



# STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB

## A brief history

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# THE FORMATIVE YEAR: 1919

The Stop Out club was founded in 1919 with the aim of providing recreational opportunities to Te Aro flat children associated with the St Peter's Mission.

The Reverend Thomas Fielden-Taylor of the Wellington City Mission wanted to establish a club for the large number of boys who would stay out late at night kicking a football about.

The kids were affectionately known as 'stop outs' - period slang for troubled youth.

When a club was finally established for them, the club name 'Stop-Out' was an obvious choice.

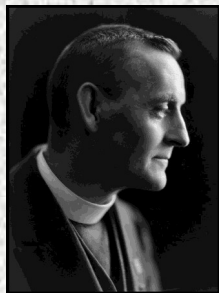
So the St Peter's Taranaki Street Mission was set up for the Boys Club, becoming our first home.

1919 was the official birth of the Stop Out club and after almost 100 years much has changed about the club, and yet our values remain the same today.

In 2019 we celebrate the centenary of the Stop Out Sports club.



BOYS' CLUB, TARANAKI STREET



*"The name means nothing. We are all starting off with nothing. Let's make the name Stop Out mean something to the people of Wellington."*

Reverend Thomas Fielden-Taylor

# THE FIRST DECADE: 1920 –1929

The first decade saw Stop Out involved in many sports and activities: Harriers, Debating, Drama Club, Billiards, Cricket, Boxing, Football and even Tug of War. The Youth camps became an annual highlight and bible studies were very much at the heart of the club.

And from 1922 we also entered local rugby competitions.

Our top cricket team by the end of this period developed into a competitive team and we became a firmly established cricket club within the Wellington region.

As the decade progressed it saw our football team gradually extending itself until by the end of 1929 we achieved promotion into the senior grade of Wellington football.

*"In affiliating with the Rugby Union we were forced to adopt 'Red and Grey' as our colours, owing to the fact that our own club colours were already in use."*

The Stop Out'—Official organ of the Stop-Out club. May 1922



STOP-OUT CRICKET TEAM 1922-23

## Excerpt from the 1922 Annual report

The third anniversary of the Stop-Out Club was celebrated in fitting manner last night by a large number of members and others who gathered at Dustin's rooms, and spent a very enjoyable evening. In proposing the toast, "Absent Members," the chairman, Canon Taylor, spoke of the progress the club had made since its inception. From five original members, it had grown to 172.

The toast "Our President" was the signal for a storm of cheering. Canon Taylor, in response, emphasised the fact that without objectives no club could get on, and gave as the next objective that of raising funds for a new boys' hostel in Wellington. He spoke of the improvement in the club since last year, and urged all members present to do their best at all times.

Community singing was indulged in and the club's band gave a selection, which was much appreciated.

## Girls' Camp, Christmas, 1923.

This year the Girls' Club held its Annual Camp at Carterton, where we all spent a jolly time together.

On the day of our arrival a very pleasant surprise awaited us, Mr. McKenzie having the billy boiling and tables set ready for lunch.

On the 29th December the whole Camp paid a visit to the A.B.C. Camp at Solway. The boys provided afternoon tea for the girls, and what a delicious tea it was!—hot cakes and scones and a "dainty" mug of tea; really the best tea since leaving home.

The girls held their Camp Sports on Monday, 31st December, to which the Boys' Camp was invited. Unfortunately, the train by which the boys were to come did not stop at Solway, so only those with bicycles were able to attend the Sports.



FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

"STOP-OUT" CLUB

MAY, 1924.

President:

REV. T. FIELDEN TAYLOR.

Vice-Presidents:

REVS. H. WATSON and P. A. STANLEY, MESSRS  
A. HILLYER, G. CLARKE, C. L. COLLINS, H.  
C. BAYES, R. C. KINVIG, W. NICHOL, H.  
CORNWALL and F. H. GASKIN.

Secretary:

MR. J. P. CORDER.

Treasurer:

MR. W. S. SOUTHWARD.

## THE SECOND DECADE: 1930 –1939

In late 1927 the Dunn family who had been foundation members of the Stop Out Sports Club relocated to the Hutt Valley.

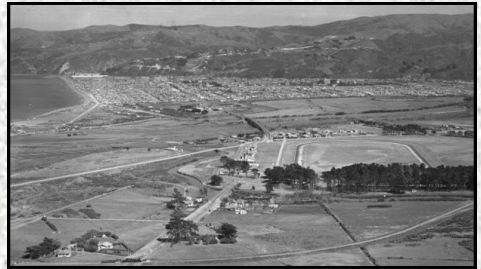
In 1931 with financial support and backing from Reverend Fielden Taylor, Dick Dunn commenced club activities under the grandstand at the Hutt Park racecourse.

