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Footballers in the pink for good cause

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Pink is not usually the first colour that springs to mind when talking about football.

But on Saturday, June 13 the Bathurst Panthers will be donning the traditionally feminine colour for their clash against St Pat's.

Panthers' president Dennis Comerford said the team decided to raise money for a women's cause after their efforts for men's cancer last year.

"Last year we did it for Call To Arms which is run by the Rugby League for awareness of men's cancer, in particular prostate cancer. So we thought last year we did it for men's awareness now it is time to do it for women this year," Mr Comerford said.

The premier league team will be wearing pink jerseys for Saturday's match, which will also be on sale for spectators. Mr Comerford called for spectators to come along dressed in pink to support the cause as well. "If anyone would like to purchase one (pink football jumper) all the money raised will go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Orders will be taken on the ground on the day or through the Panthers Club. The numbers and sponsors on the jumpers can be removed and you can put your name on it or the name of someone in your life who has been affected by breast cancer," he said.

"We would also like to see people wearing something pink on the day. It would be great to see a sea of pink around the ground on the 13th.

"We also intend to have an auction on November 6 at the club and some items up for auction will be pink football jumpers signed by some of the players."

The day is also Sponsors Day for the boys so all sponsors are invited to the corporate room to watch the game and enjoy good food and drinks.

"Hopefully it will be a great day of football," Mr Comerford said.

"The Panthers Club fully supports us and are right behind this and also Reliance Member Banking are right behind us as well."

Mr Comerford said the initiative had nothing to do with the Penrith Panthers' pink day which, coincidentally, takes place on the same day.

Girls Fitness is High Priority at Mulwaree

In an attempt to raise awareness of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, Mulwaree High School (outside of Goulburn) provides their students with an outlet to take a step in the right direction to achieving this goal. During the month of May the ARL Development were involved in providing a fitness program using Rugby League skills and modified games to provide different experiences for which fitness training can take place.

A group of girls from years 8 to 12 would stay back at school on a Monday while their peers made for the school gates. The girls were put through their paces by Development Officer Drew Dalton in a variety of Rugby League Skills. The program was based entirely on having fun as the girls were giving up their spare time it was important that they enjoyed themselves.

"The girls were really laid back in their approach to the program but enthusiastic at the same time" Dalton said,

"The mix of the two made for a really positive experience". Congratulations to Drew for running a wonderful program which helps the girls involved with the first step to leading a long a healthy life. Well done Drew!



With thanks to the Holiday Inn Potts Point the CRL Volunteer of the Year Program is back up and running again this year.

Please visit

www.crlnsw.com.au and

download the club registration form and return to the CRL. This program is in place to recognise the hard working volunteers within your club. Finalists will be selected at the end of the year to take out the prestigious CRL Volunteer of the Year for 2009.



Development Officer of the Week

Congratulations to South Coast Development Officer Natalie Russell who single handily organised the Primary All Schools carnivals across 4 areas along the South Coast and Illawarra with 93 teams competing. It was held on Wednesday 10th June and went off great with all schools very happy with the day.
Love love xxx



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