



# POST FORMOSA-PACIFIC SHELLHOLE



**2025 Taipei Baboons Rugby Club,  
Bali Bombing Fundraising Dinner**

On the night of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2002, two terrorist bombs exploded among the crowded tourist bars in Kuta, Bali, killing 202 people and injuring more than 200 others. The Bali 10s Rugby Tournament was on, and many rugby players were among the victims. Four Asian rugby teams, Hong Kong Football Club, Singapore Cricket Club, Jakarta Komodos Rugby Club, and the Taipei Baboons Rugby Club were particularly hard hit, and lost 27 players and supporters between them. The Taipei Baboons lost five—James Hardman, 28 (Australia); Daniel Braden, 28 (UK); Godfrey Fitz, 39 (South Africa), Craig Harty, 35 (South Africa); and Kuo Hui-Min, 24 (Taiwan). Two Baboons players that survived the bombing established Taipei's leading sports bar, *The Brass Monkey* as a memorial to the Baboons players killed in the bombing. Each year, an annual dinner is held by the Taipei Baboons to raise money for the Bali Fund to help those maimed by the bombing. Four members of Post Formosa-Pacific attended the dinner on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at the American Club.

PFP Shellhole Assistant Old Bill, Moth Bernie Moore, a former chairman of the Taipei Baboons, helped organise the dinner. Bernie's company was one of the main sponsors. Kiwi Bernie Moore still plays for the Baboons seniors' team, the Silverbacks. Each year, a prominent rugby personality donates their time and costs to attend the dinner as the main speaker. This year, former All Blacks coach, Ian Foster was the main speaker. Former Springbok coach, Jake White attended several years ago. A good time was had by all, and importantly, funds were raised for the trust.

The following day, a combined PFP Shellhole-US Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9957 was held at Malibu West, and PFP Shellhole adjutant, Moth John Ecclestone was awarded his certificate of comradeship.

Photos:

1. Four PFP lads with Ian Foster. Diversity on display. An American, Saffa, Aussie, and a Kiwi;
2. Moth Bernie Moore leading the haka;
3. Former All Blacks coach Ian Foster speaking at the dinner;
4. PFP SH Adj, Moth John Ecclestone being presented his certificate of comradeship by PFP SH OB Moth Mark Wilkie.

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Moth John Kowatch (USA), Moth Mark Wilkie (RSA), Former All Blacks coach Ian Foster, Moth Bruce Crawford (Aus), and Moth Bernie Moore (NZ).



New Zealand attendees led by Taipei Baboons player Bernie Moore, front, perform a haka at the Taipei Rugby Dinner at the American Club Taipei in Songshan District on Saturday.

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Former All Blacks coach Ian Foster speaks at the Taipei Rugby Dinner at the American Club Taipei in Songshan District on Saturday.

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