

NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2003 FIRST GRADE PREMIERS – SOUTHERN SUBURBS

The Southern Suburbs Rugby Union Club won their first Div 1 premiership in 57 years in 2003. South's star David Tito kicked 5 penalties from all over the ground, scoring all of South's 15 points. The only try of the game was scored by Brighton's Paul Jaffray, converted by Wayne Londema. Londema added a further penalty and Nathan Graham completed Brighton's 13 points with a field goal. The Southern Suburbs women's team echoed their first grade by winning the women's premiership, defeating Adelaide University for the third year running. South's scored two tries to one and held on for the majority of the second half. In the 2nd Division, Brighton defeated Onkaparinga. Our own Crocs won their third successive Division 3 Premiership defeating Woodville 13-0 in the final. However, Old Colls 4th Division was defeated in their grand final against Port Adelaide, going down 10-8.

THE WEBB ELLIS CUP IS BACK HOME

The Webb Ellis Cup is back home. The Webb Ellis Cup, affectionately known as "Bill" in Australia after the Wallabies' successes in the 1991 and 1999 Tournaments, was greeted at Sydney International Airport by the ARU Logistics Manager Don Murray and IRB Head of Communications Chris Rea. Meanwhile, the coach of England, Clive Woodward, has said that the Wallabies are the major obstacle to his team's chances of winning the Webb Ellis Trophy. "I've said all along Australia would be the team to beat at the World Cup," said Woodward, whose team enjoyed away victories against both the Wallabies and New Zealand in June of this year. "They've won it twice and they are playing at home. They've got some very talented players and whoever's going to win the World Cup will have to beat Australia."



STATE AWARDS

The Don Smith Medal for Best & Fairest Men's Player was awarded to Warren Duff of WOODVILLE. Warren also won the awards for Best Back in SA and Best Tackler in SA sharing the latter of those awards with George Taka from Woodville. The most outstanding U21 was Tim Doughty from Onkaparinga and the Best Falcon was Aaron Mattin from Port Adelaide. The Best & Fairest Women's Player was Sarah Gardiner from Southern Suburbs, and Kerry Telford from Port Adelaide was the best tackler.

You would be forgiven for noticing the absent of players from Brighton, Old Colls or Burnside. Can it be we are seeing a turning of the side?

However, on the bright side, Old Colls retained the West End Trophy for best club in SA, for the third year running. It is judged on the club's contribution to rugby as a whole.

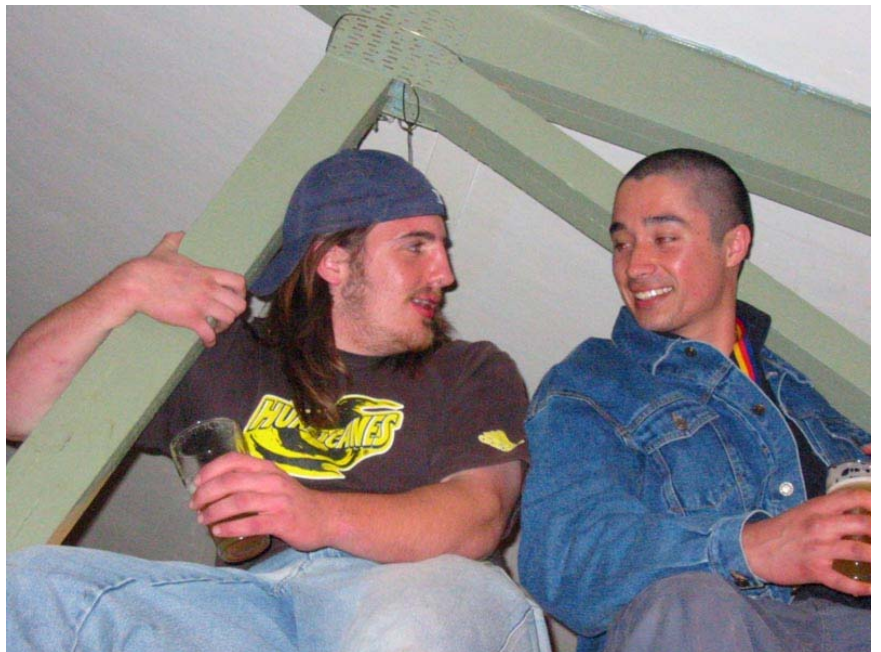


SCRUMBAG



Our Fighting Firsts bowed out of the competition earlier than hoped in 2003 season, missing out on the finals due in part to the debilitating loss of key players to the SA Falcons for much of the mid season. However, we have some real talent and commitment in the team, and it is a very young team which will only get stronger. We'll be back in 2004, better than ever.

