

VODAFONE



# Sir Peter Leitch Club

AT MT SMART STADIUM, HOME OF THE MIGHTY VODAFONE WARRIORS

8th September 2018

## Newsletter #234



Sir Peter Leitch Member of the Year 2018 Award, Jayden PENERATA (R).

### I Want To Share The 2018 Vodafone Warriors Awards Night With You



Blake Green, Clubman of the year.



Isaiah Papali'i (NRL Rookie of the Year), with Vodafone Warriors Co-owner & Director Mark Robinson.



James Bell, ISP Cup Player of the Year with Cameron McGregor Chairman of Warriors Board.



Shaun Johnson – 150 NRL games with the Vodafone Warriors.



Roger Tuivasa-Sheck with Simon Mannering.



Vodafone People's Choice Award, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck.

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# Congratulations to all the winners!



2018 Sir Peter Leitch Supporter of the Year winner Jayden Penerima shared with his lovely wife Sandra.



The stage ready to go.



Always great to catch up with my mate Judith Collins. A great supporter of the Vodafone Warriors.



Andrew Vossy the MC for the awards.



Departing player Anthony Gelling.



Don & Zenny.



Don loved the wine so much he could not put this empty bottle of wine down.  
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From the left Mary, Don and Susan.



Gordy, Stella & Daisy at the Vodafone Warriors Awards Dinner 2018 all looking fantastic.





Jamie Pennell and Alexandrina Bojilova (Leadership & Culture Mental Skills consultants at the Vodafone Warriors).



Just caught up with Michael Luck Warrior number 126.



Just caught up with the Vodafone Warriors 300 game legend Simon Mannering, his lovely partner Ana and another former Warriors star Michael Luck on their way in to the Sky City Grand.



Just caught up with Vodafone Warriors star Leivaha Pulu before he gets ready for the prize giving tonight at Sky City!.



Just met with GM for Football at the Vodafone Warriors Brian Smith and his lovely partner Sally.



Just met with the man mountain James Gavet and his lovely partner Gabby as they arrive at Sky City before the Vodafone Warriors prize giving tonight..



Just ran into me old mate Andrew Vossy - he may be a bit under dressed tonight at the Vodafone Warriors prize given the airline has lost his bags!!.



Look at who the cat dragged in.. my funny mate Dai Henwood.. looking sharp at Gusto in the Sky City Grand before the Vodafone Warriors Prizegiving..



Meet the people behind the scenes.. this is Lisa (in ticketing) part of the Vodafone Warriors back office, these staff do a fantastic job!.



## A great night had by all.



Presenting Lorraine McKee with a painting from Lady Janice marking their friendship and to thank her for her help this year in the Stacey Jones Lounge..



Recognition for Shaun Johnson for 150 games with the Vodafone Warriors.



Recognition of legend Simon Mantering - 300 games for the Vodafone Warriors.



So proud for my great mate Laurie Hale winning Club Person of the year this man gives a 100% to the club and Rugby League.



The Boss.. Vodafone Warriors CEO Cameron George and his lovely partner Emma at the prize giving.



The first people I meet on arrival at the Vodafone Warriors prize giving, the lovely Anna and Alex Corvo along with Tohu and Natalie Harris.



The Little General Stacey Jones and his lovely wife Rachelle before prize giving starts at Sky City.



The Vodafone warriors CEO Cameron George doing his welcome to the audience.



Two great guys Roger Tuivasa-Sheck and Simon Mantering. Simon presented Roger with the Simon Mantering medal.





This wonderful couple Lorraine & Dave from Christchurch having breakfast the day after the awards night.



My grandson Reuben was pleased to meet Vossy.



Pete and Adam from the Stacey Jones lounge



David Fusitua & partner Eden.



Simon Mannering alongside Warriors boss Cameron George presents outgoing Vodafone CEO Russell Stanners and his wife a small gift.



Laurie Hale receives Club man of the year award from Roger Tuivasa-Sheck.





Meet the team from the Mad Butchers Club in the Stacey Jones Lounge. Pre dinner drinks before the Vodafone Warriors prize giving.

## Want to be in the Mad Butcher’s lounge at the Trans-Tasman Showdown?

We’ve got an exclusive ticket offer for members of the Mad Butcher’s Club below.

At Mt Smart Stadium on Saturday 13 October, you can be part of history as the Kiwis, Kiwi Ferns and Junior Kiwis take on their Aussie rivals at one blockbuster event.

It’s been four years since the Kiwis took on the Kangaroos on home turf, so don’t miss the chance to be there alongside Sir Peter Leitch.

To secure tickets to the Mad Butcher’s lounge, click on the Ticketek link below:

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## VODAFONE WARRIORS AWARDS 2018 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Departing players | Manaia Cherrington, Anthony Gelling (#227), Ata Hingano (#214), Simon Mannering (#125), Zac Santo, Albert Vete (#197).

Vodafone Warriors debuts | Peta Hiku (#221), Blake Green (#222), Adam Blair (#223), Tohu Harris (#224), Sam Cook (#225), Leivaha Pulu (#226), Anthony Gelling (#227), Joseph Vuna (#228), Karl Lawton (#229), Gerard Beale (#230).

### Achievements:

300 NRL appearances | Simon Mannering (first players to appear in 300 NRL games for the Vodafone Warriors).

250 NRL games | Issac Luke.

150 NRL games (all for Vodafone Warriors) | Shaun Johnson.

100 NRL games | Peta Hiku.

50 NRL games for Vodafone Warriors | Issac Luke, Ken Maumalo, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck.

50 NRL games | James Gavet, Leivaha Pulu.

50 NRL tries | David Fusitu'a.

20 tries in an NRL season | David Fusitu'a.

