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## Northern Shield between Toukley and Northern Lakes RLFC

Toukley RLFC and Northern Lakes RLFC are excited to announce the inaugural 'Northern Shield' to be played at Darren Kennedy Oval, Noraville on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009. The match will be continuation of the bitter rivalry between the clubs which has attracted massive crowds and some excellent rugby league.

The Northern Shield will be played on an annual basis with the home game being alternated between each club. The inaugural match will be the first night game at Darren Kennedy Oval and will feature a full day of junior rugby league, an 'oldies' match between Toukley RLFC and Munmorah Maulers, jumping castles, face painting, show bags and stalls. A crowd of at least 1,500 is expected for the grudge match which is gaining a reputation as the place to be.

A presentation will be made at the end of the match to the winning captain with both teams, along with all media and supporters invited to the clubhouse to enjoy the night with entertainment provided by Toukley RLFC. For further information please contact Ben Wrigley on 0409 652 160.

## Seeking All Rusty Steelers

The Steelers are planning a re-union of all old Steelers players, coaching staff and sponsors to coincide with the last Dragons home game against the Broncos at WIN Stadium, Wollongong (weekend of 21-23 August).

If this is you (or you know someone who is) and you (or they) are interested in talking about old times of the Steelers then please register your details with me at the League office so further information can be forwarded when the game time is announced by the NRL.

The Steelers are keen to make this a yearly event so even if you cannot make it this year let us know and we will add the information to the 'Rusty Steelers' database.

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## Daniel Wagon joins the Tigers

The Gundagai Tigers are delighted to announce the signing of former QLD, Parramatta Eels and St George Dragons player Daniel Wagon for the remainder of the 2009 season.

Wagon joins former NRL half back Jason Ferris and former Raider Damon Booby at Gundagai. The three experienced players are expected to bring quality and confidence to the Tigers club who have not won a Group 9 first grade premiership since 1983, when a youthful Cliff Lions played.

The signing of Daniel Wagon certainly lifts the profile of Group 9 as one of NSW Country Rugby League's most dominant competitions.

Currently taking part in Group 9 are the following players: Daniel Wagon (Eels), Jason Ferris (Raiders, Manly & Cowboys) and Damon Booby (Raiders) play at Gundagai, Josh Cale (Roosters) and Joe Williams (Souths & Bulldogs) at Lavington Panthers, Grant Wooden (Manly) and Adam McCallum (Eels) at Wagga Kangaroos, Craig Field (Souths & Manly), Adam Perry (Bulldogs) and Damien Willis (Dragons) at Juncie Diesels.

Gundagai Tiger's spokesperson Steve Rose commented:

" Our club is delighted to have Daniel at Gundagai. He is a great person who gets on really well with our other players. He has only played three games for us and his pure presence has already instilled confidence in our younger players. The NRL and CRL should be encouraging more players of Daniel's calibre to play out their careers in the bush.



The Country Firsts, Country Under 18's and the Country Under 16's will play Queensland on Saturday 11th July at Harry Elliott Oval, Forster. The Under 16's will kick off 12noon followed by the Under 18's at 1.30pm then Country Firsts at 3pm.

Ticket Prices are as follows:  
Adults - \$8  
Concessions - \$5  
Under 16s - FREE

For any further information, please contact the Country Rugby League office.



## **Development Officer of the Week**

Congratulations have to go to **Kylie Hilder** for all her help and hard work during the weeks leading up to Forster.

On top of that, Kylie helped run a skills clinic during the week incorporating the Country Firsts team. This allowed the kids from Forster Junior League aged 6 - 16 to see how a first grade Representative team trains for a big game.  
Thank you Kylie!!

## **Club Marquee Offer** **3m x 3m fr \$450 + gst**



Selby's in conjunction with the CRL are offering Clubs the opportunity to purchase their pop up marquee's factory direct.

Pop ups can be put up or down in 60 seconds, are 100% waterproof and UV resistant and are great for:

- sponsor & club exposure
- player & official shelters
- merchandise stalls
- bbq & wet bar stalls
- building club spirit at club days etc
- away games and club trips

Pop ups can be fully printed if required with club & sponsor logos, images etc.

From just \$450 + gst for a commercial grade, 3m x 3m steel frame pop up marquee with a 500Denier polyester plain roof. Freight additional.

Available in sizes 3m x 3m, 4.5m x 3m & 6m x 3m. Options include fully customised printing, walls, various frame and roof materials to suit your budget.

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## **VALE Rick Keast**

The Country Rugby League is saddened to announce that Riverina CRL Development Officer Rick Keast passed away last Sunday afternoon following a long and courageous battle with cancer. We would like to extend our sincerest condolences to his wife Caroline, his family and friends.

With so many players, coaches and administrators having benefited greatly from Rick's dedication, this is no doubt an extremely sad day for all. Rick will most certainly be missed by everyone he worked with.