



Kaipaki Settlers Hall Centenary



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Message from the Chairman,

Since we have undertaken this upgrading of the Kaipaki facilities I am amazed how many people know about what is happening and how many people have had some sort of contact with Kaipaki over the years.

People come up to me and say I used to go to the athletics meetings at Kaipaki and “they were the best meetings of all”. Some say how much they used to enjoy the Dances and that they met their wife or husband at a local dance, or the Women’s Division functions that were held. Generations of people were married or had the 21st birthday parties at Kaipaki.

The range of activities that have been held at Kaipaki is incredible and can be seen in this document.

A story was told at the Centenary function of how a motorbike use to go round and round the hall with a few sacks on the back cleaning the floor and how all the windows had to be opened to let the smoke out and how good the food was at any function at Kaipaki, I suspect not however if the motorbike had been in first!

The stories of some of the committed families that have provided activities for generations of people and how much the community had enjoyed the time they spend in the Kaipaki district.

These are all the reasons why 530 Kaipaki Rd was updated, so that future generations can enjoy the facilities and have similar stories for their future generations.

The Kaipaki Settlers Hall Association Inc Board of 2013 wish all families in the Kaipaki and surrounding districts a fruitful and long association with The Kaipaki Centre and hope in 100 hundred years time the residents have an equally enjoyable function and remember fondly their time spent at Kaipaki.

Regards
John Parker
Chairman
Kaipaki Community Centre

Our Purpose

- To provide and maintain the best possible facilities at 530 Kaipaki Road for people, mainly of the district and surrounding areas, to participate in activities and events that focus on sport, art, culture and music.
- To provide and manage these opportunities that focus on families, children and mothers being the primary priority.
- To gain ongoing funding in such a way that all possible are encouraged to participate with money not being a barrier. Alcohol and a bar shall not be a focus nor a primary method of raising funds.
- The Board to create an atmosphere and environment where positive people are welcome and encouraged to participate.
- Where people are part of one organisation rather than breaking off into separate entities.
- To abide by the principles and intentions of the Constitution/Rules as of 2011.

The history of the Kaipaki district goes back many years and was predominantly a farming area with the Kaipaki Reserve being developed through the goodwill of many people in the district at the time.

The Hall was built in 1913 but unfortunately the minute books from 1913-1927 were lost in a house fire and so the history of events soon after the opening are not known.

What is known is an incorporated society was formed in 1933 to manage the facilities and the five acres surrounding the Hall were purchased from *Charlie Weal* in 1936 and the Tennis Courts and Cricket ground were developed later the same year.

The Hall 'Title' was vested to the Waipa District Council in 1962 after alterations to the Hall had been completed in 1961 and the official opening on 20 October 1962.

A new brick frontage was added to the Hall in July 1972.



The 'Title' for the sports ground and courts were vested with *Waipa District Council* in 1982 allowing the Board to spend the community rates on the upkeep of all the facilities.

Over the years there have been many people who contributed significantly to cricket clubs, tennis clubs, athletic clubs and many other sports clubs, sports and events. *Bert Goodwin* was the backbone of the cricket club for over 30 years, the *Cunninghams* ran the tennis club for over 30 years and many other families had huge input into this facility on behalf of the community. Some of those families (and we apologize if we have missed any) are the *Boys, Goodwins, the McEldownes, Kites, Knudsens, Speakes, Akehursts, Cowleys, Ganleys, Bones, Wilkins, Bradleys, Verytts, Dela Rues, Claytons, Scott, Farrell and the Garmonsway family.*



Kaipaki was seen as a prosperous country sporting centre and an example of good practice amongst rural communities. People traveled from Taupo to play cricket at Kaipaki who at one stage had four cricket teams. The tennis club also was extremely active and an example to other clubs.

Unfortunately farms became less in number as farms grew in size and family numbers decreased and clubs ceased to operate in 1997 and the facilities were left.

However over the last five years a steady increase in the population of Kaipaki is occurring. This appears to be due mainly to a focus on lifestyle blocks and Kaipaki's proximity to Hamilton, Cambridge and Te Awamutu.



The Kaipaki Hall was built and opened in 1913.

