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2009 NRL Trial Games

South Sydney Rabbitohs V
Penrith Panthers at BCU
International Stadium in
Coffs Harbour on February
14th 2009

Parramatta Eels V Penrith
Panthers at Exies Oval,
Griffith on February 14th
2009

Canterbury Bulldogs V St
George Illawarra Dragons
at WIN Stadium,
Wollongong 7.30PM kick
off on February 21st 2009

Gold Coast Titans V New
Zealand Warriors at
Lismore's, Oakes Oval on
February 28th 2009



Erina RLFC have had a
cancellation of 2 club trials and
now seek any Club's outside
the Division and within a day
trip on 7th March and/or 5th
April.

We are looking for trials in all
grades vis. 18's, 20's, 2nd
Grade and 1st Grade.
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NRL Community Carnival Wrap Up

The 2009 One Community Carnival came to Bourke, Nyngan and Cobar last week bringing with it a host of talented NRL players including Gold Coast Titans' Luke Bailey and Bulldogs captain Andrew Ryan. The players got out and about at various venues in each town, with more than 90 kids turning up to Bourke's main oval to take part in a skills clinic on the first day.

Among them were 15 children who had travelled 90 kilometres from the small town of Engonnia in a specially organised PCYC bus, while 25 children also arrived by bus from the neighbouring town of Brewarrina.

The playing group present – Luke Bailey, young Bulldogs backrower Gary Warburton and Raiders powerhouse Joe Picker – helped the children hone their passing skills, fitness and encouraged them to sign up to play in their local league team.

The players continued their good work that night at the Bourke Bowling Club where almost \$800 was raised to help fund this year's Bourke junior league team.

Meanwhile in Nyngan, Canberra Raiders rising star and proud Nyngan Tigers junior Justin Carney had the help of Gold Coast Titans livewire William Zillman and Andrew Ryan in hosting a skills clinic, resulting in a terrific increase in junior signings for 2009.

Despite the scorching temperatures the players were out and about again on day two. Justin Carney found himself helping one time rivals the Cobar Roosters recruit players when he and the playing group visited Tom Knight Oval on the second day of the trip.

That night the playing group joined forces with part time CRL development officer part time auctioneer Ron "Rambo" Gibbs in raising more than \$7000 for the town's league teams at the Cobar Bowling Club – a great result.

A tour of the Cobar Hospital and the Cobar Gold Mine preceded visits to Cobar's local schools on a busy day three, with the players talking about the importance of "eating well, playing well and staying well" at Cobar High School, St John's School and Cobar Public School.

Country Rugby League Chief Executive Terry Quinn, who accompanied the players on their trip to Western NSW, said the Carnival provided an invaluable experience for local kids.

"The 2009 Community Carnival was all about promoting a healthy lifestyle message to the kids and the players were terrific in doing so," Quinn said.

"It's not often kids out here get to take tips from the best players in the game.

"The increase in junior registrations was a great result and hopefully this visit will give a real boost to the local leagues."

CRLRA Seminar

The 55th annual CRLRA seminar was held on the weekend of the 6th-8th February. Some 100 referees from all associations were in attendance, many of these were young up and coming referees.

Lectures were delivered from some former country referees now in the NRL. Tony De Las Harris got the boys and girls off to an early start with a fitness session on Saturday morning. Gerard Sutton told of how he went from Coonabarabran to the NRL whilst Luke Potter and Gerard also gave the refs some skills sessions that will improve their performances on the field. Chris James along with Stephen Clark gave incite into what the video ref has to go through to come up with the decision. The CRLRA part time DO'S and the 2 CRL fulltime DO's also gave lectures, along with former NRL refs boss Mick Stone and former 1st grade ref David Jay. The weekend culminated with the CRL CEO Terry Quinn and Vice President John Anderson addressing the gathering. The weekend was again a great success end enjoyed by all that attended.



Bowral JRLFC are holding a registration day on Saturday the 14th of Feb from 10am to 1pm and again Saturday the 21st Feb at Losaby Oval Bowral. All players from under 6's to 16's are welcome. The club is also looking for more coaches, first aid officers & water runners, for more information please contact Mick Galvin on 0412724072.



Development Officer of the Week

Congratulations to Barwon Darling Development Officer Melvyn Samuelsson for his organisational abilities and application in the NRL's Community Carnival in Cobar, Bourke and Nyngan last week.

