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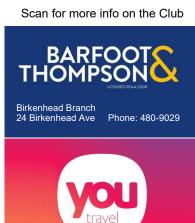


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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 2 March 2022







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Clubrooms & Greens are Open, with restrictions

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My Vaccine Pass is required to enter Club premises This includes private functions

On the Greens

Note: The status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/ closed board for current status.

Wednesday 2 March - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Saturday 5 March – BNH Bowls3Five – 2 greens required

Monday 7 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (5)

Wednesday 9 March – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Saturday 12 March - 1-5 Fours (AC)

Sunday 13 March - 1-5 Triples (AC)

- Championship Reserve Day

Monday 14 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (6)

Wednesday 16 March – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch

Saturday 19 March - Women's Fours- qualifying

- Men's Fours - post section

Sunday 20 March – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – Lunch provided

Wednesday 23 March – 10am Club Day – Ross Trust Me Murray Tournament (AC – Single Entry)

Wednesday 30 March – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Friday 1 April – 3.30pm 70s v 80s+ (AC -mufti)

Saturday 2 April - Seafood Tournament (OACF) - day 1

Sunday 3 April – Seafood Tournament (OACF) – day 2

Wednesday 6 April – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Saturday 9 April – 8.30am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+, Full & Life members only)

Sunday 10 April - Championship Reserve Day

Wednesday 13 April – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Inside this Weekend

Friday 4 March - Open 3.30pm

Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Awapuni (Thoroughbred), Alexandra Park, Winton (Harness), Palmerston North, Addington (Dogs)

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup - New Zealand v West Indies

Super Rugby Pacific* - 7.05pm Moana Pasifika v Crusaders

Saturday 5 March - Open 11am

Racing - Ellerslie, Wingatui (Thoroughbred)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 4.35pm Blues v Chiefs

- 7.05pm Hurricanes v Highlanders

NBL* - 7.30pm Tasmania Jackjumpers v NZ Breakers

Sunday 6 March - Open 11am

Racing – Methven (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.



TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

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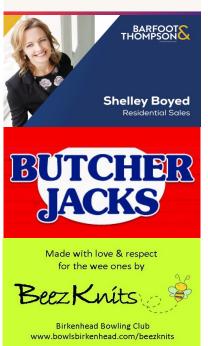
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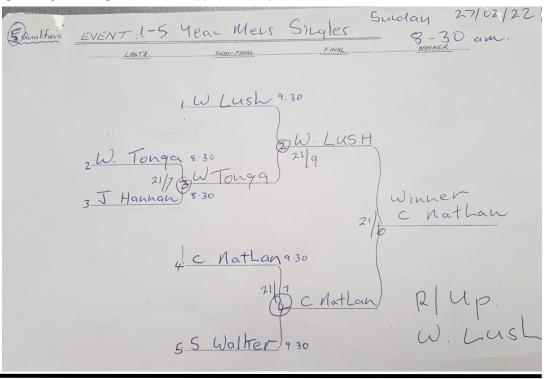
Col Does it Again

Matthew's Memorial Pairs reserved for those six years and over, full and life members and no it's not Dennis Matthews's memorial. Dennis is happily living out his years with his wife in the sunny Bay of Plenty. The tournament is actually in honour of MA Matthews Club President 1983-1984 with the tournament being part of the Club's mid-week calendar for over twenty years, long before Dennis Matthews joined Birkenhead in 2007. Covid won out last season as the tournament wasn't played due to government restrictions at the time. 2022 saw its return as the numbers were well under the one hundred limit, in fact the entries totalled twenty which in turn were graded and drawn into ten pairs and sent out to play. After four rounds with an extended lunch break the winners and runners up were found. It was no surprise Col Godfrey (graded and playing skip) and Dennis McSweeney (graded three and leading) won overall with three wins, +35 differential, Godfrey had also won the title last time it was played two years ago back in 2020. While Keith Burgess (graded and playing skip) and Fay Judge (graded and playing lead) came in runners-up with three wins, +13 differential.

