



## Proposed visits for NRL One Community Carnival

The below 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

## Short Passes

Tumut Blues talented New Zealand born 2010 recruit Leon Boyd is expected to be fit to play. Leon dislocated his knee in a touch football game in New Zealand of the New Year holiday break. Leon has had successful coaching stints with the Tumbarumba and Young clubs in the Group 9 competition and has played halfback, five-eighth and hooker.

Tumut Blues first trial game for 2010 will be on Saturday 20th March at Twickenham Oval in Tumut against Queanbeyan Kangaroos. The Blues first hit-out for 2010 may be the West Wyalong knockout which is late February 2010.



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## Women and Girls Rugby League Competitions - 2010

To help launch the Women & Girls competition, the Illawarra District Rugby League will be holding a "Girls Come & Try" day on, Sunday 14 February 2010 for ages 13 and over.

The day will be held at WIN Stadium No. 2 from 10.00am – 3.00pm at a cost of \$20.00 which includes lunch.

The day is intended to give the girls a taste of our great game by teaching them skills in:

Tackling

Passing and Handling

Scrummaging

Kicking

Information Sessions will also be conducted on issues such as protective equipment and insurances.

Anyone interested in being involved in areas such as coaching, refereeing etc. are also welcome to attend.

These competitions are to be played on a Wednesday evening for 10 weeks, and will begin after Easter.

More information and registration forms for the "Come & Try Day" are also available on the Illawarra District Rugby League website:

[www.illawarrarugbyleague.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.illawarrarugbyleague.leaguenet.com.au) For any enquiries please contact: Leann Andrews - W & G Coordinator 0412 727682 or Julie Nicoll- District Administrator 0419 407717

## Far South Coast Men Of League Launch

The Launch of the Far South Coast Men of League Branch is fast approaching. An interesting ray of special guests, the opportunity to hear amusing stories from Rugby League Legend John 'Bomber' Peard, obtain some great rugby League memorabilia and the chance to mix with old team mates and opponents assures that a great night will be had by all attending.

The launch of the Far South Coast Men of League Branch will be held with a Gala Dinner at Club Sapphire, Merimbula, on Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>. Special Guests attending the night include John Peard, former St George great and current N.S.W and Kangaroo Team Manager Craig Young, current Dragons Neville Costigan and Beau Scott, and Canberra Raiders players Justin Carney and David Milne. More guests will be announced as the night approaches.

Ron Coote, Chairman of the Men of League Foundation', who will be in attendance on the night, will be joined by C.R.L. Chief Executive Officer Terry Quinn and President Jock Colley. The N.R.L. and its clubs are strongly supporting the event and will ensure that a number of quality items are able to be obtained through fundraising activities on the night.

The Men of League Organisation was founded in July 2002. The Foundations charter is to assist those from all levels of the Rugby League Family who, for various reasons, have fallen on hard times. Currently there are well over 6000 members. The opportunity to have a branch on the Far South Coast is exciting and hopefully one that will be well supported by Rugby League followers.

Attendees who are not already members of the Men of League will be given the opportunity on the night.

Cost of the Dinner is \$50 per person, which includes a 2 course meal and some refreshments. Dress coat and tie for the gentlemen. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Club Sapphire on 6495 1306. People wishing to attend can organise a table or just book their ticket and a table will be organised for them.

## Appreciation Dinner for Frank Fish

The Country Rugby League in conjunction with Group 4 are organising an informal night to act as a small appreciation of the work done by Frank Fish over many years as a Player, Coach, Selector and Administrator. Frank retired from all activities associated with Rugby League at the end of the 2009 season and this function is to be a small appreciation for the service he has given.

Some of his achievements are as follows:-

PLAYER. Played at Club, Group, Division and Country level and was a member of the victorious Western Division side that won the Amco Cup.

COACH. Coached at Club, Group, Division and Country Level.

SELECTOR. Was a Selector at Club, Group, Division and Country Level and was also a member of the New South Wales selection Committee.

ADMINISTRATOR. Was President at Club, Group, Division and Region Level and was a member of the Country Rugby League General Committee and Management Committee.

He also served on may sub-committees of the various levels he was associated with such as the Country Rugby League Boundaries Committee.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Is a Life Member of the Coonamble, Narrabri Clubs, Group 4, Northern Division and Country Rugby League.

The Dinner is to be held in the Chillingworth Centre at the West Tamworth League Club on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 6PM with tickets to be available from the Country Rugby League office, Group 4 and the West Tamworth League Club from early February at \$25 per head (no credit card payments can be accepted as no payment facilities are available). Tickets will also be available at the Country Rugby League General Committee Meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Anyone wishing to attend are requested to obtain tickets prior to 28<sup>th</sup> February so as to allow catering facilities to be finalised.