



17 June 2010

50th Anniversary Celebrations 11 & 13 June 2010

The 50TH Celebrations kicked off on Friday 11 June at 7.30pm at the Village Inn Restaurant and Bar in Raumati Village. Many past member's especially from "the original's" travelled from Sydney, Auckland, the South Island, Palmerston etc.

The formal speeches were delivered firstly by Garry Leitch the current Chairman of Kapiti Coast United. He was supported by past members of the the associated clubs being KCU, Raumati Hearts & Paraparaumu Clubs. They were Sean Christian, Dave Moore & Rob Borgers.

Our presentation's were made firstly with the unveiling of a reproduced photo of the first official (Wellington Association) senior football team to play on the Kapiti Coast. The aptly named original's were received well by our member's and enjoyed some photo's. Then our new Life Member's board was unveiled combining the life member's of Raumati Hearts, Paraparaumu United & Kapiti Coast United. In recognition of the 50th year all the life member's were presented with a plaque to recognise KCU's appreciation.

On the Saturday we were faced with some terrible weather with heavy rain putting a damper on the occasion. While some Junior games went ahead in the morning, by early afternoon most grounds were marginal. This resulted in our Capital 3 senior reserve game being postponed. Weka 1 park was also marginal with various areas of the park heavily laden with water. Thankfully various members again showed the club spirit that has reigned for 50 years, as they mucked in with brushes, bucket's & boards to remove the water.

The game proceeded with our Central Premier Team playing Upper Hutt City. Unfortunately it was not the result we hoped for with KCU going down 3 to 1 to opposition that moved to top of the league.

The Casino Evening was held within Weka Clubrooms and a successful and enjoyable evening it seemed to be. Many Auction's were held to win prizes that had been donated by various sponsors of our club and member's.

However the main Auction to sell off the replica strip worn for the earlier Premier game received huge backing! Some player numbers were in hot

demand with the average on the shirts selling for over \$100 with the highest being \$250

The proceeds from this event and in particular the Auction of the shirts came as a huge & pleasant surprise to the Management Committee. Once expenses are covered any proceeds will be allocated to supporting the club with maintenance to the Clubrooms.