Brother & Sister Podium

Millie Nathan is not unaccustomed to the top step of the podium having been there many times in her five-year bowling career. The 1-5 Year Women's Singles she first held back in 2017/18 and has successfully defended it five times. The most recent and her last time, as she enters the realm of open grade next year, she came up triumphs against second year Steph Langford (21-5) (21-7). The score line may have been a bit one sided, but good on Steph the only lady to step forward to challenge Millie, and Steph's bowls will be better for it

The Men's and nine entries played four rounds of qualifying with six points or more getting through to day two and knockout. Five successfully qualified, Warren Lush, William Tonga, John Hannan, Chad Nathan and Sydney Walker. Names drawn for Sunday with the byes at the top and bottom of the chart!. Tonga defeated Hannan (21-7) to make the semi against Lush, the other semi had Nathan and Walker. Lush stepped up and defeated Tonga (21-9) while Nathan comfortably accounted for Walker (21-7). This set up a predictable Lush versus Nathan final as those present settled in for was anticipated to be ding-dong final. As it happened ding-dong wasn't to be as Nathan led after two ends (4-0). After eight the scores (7-4) where as close as Lush ever got to the lead. Nathan pulled away to take the title for 2021/22 after sixteen ends (21-6) and join his sister Millie a top of the podium. Lush was left licking his wounds and thinking what could have been if he hadn't had a great night the night before in support of Hospice.









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Club Night Friday Meat Raffles, Joker 500 and more....

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Bowls3Five this Weekend

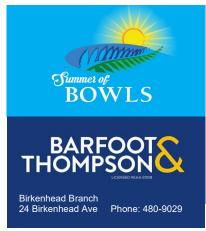
Bowls3Five gets underway 8.30am this Saturday morning on a number of greens, including Birkenhead's.

Ten teams have been selected by the Club selector John Hindmarch and his committee with teams up on the white board in the Club.

Hindmarch has requested all skips contact their team members and make sure teams use their Team/Club Partner names as reference. Team/Club Partner names can be found under each teams lead's name.

If you have not played Bowls3Five before, please formularise yourself with the conditions of play and format as it differs from all other club and centre events, a copy of the latest CoP are available for download from the BNH website.

Below are the teams selected, as they stand 5pm Tuesday 1 March.



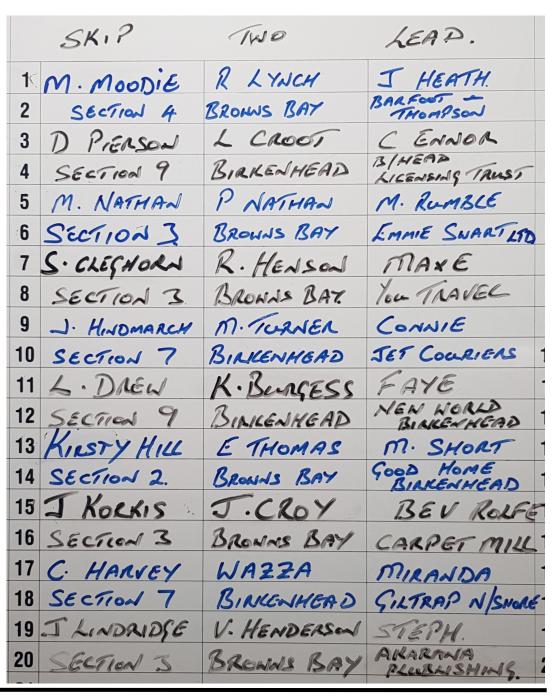


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Correction - Christmas Shield Tuesday 15 March

Last week's edition of The Bee Express stated the new date for the postponed Christmas Shield Challenge at Northcote was Tuesday 22 March, this was a typo and is incorrect. The correct date is Tuesday 15 March.

Christmas Shield at Northcote

Postponed from before Christmas the annual challenge against Northcote, played for over fifty years, will take place at Northcote 5.30pm Tuesday 15 March. Northcote currently holds the Shield and it's time for it to travel back up the hill.

