

Eddie Pram – Life Membership OCBC

It is a genuine pleasure to be here today on behalf of our club with free rein to say good things about Eddie.

Luckily we have plenty of quality material to work with.

Eddie Pram is Orere for life.

He grew up here, went to school 30 metres over there, played in the river at a time when our rivers could be played in.

From here Eddie's exploration saw him end up across the Tasman, and eventually finding himself going toe-to toe with the bosses in the boisterous, no-nonsense world of Sydney's industrial unions.

The skills that saw Eddie through that role came back to Orere Point with him, and this has been to all of our benefit.

After returning home, Eddie spied a job vacancy – bus drivers needed

Eddie rocks along for his interview, but arrives 30 minutes late.

"Sorry I'm late", says Eddie. "You're hired" came the reply.

Universally bus drivers are chilled people. The best ones are all personable, patient, good communicators, calm under pressure and respectful.

This sounds an awful lot like Eddie.

Managing and getting people to do good things with the lightest of touches is right up there on the list of skills Eddie offers. So is listening, giving everyone a fair hearing.

But maybe Eddie's biggest asset is his empathy, his ability to see things from other people's perspectives. Not all of us have this, but humans are naturally attracted to it. Eddie has it in spades.

There's not an organisation or group that has anything to do with Orere Point that Eddie hasn't joined, established, supported and in most cases, led.

Eddie's contribution to the OCBC has been both long and constructive. After retiring once, Eddie stepped back onto the Committee when his help was needed a few years back and he leaves the job now with the club in a very good place.

The reality though is that even if there was no OCBC, Eddie would have found a way to help others in the Orere community. That's his DNA.

And while today is a farewell and thank you, Eddie certainly won't be lost from Orere and will be around to give his support, advice and energy when wanted.

We understand that Eddie is also in line to become a justice of the Peace which I'm sure you will all agree is a well-deserved promotion from Sheriff.

Eddie thank you for all you have done for the OCBC, and all you have done for all of Orere Point.

It is with great pleasure that we present you today with Life Membership of the Orere Community and Boating Club.