The 1913 - 1927 Minute Book and Balance Sheets are missing after being lost in a house fire.

The Hall was erected on a one acre section given by the then owner, Mr Waite...

"L Cowley, T Healey, A Scott, and J Scott canvassed the district and raised £200. Voluntary labour built the basic rural structure at a cost of £450. The main building being 25' * 50' with spacious stage and dressing rooms" - Cambridge Museum.

At the time the Hall was owned and administered by the Kaipaki Settlers Association. In 1935 the association was keen to acquire additional land adjacent to the Hall for a sports ground and eventually in 1937 opened an account with the National Bank of New Zealand.

"Kaipaki Settlers Hall Assoc. opened an account with the National Bank of NZ and arranged for accommodation up to £350"

Also that on 7 November 1935 a Special Meeting was held, that we try to purchase about 5 acres of land from Mr Charlie Weal for a sports ground.

This is the area where the tennis courts and cricket ground are currently located.

On the 21 April 1936 it was named the Kaipaki Recreation Ground.

In 1960 there was a need to modernize the Hall which led to major renovation which resulted in an enlarged building described at the opening on 20 October 1962, as practically a new building. The opening was held at 1.30pm with a Dance in the evening to follow. Invites were sent to Mr Halley-Burton Johnstone, M.P.; Mr Brown, a County Engineer; Mr Hutchinson, County Chairman; Mrs Sullivan, County Clerk; Mr M Cunningham, Local Councillor; Mr Murtagh, Builder; Mr A Cowley, snr; Mr J Scott; and Miss Una Scott, who were the first Trustees of the Hall.

A Special Meeting was held 17 Dec. 1960 to transfer the title of the Hall and section to the Waipa County Council to enable a 'household rate' to be struck to finance its ongoing operation under the management of a local committee, for the purpose of renovations and alterations etc. on the Hall.

In 1972 the new brick frontage to the building was added by builder, D.A. Murtagh of Te Awamutu, at a cost of \$2,890. The title of the sports recreation ground was vested with the Waipa County Council in 1982, allowing the committee to utilize the Community Household rating on the upkeep of the grounds and Hall. The Hall continues to be the property of the Waipa District Council administered by the Kaipaki Settlers Hall Committee.

On 11 February 2010, at a committee meeting, Mr John Parker outlined his vision and reported on the Kaipaki Reserve Development Project. This initiated some discussion at the Mid-Winter Xmas Dinner. A public meeting on the 24 March 2010 was called to discuss this. John Parker outlined his ideas for a Community Centre with assistance of a projection screen. It was moved that the project go ahead subject to finance. A meeting was held with the Waipa Council at the chambers on 14 December 2010, to get their approval.

An Extra-Ordinary Meeting was held at the Waipa Council Chambers on 23 December 2010, and finance was granted, in the form of a \$25,000 loan to be paid back by the target date. A further grant of \$175,000 was made (to be covered by the sale of a Waipa Council section at the Kaipaki Hall Corner. The remaining monies was raised by donations and poker machine grants.

On 6 June 2011, a new Constitution was formed and approved as an Incorporated Society.

On 31 August 2011 a new Board was elected with John Parker as Chairman. The opening of the Kaipaki Centre was held on 6 February 2012. It was opened by Mayor Alan Livingston who was presented with a framed montage of the Hall, with history and photos.

Life Members honours were made to Keith Goodwin, 45 years on Hall committee, with 3 years as Chairman; also Graham Coxhead, 38 years on Hall committee; Elwyn Bradley, 37 years as Secretary/Treasurer, the last two years as Secretary only, and continuing on the new Board.

The Life Members were presented with framed certificates and a framed montage.

In 2013, the Kaipaki Settlers Hall and Kaipaki Centre is continuing to thrive with tennis, netball, hockey, children's athletics, petanque, mini-golf, school holiday programmes, Inter-Street competitions, Mid-Winter Xmas Pot Luck Dinners, and many activities in the Hall.

This year, 2013, is our Centennial year. Celebrations are planned for November 9 - 10, 2013.

Written by Board Secretary, *Elwyn Bradley*.



