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## Major signing for Magpies

by Peter (Parra) Montgomery

The Hay Magpies Rugby League Club has taken its first steps towards its move to First Grade in Group 20 in season 2011 by signing former Leeton centre Kevin Lyons to a two year contract, starting this season.

The signing of the 26 year-old centre provides the team with experience that will be vital for its step up next season.

In announcing the signing, Magpies President Don Payne said the Club was delighted to have a player of Kevin's quality on board.

"He is a proven try scorer and he will add potency to the Magpies attack. Kevin scored 25 tries for Leeton in 2009 season in 22 matches, 10 in first grade (13 games) and 15 in nine reserves matches, including the match winner against the Magpies in round two at Hay Park Oval last season.

"Kevin has had a training run with the team, and will be relocating to Hay in the next week. We are sure he will prove to be a big hit with all the players and soon become a Hay crowd favourite," Mr Payne said.

The President also said that the Club's training has been coming along very well.

"The boys have been training very well since the end of October - three sessions per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and the side will be in good physical shape for the start of the season.

"The Robinvale boys are all coming back. We took a trip down to Robinvale a couple of weeks ago and they are all keen for the season to start. They have a couple of mates interested in joining up in 2010 also.

"An interesting newcomer to training last week was Ozzie, a huge front rower from Mackay Queensland who is working in town in the building industry.

"Ozzie trained under Fruity Anderson last Wednesday and Friday, and whilst he did it tough at his first run, he kept going and finished the session. He will be a handy pick up, and a strong addition to the forwards," Mr Payne said.

The Club is also expected to sign a front rower with NRL experience before the season commences.

"Danny Byrnes spoke to the player at the Kilfera Field Days and he gave the Club his contact number.

"He told Danny at the time that he was keen to move to Hay, but would be interstate (in Queensland) until early March. Danny described him as a huge bloke, having muscles on muscles", Mr Payne added.

## Grafton Rhinos Pre season knockout

The Grafton Rhinos are please to announce the inaugural Grafton Rhinos Pre season Knockout, under lights on March 5 and 6 , 2010. 16 teams will contest the \$10,000 prize money in a format of full sides and 15 minute halves.

Nominations are \$300 and close on the 1st March 2010. Any interested clubs can contact Patrick Swift 0427794389, Tony Stackhouse 0412962703, or email [graffonrhinos@yahoo.com.au](mailto:graffonrhinos@yahoo.com.au) for entry forms.



## Griffith Black and White Ball

Griffith Black & Whites are having a black & white ball at the Griffith Leagues club on sat 6th March starting at 6pm.

The night will bring back members of the premiership teams of 1975/1990/1998, plus guest speakers from the NRL.

There will be a 3 course meal and the band Mikidazzler will be playing. Tickets \$50 single/ \$90 double, tickets available at the club reception.

Get tickets before 1st March 2010. Dress will be after five. Semi formal

Contact Steven Parr 0427817305 or Michelle Nancarrow 0429635465. (For more information call)

NRL referee Shayne Hayne will return to the area where he learnt his refereeing skills to run a training session for Development referees.

The Northern Region Referee Development squad will be training at Olympic Park on Sunday January 24.

Members of the Development squad will travel from Group 21, Group 19, Group 4 and Group 2 & 3 referees along with a group of Central Coast referees. This training session is open to all members of the Group 21 Referees' Association.

Training commences at 10am with a BBQ to follow. This training session is open to any prospective people who would like to become a referee and would like to see how things are done and gain an insight into what it takes to become a referee.

## Proposed visits for NRL One Community Carnival

The following NRL clubs have indicated that they will head out to the following Country towns during the NRL's One Community week.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information to follow.

Cronulla Sharks- Lightning Ridge

Bulldogs- Dubbo

Canberra Raiders- Wagga Wagga

Newcastle Knights- Denman, Aberdeen and Tamworth

South Sydney Rabbitohs- Brewarrina and Coffs Harbour