Aiming for a 5.30pm start but depending on traffic a start no later than 6pm There are three Open Men's Fours, one Open Women's Fours, one 1-5 Year Any Combination Fours teams and possibly additional open any combination dependant on numbers from both clubs. One game is played of 1 hour 20 minutes in mufti followed by awarding of the Christmas Shield and a meal. Entry per player to play is \$10 includes a free meal, nonplayers pay for their meal \$10.

Those available to play put your name on the whiteboard in the Club, Northcote don't have as much green space as Birkenhead but will endeavour to give all those on the whiteboard a game.

Non players/supporters that want a meal, please also indicate on the same white board.

Blast from the Past

Back in 1998 this group were part of a syndicate of ten tied up in the ownership of a horse, in fact two horses. Two of the ladies in the syndicate selected two horses from a paddock of three. The two horses being "Love is Blind" and "Clay Magic". Stuie Moorcroft tells the Bee "Love is Blind" was no good but "Clay Magic" had two wins and one place from eleven starts with earnings of \$12,850. The photo below was taken at Ellerslie Saturday 15 August 1998 on a day when "Clay Magic" came third according to Moorcroft or second according to Jimmy Larsen. The record books states "Clay Magic" finished second behind "Gold Sign" in the NZTBA over 1200m.

Incidentally, the horse left in the paddock was the great "Sunline" who went on the win 32 of her 48 races with earnings of NZ\$14,200,000.



Left: Rowan Brassey's son (on fence), Clay Magic syndicate: Pat MacDonnell, Jimmy Larsen, Stuie Moorcroft, Randall Watkins, Ross Haresnape, Rowan Brassey.





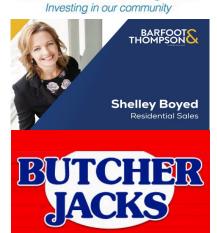




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Disappointment to Relief

Hospice February came to a close and thankyou to all those businesses and individual that have contributed. Although it was disappointing to have to cancel our annual Waitangi Day fundraiser this year, with the raffles sold over the month, the ticket sales from the Soul Agents evening, auctions and donations, including a large donation from the Birkenhead RSA, the Club have raised a respectable \$4,000. From initial disappointment with a cancelled tournament turned to relief that at least we raised a respectable amount for such a worthy cause, Hospice.

A special thank you to Louise Fox for all her hours of collecting and co-ordination the February Hospice Month.

Hopefully the actual Waitangi Day tournament gets off the ground and we get back up around the \$10,000 mark.

The Soul Agents performance last Saturday was made possible by the sale of tickets and the support from Michelle and Jimmy Galloway, Greg Utting, John Hindmarch, Miranda Stark, Emmie Swart Limited and David Moverley.

Businesses and individuals, listed below, who donated prizes for our Hospice raffles and auction:

Mitre 10 Pristine Beauty Greg Utting - Argus Plan Co

Kiwi Valley Farm Park Birkenhead Brewing Company Nicola & Adam

Patel Family Greenhithe Nancy Grice

Kings Plant Barn
Bliss Hair Salon
Deborrah Pearce
Game Over Auckland
Lynn Barrow
The Malt
James McVicar
Elaine Utting
Bev Rolfe

Terry Miller
Turners Auctions
Bunnings
Warren Lush
Dutch Delight
Devonport Knitters
Lynda Nolan
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Hospice Raffles and Auctions Winners

Raffles drawn Friday 25 February and the auctions run during the Soul Agents gig Saturday night.

And the raffle winners were

John Croy Angle Grinder
Peter Svendsen Pristine Beauty Voucher
Emmie Swart Bunnings Voucher
Vaughan Henderson Wine
Ray Munce Turners Cooler Bag with beer and speaker

Emmie Swart Air Fryer Michelle Galloway Whiskey

Elaine Utting Pristine Beauty Voucher
Geoff Darby Chelsea Winter Mugs
Emmie Swart Bliss Hair Salon Voucher
Elaine Utting Mad Millie Gin Kit
David McNeill Bunnings Voucher

Tony Nightingale Game Över Auckland Voucher Rachel Jones Tray of Red Bull Logan Smith The Malt Voucher Kings Plant Barn pack