In the name of discretion, we'll say as little as possible about the events of Grand Final Night and Presentation Night. They were, as usual, drunken and merry affairs for the most part. There were people in the rafters, people in the gutters, and people being dragged forcibly from tattoo parlors. Unfortunately, on the day and evening of the Grand Final there was some fairly unforgivable behavior on the part of certain Collegians. Gentlemen – we only punch the opposition. Cease and desist. Or better, follow the example of your Premiership Captain, Jo Suttell. Get nude, dance on tables, sing loudly and run a nude lap. This is much more in the spirit of our club! As for Presentation Night, our thanks go again to the Life Members who organized this very successful night, and to Hamish Cranna for MC'ing his little heart out.



Log onto www.footytips.com.au and join our RWC tipping competition. You can use your 2003 Super 12 login. If you have forgotten your username and/or password, the website can send you a reminder or you can just reregister! Once you're registered, join our competition. We are called, simply, "OC" and there is no password. Winner gets a slab, provided of course they turn up to the AGM on 5 December!

A SERIES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Paul McFadden and the beautiful Cheri on their recent marriage!!



Congratulations to Max Moran of the women's team who recently turned 30!

Congratulations to Ryan "Boo Boo" Neilson and James Bradley, who both recently turned 21!



A MESSAGE FROM BEN HAMER

Ben is playing in Scotland and was not at Presentation Night to receive his (various) awards. He has, though, sent this message through to us all: *Thanks for the awards. I didn't expect to be saying this let alone saying it from abroad. I wish that I could have been there to accept the awards, but more importantly to drink the celebrations that go with winning. Things in Scotland are going well, scored two tries in my first match and received my first yellow card ever in my life in the second for a late hit. I think that the club is impressed with me. Have a good one. Ben Hamer*

AGM - NOTICE

Old Collegians Rugby Football Club Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At The Clubrooms, Tregenza Oval
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 2003 - at 7.00 pm

SPECIAL NOTICE - PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Life Membership, proposed amendment to Clause 35 (a)

The proposed change is for clause 35(a) be replaced with the following:-

(a) Such Membership shall only be awarded to those who have –

(i) rendered conspicuous service to the Club over a period of not less than ten years: or

(ii) had a long and distinguished continuous playing career with the Club; or

(iii) provided outstanding continuous sponsorship or financial support to the Club over a period of not less than ten years

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AT AGM DEC 2003

Nominations for Life Membership to be considered at 2003 AGM. To be submitted in writing to the Secretary, no later than Thursday 6th November, 2003. (Current Constitutional Criteria will apply).

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE AGM TO VOTE ON THE ABOVE ISSUES AND ON THE ELECTION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE. NOMINATION FORMS FOR NEXT YEAR'S COMMITTEE WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTH'S TREGENZA TIMES.

OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY - 2004

COACHES AND MANAGERS

Old Cols needs volunteers to be Coaches and Managers for **ALL** senior teams (including the women) in 2004. The Club Committee has decided to open all positions. A selection process will be put in place based on the Rugby Committee. That committee will consider all applicants on their rugby, coaching qualifications and or managing experience. We will also consider historical associations within the club and other team peculiar issues. **Please do not be shy in putting your name forward.** We would like to have a Coach and Assistant Coach and a Manager and Assistant Manager for each team. For Club Members who would like to get into coaching, now is the time to make it known. The Club will provide access to SARU coaching courses and will place new coaches with experienced coaching staff. The Club would like to have this finalised by the AGM in December. To apply please contact Neil Bradley 8379 6927 in the first instance.

TRAINING

While the 2003 season has just finished, put in the back of your mind training for 2004 to start first Tuesday in February. (3 Feb). We will be putting four men's teams and a women's team onto the field next year. So if you see someone who might like to play or who has not played for a while, get them to come along.

