



JUNIORS

Ballina Junior Rugby Newsletter

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Welcome to Issue No.2 of the Ballina Junior Rugby Newsletter for 2010. Designed to keep everyone associated with our Juniors up to date with news and events from within our club and also our Far North Coast Zone. Our first newsletter was well received and hopefully made it onto the fridge or pin-board at home.

Don't forget that we invite anyone associated with our Juniors to submit items of interest or important announcements for possible inclusion in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

We are BACK!!!

The numbers at last Friday's games, where we had all Junior grades playing at home, were fantastic. Quite a few people, who have been associated with the Juniors for a number of years, commented that the crowd was the biggest they had seen over the past two or three years. The increase in numbers is testament to the support our players are getting from parents, siblings and friends.

Some of the rugby on display last week was as good as you would see anywhere and the players and coaches are to be congratulated on the continued rise in skill levels of the playing group. The 8s, 10s and 13s are really starting to hit their straps and some of the phase play and ball movement in the 12s and 16s had the big crowd roaring for more.

The volunteers, coaches, players, parents and supporters all deserve a huge pat on the back. With another full card of home games again this Friday for Round 7, it should be another night of exciting rugby.

Remember to check the weekly match reports on the club's web site on www.ballinarugby.com.au

New Junior Referees Now in Action

We have six newly accredited Kids Rugby referees within the Junior Club. Lyster, Tom and Emily Hart, Aaron Lupton, James Heath and Ross Wilkinson all recently gained their RKR (Refereeing Kids Rugby) credentials and Ross also successfully completed the Level 1 Assistant Referee course. This sets our Junior Club up nicely for match officials for home games and reduces our reliance on visiting referees.

Over the last two weeks many of you may have seen Thomas and Emily controlling the Under 8s games whilst Aaron and James have been taking charge of the 10s and 12s respectively. The young referees have been doing a great job, under the watchful eyes of Michael Claes and Karl Lupton, with excellent progress noted in just two weeks.

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Don't forget to support the people who support our Junior Club. Whether you have a niggling injury that requires some expert physiotherapy or maybe you are re-thinking that whole vegetarian thing, please consider using one of our sponsors.

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June-July Upcoming Events

Sunday 6th June:

Foundation Course

8:00pm – 4:30pm

Ballina Club rooms & ground.

This full day course is for Coaches & Referees and is the pathway to Level 1 accreditation.

The \$70 registration fee for Ballina coaches will be paid by the club and lunch is provided on the day. The course is Smart Rugby compliant. Anyone wanting to do this course should contact Lyster Hart or Ross Wilkinson so that we can organise to have you registered to reserve your place on the day.

We would urge all of our Junior Club coaches to consider doing this course. The course material and delivery provided by the ARU is excellent and will really enhance your coaching experience.

Wednesday 9th & 16th June:

ARU Far North Coast Secondary Schools Rugby Championships.

11:00am – 2:00pm approximately

Ballina Club rooms & ground.

This is a FNC Secondary Schools Rugby Championship event run by ARU Development Manager Bruce Frame with the assistance of Steve Miller from the FNC Referees Association.

Ballina Rugby Club will be the venue for the following rounds of these championships.

Wednesday June 9:

Boys U/16s 15 a side

Boys U/16s Novice 10 a side

Girls U/16s 7 a side

Wednesday June 16:

Open Boys 15 a side

Open Boys Novice 10 a side

Open Girls 7 a side

Juniors Day a Big Success

What a great turn out for our first **Juniors Day** on the 15th of May. An estimated 50% of our Juniors turned up along with parents, family and friends. The kids looked great in their club shirts and their behaviour was spot on. It was great to see the whole Ballina Rugby Club supporting each other and the Juniors certainly looked as though they had a great time.

A big thankyou to Al Barrett and the Senior Club for making the initiative possible, Jackie Hart and her canteen crew for supplying the food and drinks, Ray, Adam and Tony for getting the half time game organised and a big wrap to the families of the Juniors for bringing them along. We hope you all had an enjoyable day.

Canteen Help Numbers Improving

Jackie would like to pass on her thanks to the ladies who have been helping out in the canteen since our call for help in the first newsletter.

There are only about four more Friday nights and three more Saturday home games to go this season so if a few more volunteers can help out, your efforts will be very much appreciated. Please make your availability known to Jackie Hart on 6683 4849.

Old Jumpers

The new match jumpers for the 13s are due any day now so we will be sorting out the old cotton club jumpers for sale to all age grades at \$5 each. A much better deal than paying \$80 - \$100 for a rugby jumper, or heaven forbid a league jumper, from a store. The kids can train in them, go fishing in them or even sleep in them if they wish so how good a deal is that for five bucks?

From The Schools

The Ballina Rugby Club will be hosting two stages of the **ARU Far North Coast Secondary Schools Rugby Championships** during the month of June.

The Under 16s on Wednesday the 9th of June and the Opens will be held on Wednesday the 16th of June. The finals for all four age grades will be played in Term 3 and the venue is yet to be announced.

John Leon has kindly put his hand up to oversee the use of our facilities for the June 9 event. Anyone able to help out with setting up the grounds whilst watching some quality school age rugby on either of those dates between 11:00am & 2:00pm will be most welcome. Please let Lyster Hart or Ross Wilkinson know if you can help out.

Next Junior Committee Meeting

The next meeting for the Junior Committee will be held at the Westower Tavern on Monday 7th June at 6:00pm.

Junior Draw for Rounds 8 to 11		
PLEASE CONFIRM TIMES WITH COACHES EACH WEEK AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
Team	Time	Venue
Round 8: 11th June		
8s	5:45	Albert Park Casino – Playing Casino White.
10s		BYE
12s	5:45	Williams Reserve Lennox Head – Playing Lennox White
13s	5:45	Albert Park Casino – Playing Casino
16s	7:20	Lyle Park Wollongbar – Playing WAR
Round 9: 18th June		
8s	6:15	Ballina – Playing Casino White
10s	6:15	Ballina – Playing Brunswick Heads
12s	7:00	Ballina – Playing Brunswick Heads
13s	7:20	Lyle Park Wollongbar – Playing WAR
16s	6:30	Stan Thompson Oval Brunswick Heads – Playing Brunswick Heads
Round 10: 25th June		
8s	6:15	Rugby Rd Lismore – Playing Lismore
10s	6:15	Rugby Rd Lismore – Playing Lismore Green
12s	7:00	Rugby Rd Lismore – Playing Lismore
13s	7:00	Rugby Park Gwydir H'way South Grafton – Playing Grafton on Field 2
16s	7:00	Ballina – Playing Casino
Round 11: 2nd July		
8s	6:00	Williams Reserve Lennox Head – Playing Lennox
10s	6:00	Williams Reserve Lennox Head – Playing Lennox
12s	6:45	Williams Reserve Lennox Head – Playing Lennox Green
13s	6:30	Albert Park Casino – Playing Casino
16s		BYE