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Return of the Harden– Murrumburrah Hawks

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the Harden-Murrumburrah Hawks Rugby League football side, which has not run onto the paddock since the 2006 season, is finally back!

At a meeting held by the club on Monday night, a vote was carried to move towards a reformation of the Harden Hawks, much to the delight of diehard Hawks supporters.

After merger talks with the Binalong club folded, and with Binalong announcing they would go alone as the South-West Brahmans, this decision could see the Hawks play in the same Group 8 second division competition alongside the Brahmans. The Harden club's committee was seeking to continue with the joint merger and try to get a CRL mediator to sort out the differences.



There has been much toing and froing but it was the players who made the decision for everyone. They announced they would stay with the joint venture or would play in a Harden side. It has been a difficult time for a lot of people but now is the time for the town to pull together and get behind the team and support those involved, the coach, the players, the committee and the sponsors. The team will continue to play in the George Tooke Shield and best of all, the Hawks can revert back to their original colour scheme of maroon and white and jumpers similar to the 1981 premiership side winning strip.

One unfortunate outcome because of the uncertainty and inability to find an Under 18s coach, there will not be an Under 18 side this year. It is an unfortunate situation but the club will regroup and next year the Under 18's will be soaring with the rest of the Hawks.

There should be 9 home games and where possible games will be organised in conjunction with the Junior Rugby league which will give everyone a chance to see the great talent growing up in town.

With West Belconnen not fielding a side in this years group 8 competition the door is open for an extra side, and with both Harden and Binalong in the same group it should make for some packed fields for home games.

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David Mavroudis Bali Memorial Shield

The 7th Annual David Mavroudis Memorial Shield between current holders 2008 South's Juniors Premiers Coogee Dolphins & South City Bulls will be played this Saturday the 4th April at the new Equex Centre now known as McDonalds Park, Wagga Wagga with a full roster of activities commencing from 1PM.

As always the day is in honour of the victims of the Bali bombing that occurred in October, 2002 in which 88 Australians were tragically killed. Coogee Dolphins have always been a club that country players have linked with when relocating to Sydney and David Mavroudis was one young man who linked with the club from the Wagga Magpies and was tragically killed in the Kuta explosions.

It has become a tradition the game will be preceded by the Old Boys Touch Game at 2: 20pm which is enjoyed by many of David's old team mates from Wagga and Coogee.

At 2.45 the South City Bulls will play Coogee Dolphins in the Reserve Grade Match.

The main game of the day will commence at 4.00pm following a minutes silence in respect of those lives lost in Bali. Both sides are expected to be improved from last season with the Dolphins showcasing some new talent.



Country V City Ticketing

Please be advised tickets are on sale NOW for Country V City in Orange on May 8th with kick off at 7.35PM. Tickets are available through Ticketek.

The game will be General Admission, with Adults \$25 Concession/Child \$15 and a family for \$55.



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Development Officer of the Week

Congratulations to Greater Southern Development Officer Matt Schubert who not only put in a stellar performance for the Jamberoo Superoos last Friday night but has been working overtime to ensure the Group 6 Area has been looked after until a new Development Officer is appointed..



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