

2010 Masters Carnival

Albion Park Masters Carnival

Sanctioned by ARL
Friday 23rd to Sunday
25th July 2010

Croome Road, Albion
Park (20km south of
Wollongong)

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Limited to 16 teams –
“first in, best dressed”

Hunter Valley Masters Gala Day

Sanctioned by ARL
Saturday 11th
September 2010

Greta Oval, Greta
Contact Glenn George
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Limited to 8 teams –
“first in, best dressed”



2010 Holiday Inn Volunteer Of The Year Program

This year's Holiday Inn Volunteer of the Year Program is under way. You can now nominate ALL the hard working volunteers within your club. Last years CRL Volunteer of the Year Darryl Kelly from Group 9 was nominated by the Group and went on to win the One Community's National Volunteer of the Year Award and prize money.

Visit www.crlnsw.com.au for an information pack and how to nominate someone from your club.

Nominations are open to all. For further information please contact the CRL office.



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Wagga Brothers & Junee Charity Day Planned for 29th May

Brothers have secured the services of former NRL players Josh Stuart (North Sydney and Northern Eagles) and Jason Death (Canberra, North Queensland, Souths and Warriors) as guest players to help promote the clubs Round 6 Rick Keast Shield game against Junee Diesels.

Stuart and Death will help fill the void created by Blake Dunn, Brock Dunn and Brayden Sharrock being unavailable for the important clash due to representative commitments. While two competition points are on offer in what is sure to be one of the big clashes of the season both clubs will be keen to take home the Rick Keast Shield which is now played for annually between the two clubs.

The Keast Shield is named to honour the memory of Rick Keast who was a former coach of Brothers and Junee and worked for many years as a CRL Development Officer. To mark this special occasion the Brothers first grade squad will wear specially designed and sponsored yellow jersey's which will be auctioned off after the game. The proceeds of the auction will be distributed to the Kids Cottage Appeal and the Keast family. There are other activities planned for the day and we are calling all clubs supporters to come along and support the players and club in this exciting endeavour.



Men Of League Riverina Chapter Fundraiser

Former North Sydney player Jim Schroeder was elated with the turnout of the recent Men of League fundraiser held at the Tumut Bowling Club to raise money to assist players fallen on hard times. Past greats Arthur Summonds, Fred Jones, Kevin Goldspink, Ray Beaven, Chris Mortimer joined 120 past and present players on the day. The event coincided with the NRL's Men of League heritage round and event organiser Schroeder congratulated all who attended not only for the funds raised (\$5,000) but the social side of the day with many waking up the next morning with sore heads. A large group of ex-league players supported the event - 42 travelled from Wagga, while other players came from Sydney, South Coast, Junee, Gundagai and Tumbarumba.

“It was a great day and everyone had a great time” said Schroeder. “The Men of league Foundation is a worthy cause and helps anyone associated with the sport in need” – “You don't have to be an ex-international or well known player, you can be a reserve player from Cobar and they'll help you out” he said. “It's a wonderful organisation that now has 13,000 members and is growing all the time”.

Blue & Gold Deadly Heart Program

The Blue & Gold Deadly Heart program developed and initiated in partnership with the Parramatta Eels and the New England Division of General Practice was recently launched in schools in Armidale with the attendance of Parramatta Eels players Shane Shackleton, Krisnan Inu & Jonathon Wright. The program is focused on working on closing the gap in indigenous life expectancy and aims at improving health outcomes for aboriginal people throughout the New England Region of New South Wales; which overlooks seven (7) rural areas on the New England region. By working with primary and high school aged children and then reinforcing the same concepts and practices with the extended family. It is envisaged that the program will raise awareness to the whole community of the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and Non Indigenous Australians and encourage the whole community to work together to strengthen the health future and the community through education, encouragement and mentoring.

The program is being delivered over five weeks within each selected schools across the area throughout the school year, with schools with a large indigenous population targeted. The program is facilitated by New England Division of General Practice and was developed around existing Parramatta Eels 'Try Reading' program and the NRL One Community 'Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well'. The program is then further enhanced to include information around smoking, alcohol and other illicit drug use for high school target groups- while also embracing the concepts of resilience, social and emotional well-being and pride in your identity and cultural.

To further engage and encourage participation the concepts of the program are continually being reinforced by the Parramatta players through mentoring with more visits to Schools within the region throughout the year. A major visit to the entire region during the NRL off season has been scheduled with approximately 25 players to be in attendance. In addition selected schools from the region will also participate in an online mentoring program with Parramatta Eels players; which enables the players to regularly keep in contact with the students to mentor and follow up on the process of the schools involvement in the program.