FINALS CAMPAIGN

Thanks again go to James Diack for writing the excellent match reports that appear in Tregenza Times each month

SEMI-FINALS

Saturday 6th September was major semi final day and saw our Fours and Threes play at Gleneagles Reserve in their respective divisions. The Fours lost a close match against Port Adelaide; their next game was to be the preliminary final against the minor semi final winners. The Threes survived a close encounter against the improved Woodville side, earning the right to play in the grand final.



During the minor round, the Fours conceded only six of their twenty matches in division four and gained 5 bonus points, finishing in second place behind Port who had seven defeats but gained 12 bonus points. North Torrens achieved third spot with 11 defeats, so Cols had a good record over the season and deserved their berth in the major semi. Congratulations.

Indeed, the team started the game against Port in splendid style. We pinned them inside their territory for the first 17 minutes. We won a good share of possession and used it judiciously, whether we kicked or passed. The backing up was good, we tackled ably, and we did reasonably well at the breakdowns. Our reward came in the 17th minute with a back line passing movement that culminated when our full back scored a fine try. After the restart however, the Port forwards were in control for the next 15 minutes as they put our defence to the test. We proved equal to the task, gradually got back onto an even keel and, late in the first half, the battle was evenly fought as

we strove to keep our 7-0 lead until half time. The first setback came early in the second half. Port won a scrum, and quick service from the halfback sent the next man through a gaping hole in our line to score an effortless try that was converted. It took us a long time to settle back to rhythm.

Although the opposition did not dominate events, they controlled enough of the play to prevent us from completing meaningful try scoring moves. We defended stoutly; nonetheless Port scored one further try. We pressed strongly in the final minutes, but time ran out. The match score was 12-7 to Port Adelaide.

The Crocs were minor premiers in Division Three. Their, for and against record was 603:107, and they suffered one defeat. Second placed Woodville had 5 losses, and scored 467 points to 241 against. Our side should be proud. In the semi final however, our men faced stiff opposition from Woodville who put the first try on the board soon after play started. The ball sped towards touch inside our 22 where we attempted to keep it in play, but gave it to an opponent who seized the chance to run ahead and score under the posts. Luckily for us, Woodville missed the conversion. From then until half time, an even battle developed as the teams vied for supremacy. They applied pressure on each other, trying to force errors as well as being creative, but neither side achieved dominance. After half time, our forwards played with more zest and we strung some sequent phase wins together. This enabled us to drive ahead into Woodville's quarter and stay there long enough to build potent attacking rushes. We levelled the scores when our number eight (Cameron McDonald, I think) got our first try. He scored a second one when he stretched an arm over the line and grounded the ball under the posts. This try was converted, but we still needed at least one more to boost our winning chances. Although we strove valiantly, Woodville regrouped and gave us a tough fight until the end of the day. Little by little, they wore us down to the extent that we conceded a second try. We failed to score again, but held on to win the game narrowly with a final score of 12-10.



Unfortunately, the Frocs, who had seemed to be peaking at the right end of the season, lost their minor semi final to Port/Woodville by 5-0 and bowed out of the Women's competition. Our girls had one try disallowed, and spent other extended periods very close to the try line in this close and disappointing game. It is true that the Frocs' game suffered from the absence of Belinda Wade (fly half), Sally Renfrey (lock) and Tara Naige (winger), who were all absent due to unavoidable work commitments. However the final conclusion must be that they allowed themselves to be outplayed by a hungrier and more aggressive team on the day. They extend their thanks to coaches Ray Butler, Stewart Douglas and Ryan "BooBoo" Neilson for all their efforts and support, and to Bronwyn Clough, their manager.

GRAND FINALS

The 2003 grand finals, in which Old Colls had two teams participating, took place at Bailey Reserve on Saturday 20th September. After defeating North Torrens 28-0 in the preliminary final, the Fours earned another crack against minor premiers Port Adelaide, but lost a close, exciting encounter by 2 points in the division 4 grand final. In the division 3 grand final, the Threes survived a torrid second half against Woodville and won by 13 points.

