

Club opens its doors

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Sports and Recreation Club today officially opened its doors and welcomed the clubs and future users.



Visitors to the club rooms today got to see the brand new, state of the art telescope the Astronomical Society has purchased.

The \$600,000 project was opened by Mayor Stuart Crosby and Otumoetai Sports and Recreation Club chairman Richard Kluit. The club will be the home of the Otumoetai Football Club, Tauranga Kiteboarders, Albion Cricket Club, Scouts and Guides and the Tauranga Astronomical Society – whose \$15,000 new telescope will be on site for the public to use.



Mayor Stuart Crosby was invited to cut the red ribbon this morning.

The club room extension and development was designed by Matt Biddle, and Richard says the design has been something many users and observers have commented on as keeping the aesthetic of Ferguson Park.

Richard says the club rooms also developed on many working bee days to paint parts of the hall, and adds the working bee enabled children and families to have as sense of ownership of their club room.

Over \$700,000 was raised to re-develop the club. The building hall is now double the size, there are two new changing rooms, new storage areas, a new observatory as well as upgrading the kitchen and bar area.



Richard Kluit welcomes the visitors and gives a brief history of the club.