ABOVE: Bert Goodwin Comment

BELOW: comment





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Affiliated Clubs in Kaipaki History

- **Ping-Pong Club**
- **Card Club**
- **Federated Farmers**
- **Young Farmers**
- **Glee Club**
- **Manchester Unity Lodge**
- **Table Tennis**
- **Ladies Social Tennis Club**
- **Woman's Institute**
- **Lady Galway Guild**
- **Athletics Club**
- **Kaipaki Merrymakers**
- **Kaipaki Sunday School**
- **Bible Class Rallies**
- **Kaipaki Girl Guides**
- **Cricket Club**
- **Ladies Church Guild**
- **British & Foreign Bible Society**
- **Anzac Services**
- **Homeguards**
- **Kaipaki School Picnics and Concerts**
- **Kitchens Evenings for Young Women entering Marriage**
- **Kaipaki Hockey Club**
- **Kaipaki Football Club**
- **Kaipaki Swimming Club**
- **Patriotic Social Club**

- **Kitchens Evenings for Young Women entering Marriage**



Meetings and Dates in Kaipaki History

1927 - **Mr R Fisher** donated doors and fittings for Hall and supper-room, and thanks were extended to the residents of the district who came forward to build the supper-room.

1927 - Dance and card evenings were run by the committee monthly for many years; also **Annual Balls**. Free buses were run from Cambridge for these events for a few years.

1931 - Committee 'let' the Hall for 14 nights to the '**Ping-Pong**' Club for £5/10 shillings.

1932 - Hall 'Let' to **Sunday School 'Romps'** at 10 shillings per night.

1932 - A '**Bachelors Dance**' was held.

1933 - Hall used for **Dancing Classes & Music** attaching at 3s/6p per night.

1933 - New Incorporated Rules were adopted and a Special General Meeting held to elect Trustees, **A Cowley, D McKinnon, J Scott**.

Price & Holmes tender accepted £40/10shillings for the enlargement of the supper-room and fire Place.

A vote of thanks to the ladies of the district who worked and raised money for the new chimney.

1935 - A Special General Meeting on the 7th November. Moved - "That we try and purchase about 5 acres of **Mr C Weals** for a Sports Ground."

The committee was given the power to mortgage the Hall to raise money to purchase the ground. On 5th April 1936 Account to be opened with the BNZ, Hamilton and Mr A Wison to be engaged to survey the Sports Ground. (BNZ Account did not happen)

1936 - A delay in getting the survey done for the Sports Ground. 27 July

1936 - **Glee Club** donated chairs and a piano stool.

1936 - Tennis Court construction started.

1937 - 16 February. Account opened with the National Bank and loans arranged for up to £350.

1937 - Cricket grounds formed.

1938 - 'Bachelors' donated £5 and tables for supper-room.

1939 - Sports Ground banked around the edge of grounds and a cycle-track formed.

1939 - **W Ganley** donated trees for the western side of the ground.

1941 - **C Garmonsway** applied for **use of the Hall for Homeguards**. They held boxing bouts and lectures in the Hall and paraded in the grounds until the Japanese surrender in 1945.



1941 - Wedding Hire £1/10shillings

1944 - Beginners Dancers - **Garmonsways Band** played for free.

1944 - **Ping-Pong** and **Card Nights** were run by the committee.

1945 - **Smoke Concerts** were started.

1945 - **Victory Dance** was held for end of WWII.

1945 - A volley-board was erected at edge of tennis courts.

1946 - Grazing of ground was 'Let' over winter months.

1946 - With 'Our Boys' back from the WWII, '**Kitchen Evenings**' were started for local girls getting married.

1951 - **Waikato Centre for Athletics** was held for many years on the grounds.

1951 - **Kaipaki Hockey Club** used the Hall for their committee members.

1962 - In October the Hall was re-opened after extensive repairs and alterations.

1971 - Relaying and sealing of tennis courts. \$200 donation. Boner Pool Bitumix of \$979.

1973 - Presentation to *Dudley Cunningham and Ken Knudsen* in recognition of their long service to the Hall committee.

1974 - A children's slide was purchased \$47 and donated by the Ladies Social Tennis Club.

