

**From the small beginnings the Massey Rugby Football Club has risen to its present strong position in Auckland Rugby Circles.**

Away back in 1954 the pupils of the local primary school played seven-a-side matches on an inter-school basis and in 1955 an approach was made to parents by the Hobsonville Rugby Football Club that Massey field a 15 a side team on Saturday mornings on a regional competitive basis.

As no field was available in Massey at this time – the local Domain being in the process of development – all these games were to be played on Hobsonville War Memorial Park. This arrangement lasted one season.

When the Massey Domain was made available for play problems arose with the referees from the Kaipara Sub-Union as this Domain was situated in the Auckland Rugby Union area and Hobsonville was in the Kaipara Sub-Union.

In 1957 Massey was fielding three junior teams which had to travel all over the Kaipara Sub-Union. This proved too much for parents, players and supporters so on the advice of the Kaipara Sub-Union it was recommended that Massey approach the Auckland Rugby Football Union. And upon their advice it was suggested Massey contact the Waitemata Rugby Football Club.

In 1958 Massey was to be known as the Waitemata Massey Rugby Football Club but this did not prove a very satisfactory arrangement for all concerned.

Before the next season the Massey Rugby Football Club was formed in its own right. Fixing club colours took some time and on the advice of Mr Link Warren, secretary of the Auckland Rugby Union at that time, the present colours, red, yellow and blue hoops and white shorts were approved – the white shorts being changed to blue shorts in recent years.

For several years only junior teams were catered for and as players grew a grade team eventuated then a second grade team.

1964 saw the first approach for affiliation to the Auckland Rugby Football Union which was at first declined but representatives were appointed to the boys' management board and Junior Management Board of the Union which gave Massey a great boost.

1981: The present Clubrooms were laid out and furnished through the efforts of a very hard working management committee – the funds being raised in part by lady club supporters and junior teams.

All this made the advent of affiliation to the Auckland Rugby Football Union a formality.

The senior teams were formed the following season and have, over the years had their ups and downs until in 1981 the senior team won the club championship and promotion.

With only one field at the Massey Domain it was difficult to have a training area and playing field in reasonable condition but Massey managed with difficulty in its early years.

Being allocated fields at Moire Park has enable the Massey Rugby Football Club to have a lighted all-weather training field and four other playing fields at its disposal with a good parking area.



Massey Senior Team 1982 Winners of A.R.U. Second Division Championship