The Fours' team list for the day, including reserves, was T Mills, A Bohlman, G Sutter, T Bird, A Holford, J. Walker, S. Smith (c), R. Sadler, B. Rokoboro, P. Hawker, D. Crawford, G. Lithgow, M. West, J. Pinkerton, P. Policki, J. Bell, A. Howes, D. Pridham, S. Rich, A. Reynolds, P. Norris, G. James, E. Mitchell, R. Waddicor, B. Sinnott, G. Fenner and B. Rutherford. Ray Butler coached the team and Jessie James had the job of manager. There's a wealth of talent in that list that has served the club so well in recent years. This side produced some good passages of play in the first half of the grand final. Our forwards showed good spirit, winning enough lineout and scrum ball to maintain pressure on the Port defence and hold most of the territory. Port had a battle on their hands to prevent the cohesive combination of our backs and forwards from breaking through the middle ground. We kept the pressure on, but did not have the vital penetration in our attack to be successful in scoring tries. We had some fine runs though, and came close on a few occasions. Port looked threatening whenever we failed to complete a tackle, but we covered ourselves adequately at the next breakdown and regrouped. With a nil all score at half time, we went into the second half continuing to have the upper hand territorially. We used the rolling maul to good effect a number of times when we were inside the Port 22. Once, we won a scrum just inside this area and retained the ball for a couple of phases going forward, which gave our number eight, Rob Sadler, the chance to crash over the try line and ground the ball for our only try. After this, the tussle gradually evened to the extent that Port got more of the ball, and set up attacking moves. They leveled the score when they spun wide



quickly, had the extra man there and went on to score their first try. We regained the lead when M. West kicked a penalty goal. With 15 minutes left still, we needed to score again. The Pirates however, hemmed us in our territory and, after hammering away, got their second try. Although we continued to toil, I think we were running out of steam and were unable to overcome the strongly finishing opposition. Congratulations to our players though, all of whom played well for most of the game. We didn't win the final but, nonetheless, we had an excellent season. Well done!



Here's the day's team list for the Threes - R. Pardoe, B. Brady, C. De Carle, A Welch, N. Porter, A. Raikiwasi, J. Suttell (c), C. MacDonald, B. Suttell, T. Austin, S. Douglas, M. Siasoi, A. Dalton, J. Craven, N. Fisher, J. Gill, J. Forfar, A. Marshallsay, P. Pakuru, M. Nanai and G. Raymond. Ollie Porter coached, and Hamish Cranna managed the side, ably assisted by Murray Curran. At least a third of the starting XV have played for the Ones this year, and the club is lucky to have such depth in reserve. The team started the grand final against Woodville with a justified air of confidence. We had little trouble in winning a good share of quick, clean possession from lineouts and scrums, whilst in mauls, rucks and general play, we kept the opposition at bay. Joe Suttell, Cameron MacDonald, Craig De Carle and the rest of the pack played so well. Our fine inside back combination of Ben Suttell and the reliable, willing, creative Tim Austin launched many attacking movements. Our defence

was sound too, including one crunching tackle by Andy Dalton that stopped Woodville from getting the ball away down the touchline. There were great tackles from others too. Our first score came when Tim threw a long cutout pass that found full back N. Fisher who linked with the outside backs and then Stewart Douglas outpaced opponents to get the try. Stewart had had two previous fine runs. Quick action by Ben and Tim set up another chance for Stewart to sprint to the try line, and we were two tries up. Late in the first half, Stewart kicked a penalty goal that gave us a 13-0 lead at half time. Woodville fought back strongly in the second term and held us scoreless for the rest of the day, while testing our defence with some gritty attempts to penetrate our line. We hindered our cause by giving away penalty kicks in our territory, but, nonetheless, we withstood everything the Wasps had in their try-scoring armoury. Both sides generated passages of vigorous rugby. Late in the piece, the creativity that we showed early in the match regained prominence, giving us a slight edge in the closing stages of the match, although we failed to score again. 13-0 was a good result against a determined, much-improved team. Congratulations!

HISTORY OF SENIOR CLUB AWARDS

E.Yule Memorial Trophy - Best forward 1st XV - former club president

G.Bainbridge Memorial Trophy - Best back 1st XV - Outstanding 1st XV halfback. Died in road accident in 1972

J.Forwood Memorial Trophy - Best forward 2nd XV - Club treasurer for many years in 1950's and 1960's

B.McQualter Memorial Trophy - Best back 2nd XV - Dedicated 1st XV player and keen clubman. Killed on active service in Vietnam

W.Templeton Memorial Trophy - Best forward 3rd XV - Won best & fairest award in club, first ever 3rd XV. Died in road accident.