1974 - Social Committee formed from club representatives to help with social events.

1974 - Moved " That a presentation to Hall Committee members after 15 years on committee, when retiring.

1974 - Presentation to *Clive Cunningham* for his long service as a Hall committee member.

1978 - New roof on Hall paid for by **Waipa County Council** \$1,020; \$200 from rating account; \$200 from recreation grant; \$200 from hall account; \$1620 total.

1978 - Community Household rating was formed to be spent on Hall maintenance.

1980 - Hall painted.

1980 - The 1946 'Kitchen Evenings' was discontinued.

1980 - Title proposed to the **Waipa County Council**.

1981 - Proposed sealing of tennis courts with interest free loans from *F. Boyd; E DelaRue and C. Speake*. Sand donated by *S Clayton* and the **Lions Club**.

1982 - Title of land transferred to **Waipa County Council** to enable us to use it for maintenance of grounds.

1983 - Gang mowers were purchased by Hall and Cricket Club from University of Waikato for \$1,000.

1984 - **Pukerimu Water Scheme** was formed. Our share was \$517.65.

1985 - Trees, Cypress Helandi were planted on boundary fence by P.E.P. workers to replace old trees.

1986 - Payment to all schools and halls was waived for the Pukerimu Water Scheme.

1986-87 - Painting of the interior of the Hall by P.D. workers.

1987 - **Cricket Pavilion** erected and a **Tennis Club shelter**.



1988 75th Jubilee and Cabaret in July. Plunket Mothers did the catering. Door prices \$20 double - \$10 single. All residents and ex-committee members invited. The cake was made and donated by **Elwyn Bradley** and iced by **Hazel Knudsen**.

1989 - 2004. Family BBQ's were held.

1991 - New secondhand Mowers purchased from Hamilton Iseki \$1,068.75

1991 - Outside toilets proposed grant of \$2,500 towards them from Waipa Council.

1995 - Outside toilets built(2) by W Cunningham.

1993 - Amendments to **Incorporation Rules per Department of Inland Revenue.**

1993 - Mr **Bill Clayton** was thanked for his 17 years service to Hall committee when he resigned.

1993 - New mowers demonstration model \$4,353.75 from Ross Todd Motors. Financed by Waipa County Council Pirongia Ward \$1,850; TrustBank \$300; Cricket Club \$500 with the balance coming from the Hall committee funds.

1994 - Presentation Evening held for **Colin Speake** for 27 years on the Hall committee with 17 as Chairman and **Bill Clayton** with 18 years on the committee.

1995 - Exterior of Hall painted with a grant from Trustbank. P.D. workers did the painting.

1997 - Floor resurfaced and vinyl laid in kitchen, toilets and foyer.

1999 - The **Tennis Club** closed down.

2000 - A local 'Millenium Evening' was held in the Hall to welcome in the new century.

2001 - As the mowers needed to be replaced and Ray Bradley was no longer able to mow them, we employed Cann Mowing Services.

2002 - New toilet added to ladies rest room, making wheelchair access.

2002 - **Ron Dunford** passed away while still on committee.

2003 - Murray Maxwell, councillor came to discuss the cost of mowing the grounds with very little income. He suggested we lease out the grounds. Lease advertised. Don Barron was the successful Tender.

2004 - Outside of Hall was repainted by P.D. workers.

2005 - A presentation for **Stan Wilkins** who is retiring and leaving the district. This was held at the Bradley residence. Stan had 13 years on the committee with 12 years as Chairman.

2006 - The start of '**mid-winter xmas pot luck**' evenings instead of summer BBQ's, due to poor attendance.

2006 - Car park sealed at the back of the Hall. The cost met by the **Waipa County Council** with the Hall committee paying \$4,000 towards it, including drainage.

2008 - 120 new chairs were purchased at an auction for \$4,050, with \$3,000 from Trust Waikato.

2008 - Sad passing of **Joe Verytt** while still on the committee. He had 27 years service.