Gill Rainbow Deep Fryer
Barry Reyland Bunnings Voucher

Ray Munce Dutch Delight Voucher Ray Munce Baking Dish / Wine

Logan Smith Game Over Auckland Voucher

Vaughan Henderson Baking Dish / Wine

Chris Thomas Turners Cooler Bag with beer & speaker

Elaine Utting Baking Dish / Wine Peter Svendsen Baking Dish / Wine Emmie Swart Turners Cooler Bac

Mavis Smith

Elaine Utting

Fay Kingham

James McVicar

Chris Thomas

Murray Smith

Michelle Galloway

Adam Richardson

Auction winners......
Terry Moverley

Turners Cooler Bag with beer & Speaker

Kiwi Valley Farm Park Voucher

Bottle of Bubbly

Birkenhead Brewing Co Voucher

Devonport Knitters Blankets / Bunnings Voucher

Kia Car

Framed Print of Island Bay

BBQ

4.5L Coruba Cheese Box



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Old China Wanted

Wanted: Donations of Old-Fashioned China -Tea Cups, Saucers, Side Plates, Tea Pots, Milk Jugs, Sugar Bowls, Cake Stands

We are keen to establish a set of up to 100 place settings so we can hold our annual High Tea fundraisers or regular bowling events without the need to hire equipment which eats into our fundraising proceeds.

If you have any unwanted items (doesn't need to be matching sets) in your cupboards we will gladly take them off your hands. Or if you are passing by Op Shops maybe you could pop in and see if you can snap up a bargain. Ask your family and friends to keep a look out too. Any items can be dropped at the Bowling Club. Thank you for your support.



BeeRewards Suspended or Voided

Besides being a requirement of the Club's Licence and Constitution having your current membership card on you enables you to collect and redeem BeeReward points over the upstairs bar. The BeeRewards points are non-transferable and may only be accrued and used by the card holder named on the card, if found using someone else's card you, them or both may have your BeeRewards suspended or voided. Remember when you scan your card your name comes up on the till in front of the bar staff.

Social Bowls

As the days get shorter You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five creeps towards the final night in two Mondays time. But we haven't got there yet and last Monday evening sixteen teams, including a new team from the Club's recently formed Darts section hit the greens. Numbers slightly down on the previous week, but understandable considering the Omicron doing the rounds. And yes, we have members testing positive and wish them a speedy recovery. Of the sixteen teams two nailed the evening with three wins while a stack of two winners came though chasing third sport and the consolation on the last game went to a team that coincidentally would have come four if we had paid out to fourth.

You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3five continues Monday 7 March and concludes on 14 March with more prizes that usual up for grabs and a slap-up meal.

First: Bowls Deep - 3 Inches Combined - Maryanne, Dann, Ryan

Second: Watch This Space - Jackie, Robyn, Miranda

Third: X-Fit - Graeme, Bazza, Rob

Consolation: - Drop Kicks - Jimmy, Evan, Pete











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Quiz Night - Free to Enter 7pm Thursday 10 March

Non-members welcome Enter on the night

Quiz Partners:

Tim Roskruge of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Bill Hansen

The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls and other maters. The views and opinions expressed here are those of the author's and do not necessarily represent or reflect the views of Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Twice in a week I have punched out The Doghouse, I must be on a roll. As I said last week, I wasn't up to much on the bowling green since I ate myself silly at Pringle Park on the 15th of January 2022 but, I was taking a keen interest in the bowling results that had come across the various media platforms. Media platforms are great if you are part of the sandwiched generation like me but if you're a roll-up bowler you've got about as much chance of watching a final at the nationals as Labour has of getting voted in at the next election. The coverage on YouTube by Bowls New Zealand was great and I must admit the idea of purchasing a set of cameras to do it was a master stroke. That coverage of bowls just about has me cancelling my Sky Sport subscription as I'm a bit over watching foreign football leagues and listening to Justin Marshall get so excited about a forward pass. I'd hate to be his wife; he must be a nightmare to sleep with?