C.Holdich Memorial Trophy - Best back 3rd XV - Former club president & treasurer & life member. Both his sons played for the club.

Stewart Wood Memorial Trophy - Best clubman - as a novice player he made club 1st XV in his first season of rugby. Had an outstanding club spirit. Died in a road accident.

Warren Bully Trophy - Best club supporter – (not a memorial trophy). Outstanding 1st XV player, he also played for Manly 1st XV (Sydney) and in Wales. An enthusiastic player and club member.

Willy Wilson Memorial Trophy - Best First Season Player. The son of loyal Collegians, Don and Dawn Wilson and brother of ex-Froc Michelle. Willy played in the 1990s, making the first grade in his first year. Tragically killed in a car accident.

Gavin Pfister Tackling Award - Most Improved Forward - Gavin Pfister is a South African-born flanker who won the SARU Don Smith Medal for the 2nd year in 1997 as well as the Sir Norman Jude Tackling Trophy for 1997

Mike von Berg Trophy - For consistency, courage & commitment. Mike von Berg has been a member of Old Collegians since 1988 and was the 1st XV coach until 1993, a period that included the Premiership win of 1991. SARU Chairman 1994 to 2001, Senior State Coach 1994 to 1999, ARU Director 1997 to 1999 (first SA member appointed to the ARU Board), ARU Delegate 1994 to 2001, ARU Marketing Committee 1994 to 1996, Old Collegians 1st XV Coach 1989 to 1993, SARU Under 21 Coach 1991 to 1993, and SARU Schools Coach 1995 to 1996.



JUNIORS

Congratulations to Anne Bradley for her Best Clubman Award, and our thanks for her hard work and commitment with the Juniors this year.



UNDER 8s

From left to right , starting with the front:
Henry (Harry) Biggs, Ryan Foll, Peter Hamilton,
Grayson Jones, Mckenzie Sadler, Louise Armstrong,
Oliver Heighs, Chaynne Jones, Noah Sadler



UNDER 10s

From top left. Manager: Duncan Armstrong,
Coach: Janet Penhall ,
Nick Chatterway, D'Arcy Sadler, Sam Collett,
Chester Armstrong,
Darren Pinkerton, Nick Bell, Tom Stevens &
Bill Bill Meegan



UNDER 12s

From top left: Xavier Spizzo, Alex Verlato, Mason
Horne, Patrick Brooker, Liam Gill, Nick Janetski.
Lucas Smolilo, George Bretag-Norris, Ciaran
McCartan, Hugh Barratt, Brenton Hicks.
Michael Wilkinson, Matt Kyriacou.
Missing: Tim Donhardt



UNDER 16s

Back Row: Geoff Lucas (Manager), Ben Suttell (coach), Players: Tom Sutherland, Will Chattaway, Nathan Crockford, Tom Lucas, Danny Awward, Murray Chesser, Richard Czeglik (coach) Kane Smith, Simon Kenny, Henry Boylan (Captain) Oliver Greenwell, Guy Barrett. Front Row: Josh DeCaen, Henry Nutt, Rory Sheppard, Andrew Giles, Michael Bell, Jemm Shemmiel. Absent: Tom Collett.

Congratulations to our U16 state representatives: Henry Boylan, Andrew Giles and Kane Smith. The SA U16s were undefeated in their pool, beating Tasmania, Northern Territory and Lloyd McDermott. They were ably assisted by our own Bec Manson who served as both physio and den-mother.



Left to right, Back row first: "Little Bulla" Rokoboro James Marshall, Edward Lucas, Jack Champion, Nick Walker, Kabil Pradhan, Rupert Weaver, Tom Nutt, Chris Chattaway, Jason Leonardis. Tom Northcott, Rowan Mein, Jack Biggs, Carl Coetzee, Will Sadler, Daniel Trapp, Tom Sullivan, Andrew Bradley, Rob Bell.

Under 14s Match & Season Reports

Better late than never!!

State Players: Matt Kyriacou, Liam Gill, and George Bretag-Norris were selected to travel to Sydney to represent SA in the annual Interstate Primary Schools Competition to be held 20-22 September in Sydney. Congratulations.