2010 - At a committee meeting, **John Parker** presented an outline on a 'Kaipaki Reserve Development Project' he was working on. This was initiated from a discussion by three committee members at our 'Mid-winter Xmas dinner'

2010 - A public meeting was held on March 24th re the '**Kaipaki Reserve Development Project**'. A projection screen was used by **John Parker** to explain his vision for a community centre with upgrading Hall, Tennis Courts, Cricket Ground. This was received favourably, subject to raising the finance.

24 June At a committee meeting, **John Parker** updated his plans towards the Project and had raised \$33,000. The Project is to go ahead.

27 Oct Hall Committee meeting. A review of the plans was presented by **John Parker**.

14 Dec Meeting with the **Waipa County Council** in Chambers to finalise and get approval for finance. Approved \$25,000 loan and a \$175,000 grant (which will probably be covered by Waipa Council section near the Hall.) The remaining monies to be raised by Grants and Donations.

2011 - 31 August A new Board was formed instead of a committee.

23 February Cricket was re-started under the guidance of **Kent Currie**.

2012 - 6 February **The Kaipaki Centre** was officially opened by the Mayor of Cambridge, **Alan Livingston**, and three(3) Life Memberships awarded.



LONG SERVING Hall Committee member **Keith Goodwin** presenting **Colin Speake** with his presentation after 27 years service; 18 years as Chairman. 20 July 1994.

Future bright for Kaipaki Centre

The Kaipaki Centre was officially opened on Waitangi Day by Waipa Mayor Alan Livingston during a day of activity designed to introduce the residents of Kaipaki and surrounding districts to the updated facility.

The day involved a six-a-side cricket tournament consisting of eight teams, as well as free tennis coaching for all ages by the Cambridge Racquet club, golf tips from Sarah Bradley who has just been chosen to play for New Zealand, petanque and netball activity, social games of tennis, children playing on the play area, a gathering of former Kaipaki Cricket Club members and sack races, egg and spoon races, skipping races and of course a lolly scramble for the children, even the older ones.

The sporting focus was the cricket on the newly developed Kaipaki Oval which started at 8.30am and finishing about 6pm with Kaipaki B beating Kaipaki A in the final.

Four Northern Knights players attended and helped with the children's activities, Nicola Browne, Natalie Dodd, Felicity Leyton-Davis, Shane Thomson and Scott McLeod also made guest appearances for selected teams.

The Saturday and Sunday prior to Waitangi Day were Open Days enabling anyone to wander through the facility and try out all the different activity areas.

Hamilton Brass played prior to the opening ceremony creating a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Ingham's chickens, Mystery Creek wine, Dinner at the Woodbox and High Tea at the Olde Creamery were all prizes won on the day — all local companies supporting the centre. The



chickens went to members of the public who could catch on the full a ball that had been bit for six. One person took home two chickens and many others wishing they had listened to their coaches many years before.

Frucoor provided drinks for the children (Mizone, H2GO, Pepsi, 7

vice, have all made incredible commitments to Kaipaki community.

One of the other many highlights were comments from former cricket club members who were delighted the facility had been enhanced for future generations with a number saying they were so disappointed that the club and facilities had "fallen into disrepair".

A list of events is evolving and was promoted at the event — from Saturday cricket on the Oval (Kaipaki will play all home games at the Oval from now on starting at 1pm), weekly



cricket practice each Thursday night at 5.30 starting this week (all ages and stages welcome), business house tennis every Wednesday night at 6pm, holiday programs for children aged 5-13 in the last week of every holidays, exercise classes (pilates, yoga and others), regular community dances, weekly tennis coaching for all ages, a petanque competition, community presentations from well known people, the Past V Present cricket tradition will be continued, the six-a-side will be an annual event probably on the Waitangi weekend, market days, netball for all ages, athletics for 3-13 year olds, business house cricket (based on street against street — could be six-a-side) and much more.

Up and Juices) all seemed to have plenty to drink.

The last 99 years were not forgotten either, and three members were presented with Life Member certificates — Elwyn Bradley, who was secretary for 37 years, Keith Goodwin, who was on the committee for 44 years and Graeme Coxhead, who will only admit to 30-something years ser-

vice, have all made incredible commitments to Kaipaki community.