We were initially known as Moera Stop-Out Sports Club. One boys' under-12 soccer team was entered into the local Hutt Valley competition and in the summer we started one cricket team.

Instruction and training was also given in the sport of boxing with Dick Dunn subsequently forming the Railways Boxing Club based at the nearby railway workshops.

Before long there were upward of 100 boys meeting nightly for football kick-arounds under the grandstand at the Hutt Park trots.

On 26 April 1930 a Stop Out football team was entered in the Senior Grade 3 competition and played their first game against Miramar Rangers at Rongotai. We lost that day 0 – 5.



Hutt Park Raceway c 1932



Gathering of 'Stop Outs' at Hutt Park



Stop Out 1st team, Petone Rec 1936



Reverend Fielden Taylor with a group off to camp at Ōtaki, 1931–32.



Stop Out Cricket, 1st X1 Senior A Porirua Mental Hospital grounds, 1931

# THE THIRD DECADE: 1940 –1949

Over this 10 year period and through the war years our cricket club grew to reach Senior Open status. Our Senior football team moved between Wellington Division's 1A and 1B ending in Division 1B in 1949.

After the death of Fielden Taylor in 1936, Dick Dunn became the President, a role he held for many more decades.

## MOERA STOP-OUT AND DIAMOND

Moera Stop Out played with excellent combination against Diamond, and ran out winners by 5 goals to 1. For Moera Jeromson and Bold scored two goals each, whilst Howie, the Diamond keeper, put one through his own goal. Tucker scored Diamond's only goal.

**EVENING POST 12-05-1941**



Dick Dunn coaching cricket at St Paul's Church, Waiwhetu Road 1949



Colts cricket team at Trafalgar Park Senior 2nd Division 1949

Some of our finest footballers; Reg Singer, Owen Bold, Johnny Sharp, George Drylie were all prolific through these years. In 1948, 15 year old Fred Benge played his first senior game and was still playing in 1964.

Fred scored 124 goals for the club.

And the legend that was Frank Jeromson played senior football for well over 20 seasons.



Fred Benge

### Wellington reps in the 1940's

	Years	Matches
G Drylie	1942-44, 47	9
F Jeromson	1942-43, 46, 55	7
J Sharp	1942, 47-49, 52, 55-56	20
R Singer	1942-48	12
Young	1943	1
W Jones	1943	3
O Bold	1943	2

## HUTT VALLEY CRICKET

It was decided that clubs should be allowed, until the end of the year, to regrade players without applying for permission. Two wickets at Trafalgar Park were allocated to the park club, and one at Bell Park to Stop Out.

*"One wicket at Bell Park for Stop Out"*

Evening Post, 17th October 1945



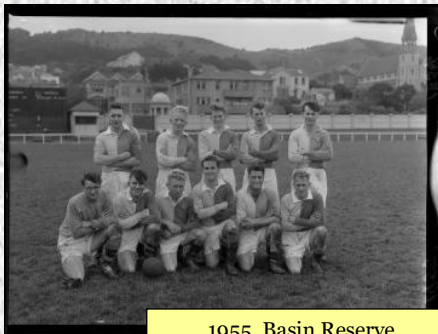
Club Captain Tom Logie KIA 1940

# THE FOURTH DECADE: 1950 –1959

This decade proved to be one of the club's most successful periods. The Club's Senior team started in Division 1A and ended 1959 in what was the top senior grade in Wellington then known as Wellington 1.

Our first team won the Senior grade championship—the Venus Shield in 1954, 1955 and 1956. And we won the Chatham Cup in 1956.

Decade	For	Against	Difference
1930s	344	350	-6
1940s	509	392	117
1950s	587	353	234
1960s	564	389	175
1970s	329	363	-34
1980s	479	290	189
1990s	356	472	-116
2000s	318	470	-152
2010s	693	320	373



1955, Basin Reserve

Jim Blair



Frank Jeromsen

Wellington reps in the 1950's

	Year	Matches
F.Jeromsen	1942-43, 46, 55	7
J.Sharp	1942, 47-49, 52, 55-56	20
R.Blair	1950	2
J. Blair	1955-58	2
R.Hastings	1952-54	5
E.Manderson	1952	1
F.Benge	1952-57	16
B.Sinden	1953	1
H.Grootelaar	1953-56	10
J.Newall	1953	2
B.Sergent	1955-56, 58	9
A.Schyvers	1956-60	17
R.Jackson	1957	3

- 1953 Venus Shield Runners-up
- 1954 Venus Shield WINNERS
- 1955 Venus Shield WINNERS
- 1956 Venus Shield WINNERS
- 1956 Chatham Cup WINNERS
- 1958 Venus Shield Runners-up



1956, vs Miramar at the Basin

# THE CHATHAM CUP, Winners 1956

The Chatham Cup is considered the ultimate goal for any New Zealand football club and we achieved this success with victory in 1956.

