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### Mark Your Diaries

- Fri nights in March, Junior Club night and come for beer and BBQ from 5.30pm
- Sun afternoons in March, club play from 4pm
- Sun 21 Mar Club champs semi finals day
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- Wed, 31 Mar Last summer BBQ: come along for something special hosted by the Committee
- Sun, 3 April Club play from 4pm

### Club News

#### Open Day

The Open day on the 14th Feb was a great success with lots of visitors and a several new members joining up.

The skys cleared in time for some great tennis to be played including an exhibition doubles match between Coach Carl playing with our ladies club champ, Patricia Minkhorst and Assistant Coach Andrew playing with former NZ No1 Claudine Toleafoa.

We were also pleased to welcome our Local Councillor Toni Millar to the club and we thank her for her support.

**OUR SPONSORS:**



**SAY IT LOUD!**

A suggestion box will be available soon at the clubhouse. Your feedback and ideas are always welcome.

**COACH CARL**

Orakel's resident coach, Carl Limberger, is available for senior and junior coaching throughout the year.

**Events**

**Club Champs**

This is now in full force. First round matches have almost been completed, and we are already into the second round, with both Championship and Plate competitions going strong. Draws are displayed on the downstairs noticeboard.

Semi finals are set for Sunday 21st March, and Finals day is set for Sunday 28th March. Mark you diaries! We promise some great spectator tennis and something fun for everyone. More details closer to the events, with draws and times.

**Facilities unavailable on Saturday 1 May**

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## Links

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As part of strengthening the Club's relationship with the local community, we are providing the Marae the use of our facilities for their tennis tournament on Saturday 1 May. Further details of their tournament will be available at a later stage.

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## From the Committee

### Renovations

We have been very busy preparing and submitting grant applications in December and January, as key component of our fundraising for the building renovation. In particular we need to acknowledge Sue Wesley and Michelle Tsui who have spent many hours putting together many high quality applications on behalf of the Club.

While a number of grant applications have been submitted, we have had a disappointing response so far. We think this is a result of a few factors including: the global financial crisis which saw investment returns and hence funding pools decline significantly and the previous Government's policy of decreasing the numbers of gaming machines which generate income for the charitable trusts.

While there has been an excellent response from all club members to the various fundraising initiatives over the last few months and although we have received some grant money, we are well short of the target we needed in order to commence the project at this stage. Therefore our fundraising efforts will continue. We would love to have more people involved in this effort - please contact Mary Gardiner or Sue Wesley if you are interested in joining the team.

Clearly the state of the bathrooms, the mens bathroom in particular, is very poor, and something needs to be done. In view of how much we have raised so far and the overall renovation plan, we are reviewing our options to see if we can undertake the renovation in stages or take some other approach to tackle the mens bathroom in particular. We are consulting with our architect and will let you know soon what the plan is.

### Eastridge New World

Robert Redwood and the team at Eastridge New World are continuing their support of our club with kind support of our senior club night. .

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## **Fundraising**

### "Double your money"

Your opportunity to Double Your Money at Orakei Tennis Club!

You now have the chance to buy a "ticket" with a number between 1 and 40 which you will keep for 10 weeks. Each week, the ticket with the number that matches that Saturday's Bonus Ball drawn in the Lotto will be the winning ticket. This will be run for 10 weeks.

Each ticket costs \$25, and the winning ticket is paid \$50.

Tickets are available at club play (Wednesday evening, Thursday morning and Friday evening). Or you can contact Michelle Tsui. Once we have sold all 40 tickets, "Double Your Money" will start rolling!

## **Raffle**

Tim Harvey has kindly donated a beautiful hamper full of lots of lovely goodies. Tickets are on sale at the club house for \$2 or 3 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn on Club champs finals day, Sunday, 28 March.

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