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Newsletter to members

## CARBINE CLUB LIONS TOUR RUGBY LUNCHEON - Thursday 6th July 2017

**Attached** is the flyer for the upcoming Lions Tour Rugby Luncheon. With special guest speaker Sky UK rugby broadcaster **JAMES GEMMELL** and member **Phil Gifford** discussing the current Lions tour and analysing the play to date. Both are passionate about the game and not afraid to say how they see it. It should produce a very interesting discussion. Get together some friends and come and enjoy the event.

## **QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS**



Kerry Clark OBE, CNZM

Kerry Clark was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to bowls. This is a very well deserved honour as Kerry has had a huge impact on the sport nationally and internationally over many decades. He was recently described as '[a]rguably the greatest bowls person of the modern era – champion international player, coach and manager, administrator, leader and

visionary'.

As a player Kerry represented NZ from 1972 to 1980 and won a gold medal in the 1974 Commonwealth Games NZ fours team. Following his playing career, he became increasingly involved in administration and governance nationally and internationally receiving an OBE for services to bowls in 1989. He is the longest serving CEO of any national sporting organisation having been appointed the foundation CEO of Bowls NZ in 1996 following the amalgamation of the men's and womens' games. He retires from the role this month having steered the sport through changing times and worked tirelessly to keep it relevant for new generations of bowlers. Highlights include staging the 2008 World Championships in Christchurch (when the men's and womens' events were held together for the first time) and again in 2016 and being very much involved in developing the sport internationally, introducing both Malaysia and India in to the game prior to each country hosting the Commonwealth Games.

Congratulations Kerry, it is a very much deserved recognition of your contribution to bowls and sport.

Regards

VJ Latta Secretary

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