of support that Football had in Upper Hutt ensuring our Turf was in front of the Clubrooms and not the Hockey as originally proposed and the Turfs primary marking were for Football not Rugby

Phil was also an inaugural member of the Maidstine Park Trust ensuring we had fair representation in the usage for all members but one of Phil's wishes was we replicate the Harcourt Park Balcony A loyal supporters group was formed as part of the fundraising and local Business came on board along with some pretty tough negotiations with post Christchurch earthquake new regulations were introduced but prevail it did along with other projects e.g. kitchen upgrade the Maidstone Clubrooms have benefited by \$100,000 on upgrades and improvements.

Another feature of Phil's energy lay in his organization of Bus Trips Men's and Women's Cup games and play offs and on two or three occasions When the Women drew a Team in Auckland raised the funds to fly them there for the day. These are my highlights of Phil's contribution to Tararus Sports Club and Upper Hutt City Football I am sure people in this room have many more I wish to nominate Phil Gorman for a Life Membership

Brian Wood