Here's the road to the final.

Game 1 v Petone 3-1

Game 2 v University 5-4

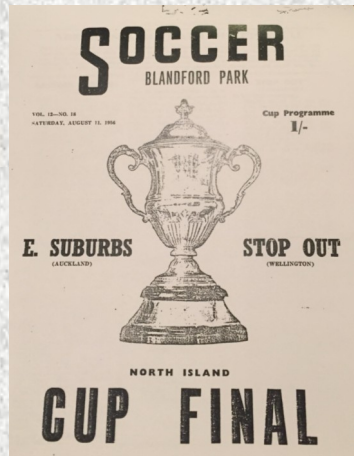
Game 3 v Western Suburbs 4-1

Game 4 v Masterton 7-3

Game 5 v Eastern Suburbs 7-3

FINAL v Shamrock 4-1

GF 30. GA 13.



D GENTRY, A SCHRYVERS, J NEUMANN, D HUDSON, F BENGÉ, H GROOTELAAR,  
J SHARP, C LINCOLN (Selector) F JEROMSON (Captain) C DUNCAN (Coach) J BLAIR  
G SMITH, B SERGEANT

# THE FIFTH DECADE: 1960 –1969

The Men's Senior team continued to play in the top senior Wellington Competition from 1960 until the end of the 1967 season and was promoted to the Central League Division 2 competition for the start of the 1968 season. A successful campaign saw us crowned champions and promoted to Central League Division 1 for the 1969 season.

One of the club's most prolific goalscorers Mike Johnston scored an incredible 62 goal in the 1968 season. And 120 club goals from 1964-1969. Mike completed his Stop Out career with his goal tally at 139.



Mike back at Hutt Park in 2014

**Stop Out Sports Club Football Team**  
WINNERS CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION 1968  
Played 18    Won 17    Drew 1    Goals for 127    Goals against 20

Back Row: D. Forman    J. Higgins    D. Gendall    M. Johnston    R. McPherson  
 Middle Row: P. Dunn (Manager)    S. Lawrinson    D. Gendall    G. Petersen    K. Charlton    A. Milne (Coach)  
 Seated: J. Coe    D. Niven (Captain)    J. McCreadie, (Club Captain)



# THE SIXTH DECADE: 1970 –1979

1970 saw the start of New Zealand's first ever club National League and we were one of the inaugural members. For a decade Te Whiti Park in Waiwhetu drew Sunday crowds of 1000 plus football fans watching the country's best footballers in action. The team's greatest success was as runners up in 1977. Here's our finishing spots over those 11 seasons.

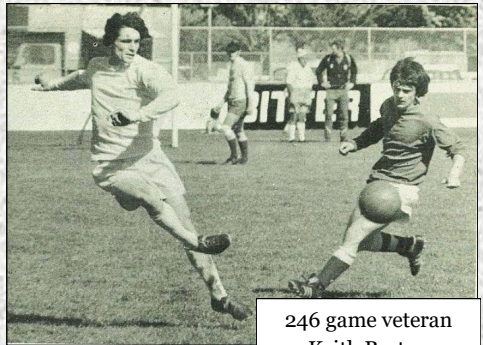
1970 = 5th	1974 = 4th	1978 = 8th
1971 = 8th	1975 = 6th	1979 = 9th
1972 = 6th	1976 = 9th	1980 = 10th
1973 = 7th	1977 = 2nd	



Flecknor, Barton, Dugdale and Tillotson.



Sam Malcolmson



246 game veteran Keith Barton



1977 team



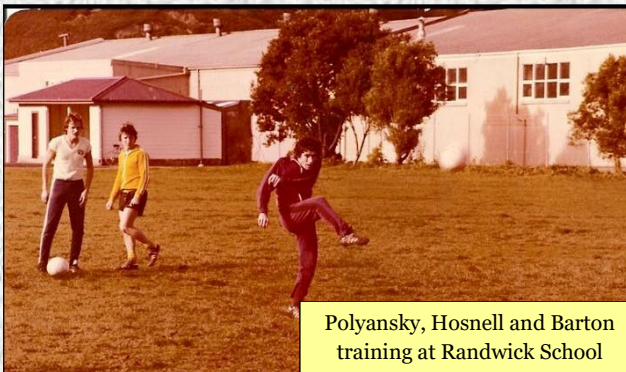
Mike Jones

## THE SEVENTH DECADE: 1980 –1989



The Fred Goodwin era developed an open and attacking style that also proved very successful in local football circles.

