



HAMILTON OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB INC.

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Item for General Business of the Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club AGM 2018.

The club has been referred to as Old Boys for many years and I have found myself questioning the reasoning for continuing with that identification over recent years.

The name links our code with a winter code, the Old Boys Rugby and Sports club, and whilst we have had an association with them in the past, we did leave their club under unfortunate circumstances.

A brief history tells us that the club was formed just before the first world war by the Headmaster and staff of Hamilton High School (a co-ed school then based at what is now Hamilton Girls High School).

There is some question as to where we were actually based from that date until 1974. We suspect that up until then (like most other clubs) we were based at Seddon Park which was a club and District Association use park only.

In 1974 we merged with the University and for 2 years used the Don Llewellyn Sports bar at the University.

It was in 1976 that a move to the Old Boys Rugby club was deemed more desirable and we operated from their (use of club rooms and practice nets) until 1992 (16 years).

At that point we were homeless as a club, but with some communication with the then Headmaster at Hamilton Boys High School we relocated back to our original roots.

We have now been based at the school for 26 years.

In that time, we have coached at the school, upgraded the grass block, all three artificial wickets and installed 2 x 3 lane practice nets.

Our club rooms are based there and this community-based relationship fits very well with our funders.

The proposal that I put is that we need to align with our roots and not a Rugby club that we have no relationship with.

This coming season we are providing new uniforms and have enough to ensure that every team is fully kitted out and is appropriate that we use this opportunity to make a basic change to our identity.

I propose a change of club name to Hamilton High School Old Boys Cricket Club.