I had a few mixed emotions watching the men's finals at the Nationals. It was bloody good to see Tony in both the singles and pairs final. I know he was playing under the banner of another club but, as I said to him, ultimately, he's a Birkenhead player....and let's face it, he does live in Birkenhead. I was gutted to see him lose both finals but he may have done a bit better in the pairs final if he had a decent skip!!. Those results and his win in the Burnside Pairs with the New Zealand head coach meant he was a shoo-in for the training squad for the New Zealand Commonwealth Games team.... fingers crossed and good luck Tony. Let's hope there's not a world war going on when you fly to Europe.

So, after Pringle Park what was I doing for the rest of January. Well, I reached the ripe old age of 62 on the 28th and my wife took me on a dirty weekend. I was salivating with anticipation until we arrived in Te Kuiti, and she pulled up outside a laundromat. It was my job to do the washing while she went shopping for two hours. Only a woman could go shopping for two hours in Te Kuiti because let's face it, there's nothing to do there unless you want to take a photo of a giant shearer in a black singlet playing with the testicles of a petrified ewe. I finished early and couldn't find my wife so I went for a walk to try and find someone in Te Kuiti to have an intelligent conversation with.....mission impossible. I ended up bumping into Colin Meads in the main street and talking to him for about half an hour. As usual Sir Colin was a man of very few words, and I eventually gave up after a dog walked up and urinated on his leg.

I won't go into what happened for the rest of the weekend as those stories are reserved for the letters section of a certain men's magazine. Subsequently though when I returned, I got the urge to play a bit of bowls again and entered the North Harbour Singles champs. I'll go into that "performance" in some detail next week.

On a final note, I just want to make mention of the members of Bowls Birkenhead who ran the recent pairs tournaments for the men and woman. I couldn't get down to the club because I had a sniffle and Mrs Ed wouldn't let me, but I heard that they were a roaring success.

Until next time

YOU Travel SOCIAL BOWLS 3 FIVE Continues 6pm Monday 7 March

More info and entry phone/text Evan on 021 057-5491 or email socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz













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Shanghai Sundays

Come join in Sunday afternoons to play social darts with anyone that wants to have a go. Club darts are available and free advice is in abundance. With no registration or experience required, a bunch of our darts players turn up 3pm Sunday afternoon to play darts with a twist – at any point in the game, if you throw a shanghai (a single, double, and treble of the same number), you win the game! It can be quick turn-around games which is awesome for all playing and a great chance to catch up with friends and meet new people. You never know where it may lead your competitive nature to....... The City of Sails darts league!

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Intercentre Cancelled

Last Wednesday Bowls New Zealand notified the Club that the 2022 National Intercentre Tournament had been cancelled. This was a disappointment as Birkenhead was to have been used, but totally understandable and no surprise. Players and official's health comes first.

Centre Update

BNH Weekly Reminder

The Bowls North Harbour Weekly Reminder is currently arriving in the Club's inbox past the deadline to make the Wednesday edition of Bee Express. For the current BNH Weekly Reminder go to Bowls North Harbour's website www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/news/

BeezKnits

The Club utilises the resources within its membership to support the premature babies. These little ones need all the help they can get to give them a fighting chance to be future bowlers.

Our members knit booties, hats, mittens, vests, blankets and much more to keep the premature babies and new-borns leaving Kidz First Hospital warm.

From a small informal group the "BeezKints" have been formed, knitting for a specific purpose and donating all.

The "BeezKnits" operate from the Club, where the Birkenhead Bowling Club has become a drop-off point, delivering knitwear to Middlemore and North Shore on a regular bases. If you're keen to help out or join the "BeezKnits" contact Emmie (0275 297 297) or Louise (021 2367121).

Donations of wool (4 ply & 8 ply) to the Club (or money to purchase wool) will be gratefully accepted at the Club, it is amazing how far one ball of wool or \$5 will go for the wee ones. Drop-off point: Birkenhead Bowling Club. 93 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead, Auckland 0746 Monday to Friday from 3.30pm

Saturday and Sunday from 11am





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Lions Create History with Memorable Title Win

Reproduced from Bowls Australia website 25/02/22

By Lachlan Williams

History had eluded the Sydney Lions for years, but for the first time since BPL06 in 2017, they are champions of the Bowls Premier League.

The Lions did it the hard way, finishing third and forced to play in two elimination finals before going on to meet home-team Moama Steamers in the final.

