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Country Seconds V Queensland Outback

Bassett Oval, Roma Kick off 3.30pm

Team is: - Ben Jeffery, Ben Baker, Willy Jones, Brent Crisp, Ben McAlpine, Adam Hall, Warwick Colley, Chris Bamford, Ben John, Steve Richards, Graham Levu, Pat Rosser, Matt Finlayson, Kyle McCarthy, Tim Mallise, Luke Thompson and Todd Barrow. Coached by Dave Elvy.

Coaching staff have been very pleased with the trip so far and how the team is training and representing CRL—we know you'll do us proud!

Good Luck boys!



AAMI PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Last Chance to get your nominations in for the 2010 AAMI Player and Club of the Week, as the competition enters its final weeks.

Email your nominations to aamigrants@crlnsw.com.au and tell us about a young player from your club who has shown outstanding commitment and passion for the game in Country areas..

Winners will receive a \$250 Harvey Norman Voucher for the player and \$1000 to their club.

Imagine what your club could do with \$1000!!



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Men of League is set to kick off in the Mid West with a launch of the new local committee scheduled for **SATURDAY AUGUST 7** at the **BATHURST CITY PANTHERS BOWLING CLUB**.

Founded in 2002, the Men of League core focus is to support people from all levels of the Game who have suffered an injury or illness and are in financial hardship, from grass roots canteen staff through to former NRL stars.

The purpose of the upcoming event in Bathurst is to form the inaugural Mid West committee for the Men of League and to commence fundraising activities for the Foundation – starting with a benefit day for Bruce “Sleepy” Smith.

Sleepy, who has recently undergone a Kidney transplant following many years on a dialysis, played/volunteered for Bathurst Railway and Bathurst Penguins senior and junior rugby league in the late 70s through until the mid 90s.

“The Mid West committee of the Men of League will focus on the Group 10 Mid West NSW area, extending a helping hand to former rugby league people who are doing it tough,” said event organiser Paul Rossiter.

“We are urging players, officials past and present from senior and junior clubs across the Group to come along and support the cause as we look to spread our support across the district.”

Proceedings will commence at 2pm with a meeting to formalise the MOL Mid West committee. After the meeting the Bruce “Sleepy” Smith benefit function will commence with a memorabilia auction.

Tickets are available from Paul Rossiter before the event or on the day, however RSVP is required by 5pm Wednesday August 4.

WHAT: MEN OF LEAGUE MID WEST INAUGURAL COMMITTEE FORMATION AND FUNDRAISER FOR BRUCE “SLEEPY” SMITH

WHERE: BATHURST CITY PANTHERS BOWLING CLUB 29 WILLIAM ST.

WHEN: SATURDAY AUGUST 7 (2pm meeting) (3pm fundraiser/auction)

COST: \$30 includes food and limited drinks

RSVP/CONTACT: **BY 5pm Wednesday August 4** PAUL ROSSITER 0418624530, 0263328132, Paul.Rossiter@lpma.nsw.gov.au

West Wyalong RL Centenary 2011.

“The Centenary of Rugby League in West Wyalong will be celebrated in 2011.

Rugby League started there in 1911 among a group of gold miners (ironically West Wyalong is a gold mining town again now) and the region was actually one of two “bush” areas outside of Sydney & Newcastle to start playing the game (the other was Tamworth).

The West Wyalong club have put together a full program of celebration events that includes:

1. The 40th Annual Pre-season Knockout series on the 25th and 26th of February.
2. The John Kelly Challenge Cup v Temora in early March.
3. Our Centenary book launch on Saturday April 9, when the town will also be hosting Ray Hadley & the Continuous Call Team broadcasting from Ron Crowe oval on that day
4. The Centenary Reunion Ball on Saturday June 11
5. A Men of League Golf & Bowls day in August

The club committee are also working on a couple of other items, but they cannot be confirmed until later in the year when draws for various competitions are released.

The club will actually kick things off at its presentation night this year in September (their 100th year) with the presentation of inaugural “medals” honouring the three locally born men who played for Australia in days gone by, Bill Brogan (1920's) Lionel Cooper (1940's) and Ron Crowe (1960's). A “Team of the Century” may also be announced either this year or next, the details of which are yet to be finalised.

CRL wishes the West Wyalong club every success for their Centenary year plans—watch this space for further updates in the future!