After relegation from the National League, the 80's was a decade where we had major success in the Central League being runners up in 1981 and 1982 and winning in 1983 and 1984. And Fred liked a team of experienced players: Keith Barton 246, Steve Boyland 168, Glenn Perry 156, Matt Cantwell 144, Bruce Polyansky 140, David Creamer 120, Alan Harrison 117, Phil Abraham 100 all played throughout the successful 80's period. However we were never fortunate enough to win our way back into the National League.



Polyansky, Hosnell and Barton training at Randwick School



## THE EIGHTH DECADE: 1990 –1999

In the early 90's we continued to ply our trade in the Central League. By the end of that decade the club was struggling on and off the field and it was was one of the darkest times in the club's history.

At one point in the mid 90's we had shrunk to three senior teams and eighteen junior teams.

In 1997 we dropped to Central 3 and ended the decade being relegated into the Capital 1 League.

Talks of mergers and take-overs were averted and the constant reminder of the toil and sweat of our Stop Out founders were key drivers to again make Stop Out the great club it once was.

The fighting spirit of club founder Dick Dunn was an inspiration to get Stop Out off the canvas and back once again as one of the regions top clubs.

Over the next few years the club clawed its way back from the brink and slowly grew it's playing base. Stop Out carried on fighting for survival and the club turned the corner of a new millenium battered and bruised but more resilient with the challenges ahead to get back to the top.



Dick Dunn -  
always a fighter

## THE NINTH DECADE: 2000 –2009

The Mike Holmwood coached 1st team won promotion from Capital 1 to Capital Premier in 2004 and then again in 2005 from Capital Premier to Central League. This showed that the club was starting to recapture some of its traditional success.

At the end of this decade Women's football was re-introduced to the club. A focus on youth and a long term strategy on building a strong infrastructure to support the women's games paid dividends and by the end of the decade the women's game had blossomed. The Women's first team was playing in the Women's Premier division and we had grown to 3 senior teams.



2005 Premier League  
Champions.



The Women's first team on their  
reintroduction to Senior Football.

Sadly we were relegated out of Men's Central League at the end of the 2008 season, but this proved the catalyst to create a more professional management structure towards everything connected with the club. The vision of the new Executive was to have Stop Out involved in every facet of football Serious and Social — across Juniors, Seniors, Masters, Youth & Women with an aim to play in the highest possible leagues — Men's and Women's Central League by our centenary in 2019. It was time to make the club great again! High profile player Steve Gulley was signed in 2008 and the momentum shift on the playing front also saw a move to a more professional approach. The building blocks were well and truly in place for success!



Steve Gulley :  
148 appearances, 70 goals.

## 90th Celebrations



The great Johnny Sharp presents club Chairman Peter Hartstonge with his NZ jersey.



## 95th Celebrations



## THE TENTH DECADE: 2010 –2019

Stop Out is back! With two Capital Premier titles in 2013 and 2014 we finally returned to the Men's Central League in 2015 after a series victory over Wanganui Athletic.

Joe Gaughan scored a remarkable 54 goals in 33 games – a goal every 0.61 game. And Miroslav (Micky) Malivuk is still going strong with 43 goals in 51 games – A goal every 1.19 games. Their partnership was a large reason for our success in achieving Central League status.

A 4th place finish in 2015 shows Stop Out is back where we belong as one of the regions top footballing clubs.



Deadly duo: Gaughan and Malivuk

# THE TENTH DECADE: 2010 –2019

And the Women’s team have also tasted success. In 2015 they entered Women’s Central League. Captained by Amy Sanson the team had a stable year finishing 6th.

2016 with a strengthened squad they are sitting comfortably mid-table with a aim to push for a top 4 finish.