900 NRL points | Shaun Johnson.



**Good luck to the Vodafone Warriors and Warriors Women playing against the Roosters this Saturday**

**Also good luck to the All Blacks who are playing Argentina this Saturday in Nelson!**



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# Kangaroos to Play Tonga in Historic Auckland Test Match

By NRL

**T**HE AUSTRALIAN Kangaroos will take on Mate Ma'a Tonga for the very first time in an end-of-season Test on Saturday October 20, 2018.

In a major boost for the growth of the international game, the historic match will take place at Mt Smart Stadium in Auckland the week following the New Zealand-Australia clash.

"This is a fantastic result for all fans of Rugby League and the continued growth of the international game," NRL CEO Todd Greenberg said.

"Many people have worked tirelessly right around the globe to ensure this match takes place.

"I'd particularly like to thank the NZRL for their efforts to ensure this match eventuated on New Zealand soil, along with the RLPA and the players.

"Tonga are the fourth-ranked team in the world and have fully earned their right to take on the World-Champion Kangaroos."

Kangaroos Coach Mal Meninga said the match would be an enormous boost for the international game.

"This will be a great occasion and it is something I know the players are excited about," Meninga said.

"This will be an important game not only for the Kangaroos but for the international game.

"As a game it's important to capitalise on the success of the World Cup last year, and particularly the success of Tonga and the other Pacific nations.

"Tonga's performances last year captured the imag-

ination of so many people in the game and I'm sure the game in Tonga will grow even more with games like this taking place."

Stuart Turner, Head of Major Events at Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (AT-EED), added: "Mālō e lava mai. Auckland is delighted to have secured another history-making Rugby League event here in the world's largest Polynesian city, where our sizeable Tongan community is full of passionate and loyal league fans.

"Fans from Auckland, New Zealand and around the world packed Mt Smart Stadium for the Rugby League World Cup semi final last November, and it's exciting to think we could repeat a sell out again, over New Zealand's long Labour Weekend, less than 12 months on."

Members tickets will be on sale from \$20 for adults and \$50 for families, while General Public tickets will be on sale from \$25 for adults and \$65 for families.

Tickets will be on sale for Ticketed Members today (Wednesday, 5 September) at 10am AEST (12pm NZT), and for Non-Ticketed Members at 2pm AEST (4pm NZT).

Tickets will be on sale for General Public tomorrow (Thursday, 6 September) at 10am AEST (12pm NZT).

Tickets will be available from [nrl.com/tickets](http://nrl.com/tickets).

For vision of interview with Kangaroos Coach Mal Meninga, [click here](#)



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# CLUB'S FIRST WOMEN'S TEAM NAMED

## By Vodafone Warriors

**A**N EXPERIENCED all-international spine is a feature of the first Warriors side named to face the Sydney Roosters in the opening match of the inaugural NRL women's premiership at ANZ Stadium in Sydney on Saturday (3.05pm local time; 5.05pm NZT).

Coach Luisa Avaiki has named 2017 New Zealand Rugby League player of the year Apii Nicholls at fullback, captain Laura Mariu and Georgia Hale in the halves and Krystal Rota at hooker.

It's the same combination the Warriors started with in their 32-4 trial win over Auckland at Mount Smart Stadium on August 10.

Avaiki mixed up combinations for the second trial against Auckland on August 25, which the Warriors battled to win 20-16.

The Warriors women and the club's NRL side feature in a double header on Saturday with the Stephen Kearney-coached Vodafone Warriors taking on Penrith in a week one finals elimination contest at 5.30pm; it's the Vodafone Warriors first taste of NRL finals football since the 2011 grand final.

To add to the historic nature of the occasion, there'll be a special first when mother and son Lorina and Isaiah Papali'i represent the club in official matches for the first time and so do on the same day and the same ground. In another twist they will both be wearing the No 15 jersey and are both named on the interchange bench for their teams.

A feature of the women's kit is that each jersey is personalised with the player's name which they will wear throughout the competition.

The Warriors women go into the historic campaign buoyed by announcements yesterday that Flight Centre has signed as the front of jersey sponsor and Twenty8 Essentials on the shorts.

NRL WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP  WARRIORS v SYDNEY ROOSTERS  3.05pm, Saturday, September 8, 2018  ANZ Stadium, Sydney	1	Apia Nicholls	13	Luisa Gago
	2	Lani Veainu		Interchange:
	3	Shontelle Woodman	11	Tanika-Jazz Noble-Bell
	14	Sarina Clark	15	Lorina Papali'i
	5	Hilda Mariu	18	Sui Tauasa-Pauaraisa
	6	Laura Mariu (C)	17	Kahurangi Peters
	7	Georgia Hale	21	Lisa Edwards
	8	Annetta-Claudia Nuuausala	20	Raquel Anderson-Pitman
	9	Krystal Rota	16	Amber Kani
	10	Aieshaleigh Smalley	23	Crystal Tamarua
	4	Onjeurlina Leiatua		
	12	Alice Vailea		

**Sky TV will be broadcasting Women's Rugby League at 5.00pm on Saturday 8th September**

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For the very first time, the World Champion Australian Kangaroos will take on the might of Mate Ma'a Tonga at Mt Smart Stadium in Auckland on **Saturday, October 20.**

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