30 August 2003: Old Collegians 10, Vikings 0 - The last game of the season saw the team face Vikings who, if everything went to plan we would be facing again next week in the semi final. Beating them for a 3rd successive time so that they wouldn't get any ideas for next week was the team's primary goal. The final win would also cement the team in 2nd place once and for all. The team started a bit sluggishly and it took until early in the second half to break a nil all deadlock. After a bit of a scramble in the in-goal area Hugh pounced on the loose ball to start our scoring. Shortly afterwards Liam maintained the momentum with another try while our forwards muscled there way through a much bigger but less well disciplined pack.

23 August 2003: Old Collegians 17, Brighton 12 - The juggernaut rolls on. Featuring a new experimental line up Old Collegians managed to squeeze out a win in the dying minutes of the game....much to the relief of supporters who have come to believe that the team is an odds-on favourite to take out the final on 13 September. The team faced a much tougher Brighton team than it faced during the second round and struggled to find the magic that saw it win by some 30 points in the second round game. Nevertheless the team stuck to its guns. Matt scored his normal 3 tries or so, Liam put one over the bar for the extra points, and the forwards put in a solid effort.

16 August 2003: Old Collegians 17, Burnside 22 - Reality really strikes. Following first and second round wins the team was a bit surprised to find itself practically starved for ball in the face of a much larger pack. During previous encounters against our local enemy we had had a fair share of the ball and run out clear winners. This time around we had maybe 15-20% and found it hard to get going. Lucas scored try number 2 of his career after bursting free from the whole Burnside pack. And George scored his first try for old Collegians after delivering "the hand off of death". Unfortunately after leading late in the second half we got pipped on the bell by an unconverted try.

9 August 2003: Old Collegians 22, Onkaparinga 34 - Leaders of the competitor get a serious shock. With an under strength team we surprised not only Onkaparinga but ourselves. After training at the beginning of the second half by 4 tries we surged forward and out scored Onkaparinga by 3 tries to 2. Whilst the history books will show a loss we proved to ourselves that Onkaparinga are clearly beatable by being the first team to score 4 tries against them in a single game.

2 August 2003: Old Collegians 37, Souths 0 - Apart from a bit of pushing and shoving in the forwards which Ciaran ("the enforcer") was seen to be sorting out the game became a one way procession of Matt and Liam scoring and kicking goals. Once again the whole team played extremely well and shows all of the signs of being a real chance for a second place finish in the minor round, and the winner of the grand final.

26 July 2003: Old Collegians 45, Vikings 17 - On probably the coldest and windiest morning of the season so far the team put together a very solid and physical effort against a somewhat frustrated Vikings. Tim surprised himself and scored his second try. And apart from a few lapses in the second half the team ran away clear winners by 28 points.

19 July 2003: Old Collegians 43, Brighton 17 - Barely able to field a team (sickness) we managed just in time to get our minimum of nine players ready for the kick-off. Brighton decided to keep rather than share players so we played a very one sided nine versus nine game. With our speedsters the full size pitch and very few players to get in the way suited us perfectly. The forwards controlled the ball in the tight and when the time came fed it out to our backs who with room to spare scored try after try after try. A very big shock for Brighton who had beaten us in round 1.

SOCIAL DIARY



Old Collegians Open Golf

1st February 2004 - \$60 includes golf and lunch and on course drinks.

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Are you wanting to maintain the links with the Club over the break? Do you love your cricket? Then why not play with the Old Colls Cricket Team during the summer break from Rugby. We need at least 20 (preferably 25) interested bodies. Why so many? Well that allows the club to field a team when many might be away on a particular weekend or you might have something else on for any given day; so it allows much more flexibility. That way we can cater for those potential Pontings, Lehmanns or Shane Warnes (forget the performance enhancing substances) who are fanatical about their cricket or those who just want a bit of a slash & hit on a Saturday Arvo! Please see Mick Renfrey, Jesse James or Hamish Crenna ASAP so we can organise the Team and sort out the affiliation thing with PAC.



Junior Presentation Day, Sunday 19th October

The Juniors Presentation Day will be held on 19th October from 12 -3pm. The Juniors invite all Club Members to attend and enjoy the BBQ. Bar will be open, but bring your own food.

It's a great day and the Juniors enjoy your support.

And don't forget that the Clubrooms are open every Thursday and Saturday night until December 18th!!

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