Mel Macdougall  
117 Senior Games and 70 goals

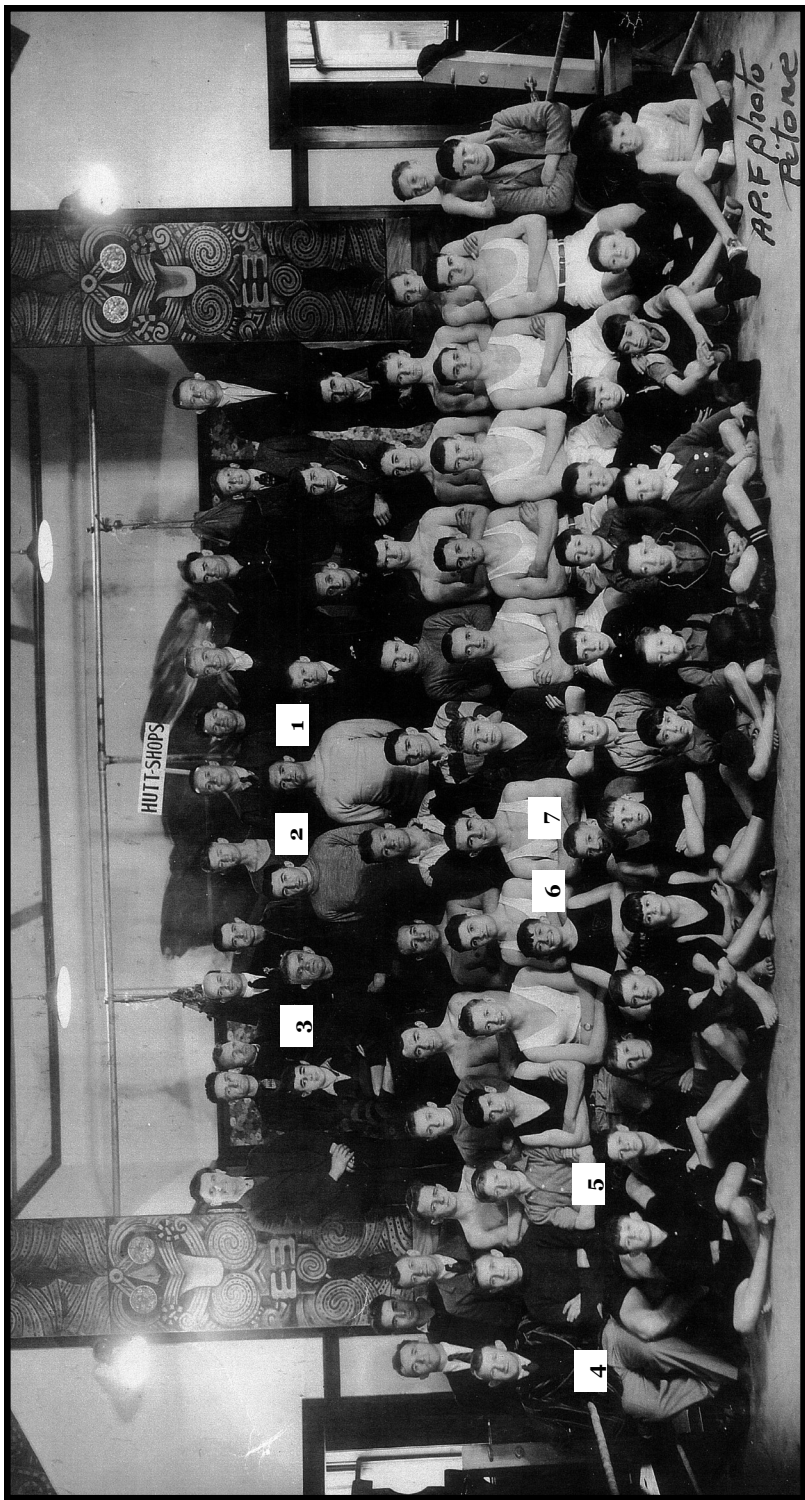


Captain  
Amy Sanson

## NZ Representatives

	1956: J Blair	1975: M Tillotson K Barton	1979: S Rufer
1947: G Drylie G Jonston J Sharp	1957: F Benge R Jackson	1976: S Malcolmson	1980: W Rufer M Dunford
1948: J Sharp	B 1967 G Petersen	1977: S Malcolmson	2015: L Higgins
	R 1968 A Milne	1978: R Ten Broeke B Pickering	
1951: J Newell	1969 D Houghton		
1952: J Newell	1970: D Houghton		
1954: F Benge	1971: G Brand		
1955: F Benge H Grootelaar J Sharp	1972: G Brand		
	1973: G Brand S Boyland		





1 DICK DUNN—FOUNDER. 2 TOM DUNN. 3 JIMMY DUNN Snr . 4 HENRY DUNN. 5 PETER DUNN.  
6 GEORGE DRYLIE. 7 FRANK JEROMSEN

ORIGINAL FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYERS ARE WEARING WHITE SINGLETS

# STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB, HUTT RAILWAY WORKSHOPS