The group is working closely with Kaipaki Road Polo and Kaipaki Church to help promote any event they may be holding.

Opening event organisers are grateful a good crowd of 300-400 took part in events and thank Waipa Council Benjamin Hemi for all his assistance ensuring it was another great Waipa project.





Opening day of the new Kaipaki Community Centre, 6th February, 2012

Reflections Montage designed by Paul Martin from Rixenone Design Studio

The New Opening - 26th February 2011



The Opening was a happy day that had six a side cricket (8 teams all of whom want to come back again next year), tennis coaching, netball, Petanque, chip and putt, a typical country spread lasting all day as was the BBQ, older members of the cricket club and community meeting up again, the Hamilton Brass Band giving an hour of their time, a presentation to three new life members (Elwyn Bradley, Graeme Coxhead, Keith Goodwin) who helped the Mayor of Waipa Alan Livingston officially open the Pavilion and upgraded facilities.

There were sack races, egg and spoon races for children (it was hard to keep the parents away), skipping races, three legged races and of course a lolly scramble.

We had visits from Northern District cricketers - men and women (Nicola Browne, Natalie Dodd, Felicity Leyton-Davis, Bradley Scott, B J Watling, Darren Mitchell) and a golfer who played college golf in the USA Sarah Bradley. Shane Thomson former New Zealand Cricketer was also part of the cricket scene which was well managed by Russell Wilson and John Wiltshire (former Auckland and Central Districts Captain).

The weather was kind to us and a crowd of 3 or 4 hundred looked round the facility at their leisure.















OFFICERS of the Kaipaki Settlers Hall

Chairpersons

1927 - 1936 Jas Boyd
1937 - 1940 R. Boyd
1941
1942 - A Fisher
1943
1944 - E McEldowney
1945 - 1947 S.N. Kite
1954 - 1956 M Cunningham
1957 - 1959 E Farrell
1960 - 1962 K Knudsen
1963 - 1972 Clive Cunningham
1973 - 1975 Keith Goodwin
1976 - 1992 Colin Speake
1993 - 2004 S Wilkins
2005 - 2008 Jasmin Charteris
2009 - 2010 Murray Charteris
2011 - 20?? John Parker

Secretary / Treasurer

1927 - 28 J Graham - Treasurer
 1927 - 28 R Speake - Secretary
 1929 - 43 R Speake
 1944 - Mrs K Beale
 1945 - 47 W S Akehurst
 1948 - 52 A M Cowley
 1953 - 72 Dudley Cunningham
 1973 Clive Cunningham
 1974 - 75 G Bones
 1976 -- > Elwyn Bradley, current Board

LONG SERVING COMMITTEE MEMBERS of the Kaipaki Settlers Hall

Jas Boyd	• 10 years as Chairman.
Robert Boyd	• 9 years with 4 years as Chairman.
Roy Speake	• 16 years as Sec/Treasurer.
Alf Cowley	• 12 years with 5 years as Sec/Treasurer.
Sedleigh Kite	• 10 years with 3 years as Chairman.
Ken Knudsen	• 24 years with 5 years as Chairman.
Bert Goodwin	• 23 years with 2 years as Chairman.
Phil McEldowney	• 15 years with 4 years as Chairman.
Dudley Cunningham	• 20 years with 19 years as Sec/Treasurer.
Maurice Cunningham	• 11 years with 2 years as Chairman
Clive Cunningham	• 17 years with 4 years as Chairman
Keith Goodwin	• 45 years with 4 years as Chairman.
Walter Kite	• 13 years
Trevor Akehurst	• 12 years
Colin Speake	• 28 years with 16 years as Chairman.
Bill Clayton	• 17 years
Ray Bradley	• 35 years
Stan Wilkins	• 11 years as Chairman
Joe Verryt	• 27 years
Graham Coxhead	• 38 years
Ron Dunford	• 11 years
Peter Eiadis	• 14 years
Murray Charteris	• 14 years with 2 years as Chairman.
Jasmin Charteris	• 14 years with 4 years as Chairman.
David Rogerson	• 16 years
Elwyn Bradley	• 37 years service with 35 years as Sec/Treasurer, ongoing

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