The Steamers were the standout team all tournament, losing just four matches and finishing atop the ladder after round robin play.

Moama jumped out to an early 7-0 lead in the first, before the Lions clawed back. Clutch shots from Ryan Bester and Kevin Anderson helped Moama fight back and secure the first set.

The Steamers appeared to be in the box seat in the second set, but the Lions dug deep, fighting on for a gutsy set win to force a tiebreak, the fourth from five games for the night. With the jack potted in the ditch, it was Ben Twist who was able to take the shot, hold on and claim a memorable win for Sydney.

The victory takes the Lions to four titles, making them the most successful franchise in BPL history. It also gives Karen Murphy her fourth title, making her the equal most successful BPL player (level with Aron Sherriff and Aron Teys).



Earlier in the evening, reigning champions Tweed Heads Ospreys' dynasty came to an end in the first match of the night, falling short in a tie-break thriller against cross-border rivals Brisbane Pirates.

Alex Marshall showed all of his class to put the jack in the ditch then follow up and draw shot to knock the Ospreys out.

The Pirates looked to ride their form when they took on the Sydney Lions, with the match battled out into a tiebreak. Marshall looked to have drawn shot with his final bowl, but it was Aaron Wilson who upstaged the Scottish champion to save the game for the Lions to send them through to the preliminary final.

Home-town favourites and ladder leaders Moama Steamers then enjoyed a relatively comfortable win over the Adelaide Pioneers in the semi final to advance straight to grand final, with the Pioneers forced to face off against the Lions.

The sides were neck-and-neck throughout, halving both sets with yet another tiebreak required to separate them. Wilson once again stood up for the Lions, with the Sydney side sending the Pioneers packing in straight sets, and booking a spot against the Steamers in the final.

#BPL14 will go down as one of the more historic events in the competition's history. Aron Sherriff was crowned as tournament MVP, with Kelsey Cottrell and Ben Twist named to the first ever BPL All Star team along with Sherriff.







Birkenhead Branch



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Spotlight On Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and the team at the Birkenhead branch.

The Birkenhead branch assists the Club in number of areas by way of Membership cards, score cards, opening day guest speaker. monthly Quiz nights and a tournament or to including the Easter Triples.

Staff members support the Club's social scene and regularly have a team or two in the Monday evenings Social Bowls3Five and the monthly quiz nights are very popular with them. Along with the Birkenhead branch support, agents Tim Roskruge, Shelley Boyed

and Lance Clarke also sponsor in their own right. Barfoot and Thompson Birkenhead's support of the Club is gratefully received. Thanks Pete Taylor and your team for the continued support of the club, it's very much appreciated.

Source: http://www.barfoot.co.nz/ birkenhead

The team at Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead are a group of down-to-earth, hardworking locals who can help take the stress out of buying, selling or renting in this accessible North Shore suburb. Many staff at the branch have been there for 10-20 years, and with all having lived in the area at some stage in their lives, they possess a



Pete Taylor, Branch Manager Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead

great deal of local knowledge. This local knowledge is combined with a wealth of experience in the real estate game. Barfoot & Thompson has been part of the Auckland landscape for over 90 years, and sells one of three homes in the Auckland area. Every property listed with Barfoot & Thompson is shared with all 60+ branches, each of whom can bring a buyer to your home and share in the sale. That's over 1,400 salespeople all selling your property - resulting in unparalleled reach and buyer competition. Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead also offer a dedicated property manager who can manage your rental or investment property for you - including carrying out maintenance and conducting rent reviews. To make it even easier, the Barfoot & Thompson office is centrally located on one of Birkenhead's two main shopping streets. So pop in and see how they can help take the stress out of your buying, selling or renting experience. Birkenhead is just a short drive or ferry ride from Auckland city, and has a mixture of traditional villas and contemporary family-sized properties as well as some more modern apartment complexes, many offering stunning harbour and city views. All the shops you need can be found in the local village, as well as some excellent bars and cafés. Nearby beaches, parks and reserves offer plenty to do in the weekends, and well-regarded pre-schools, primary and secondary schools make it popular with families.

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