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WARRIORS GAMES FREE TO AIR!

I recently received this letter from Maori TV, informing me that 2014 Mighty Vodafone Warriors games will be carried FREE TO AIR on their channel, straight after they've screened on SKY.

Dear Sir Peter,

VODAFONE

At **Maori Television** we enjoy your newsletters so much we'd love to give you a rundown of the fantastic rugby league coverage we have planned for the year. The biggest news is that we have just signed a deal to screen all the **Vodafone Warriors** games for the **2014 NRL Telstra Premiership** season. Most games will air on Sunday nights at 7.30pm, straight after they've played on **SKY**. The 13 home games will all be commentated by Te Arahi Maipi and ex-**Warriors**' coach Tony Kemp. The **Warriors** games are a great addition to our rugby league line-up in 2014, which includes the Fox Memorial Shield and UK Super League games. And the deal with **SKY** lets our sister channel, **Te Reo**, screen a weekly NRL match on Saturday evenings.

Sir Peter Leitch's

We're proud to say that we have rugby league covered from grassroots through to the superstars this year so book these dates into your calendar now: hosted by **Mike King** will keep you in stitches. **James Nokise, Ewen Gilmour, Mike Loder, Irene Pink** and **Dean Butler** and other top Kiwi comics will be giving their views on Waitangi Day and what it means to them.

We look forward to many more of your updates this year.

Nga mihi nui,

Maori TV

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- February 9 at 3.30pm UK Super League starts
- March 8 at 8.30pm Riiki NRL starts on the Te Reo Channel. First game is the *Rabbitohs v Roosters*
- March 9 at 7.30pm Vodafone Warriors 2014 starts (NB: The **Sydney Sea Eagles v Melbourne Storm** will air March 9. The **Warriors v Eels** is scheduled for Monday March 10 at 10.00pm)

We've got some special programmes planned for Waitangi Day, too, so be sure to tune in for our special breakfast show, Ata Marie – Waitangi Day 2014 from 7am. Later in the day, Crack Up, our stand-up comedy show



Well I hope you enjoyed the first newsletter of the year last week.

Now here is the thing. The newsletter is a way for us all to stay connected. Sure, rugby league is my passion, but my next one is the people I have met through the game, and that is you.

It is not my newsletter, it is our newsletter. So if you have a picture you'd like to see included, send it to me at **pcleitch@xtra.co.nz** and don't forget to tell us all what it is all about, because a picture is not much use without a caption.

And don't think it has to be about league, it doesn't. For instance the **Blues** take on the **Hurricanes** at Memorial Park in Masterton in a pre-season game on Saturday, and the challenge for readers down there, and I know we have a few, is to get your pictures in. I look at it like this, if we can include pictures of our good mate Dexter Trail - who is now fully recovered

by the way - in his bed at Middlemore Hospital, we can include anything.

I'm off to catch up with my brother **Jack** on Thursday. It is his 79th birthday and I'm really looking forward to catching up with him and all my nephews. We always have a ball, and at the end of the day there is nothing like family.

There are still tickets available for the Dick Smith NRL Nines at Eden Park.

No question the event is the thing everyone is talking about, but I still think people have not fully grasped the impact it is going to have.

Last I heard, they had managed to sell more than 44,000 tickets for each day, and 1600 extra temporary seats were being planned.

That is going to give a crowd of more than 90,000 over the two days and the Nines is certainly going to lift league in this country to a whole new level. I can not wait.

The teams are being hosted by local league clubs

across the city, and my own Mangere East Hawks are hosting the Penrith Panthers, coached by our old friend Ivan Cleary.

The club has printed 5000 fliers for schools -proudly sponsored by Konica Minolta - and I know people will get out and support the club's efforts, and take the chance to meet the stars.

I also know that people are still trying to get hold of those tickets, so my advice is to keep on trying at Ticketek, because you never know when seats are going to be available.

There is no question the Nines is creating a real buzz, but let's face it, not as big a buzz as Lorde. Congratulations

to the young singer. Two Grammys is an incredible achievement and there is no doubt at all she has put New Zealand into the headlines the world over.

The best thing about her is how humble she remains. There are none of the superstar trappings and that is great to see. I love it that she has taken on the world doing what she loves but remains grounded.

Come to think of it, where is her ticker-tape parade. They had one for Team NZ but I'd say Lorde has probably got as much exposure for our country as the America's Cup did. I'd certainly be there.

Mind you, you know you have made it when you feature in the **Newsletter.**

Tell you what, I was bricking it when I wrote my column for the Manukau Courier - the greatest little paper in the world - because I got into the cricket. Yes. cricket.

I have to confess I do not know too much about it, but I have been absolutely captured by the drama of the series against India.

The Black Caps, let's face it, are the whipping boys of New Zealand sport. They manage to cop more negative press than the Vodafone Warriors, and that is saying something.

But what was making me worry was that I had to write the column before the game on Tuesday night, and I was terrified I might put jinx the boys.

I should have had more faith. I have loved watching them belt India all over the place and they did not let me down on Tuesday, despite batting second this time. The series must be a marketing man's dream, with two close and suspenseful wins to our boys, followed by the tie at Eden Park. Then a totally convincing win, with a century to Ross Taylor thrown in, at Hamilton - you could not have scripted it.

That's the beauty of sport isn't it? You are ever one game away from a high, and the same game away from a low. That's why we love it.

I do not mind Auckland Anniversary weekend one bit I can assure you.

I spent it on Waiheke Island, where the weather was glorious, watching the yachts on the water, and the kids playing on the beach and paddling with mum and dad. What a wonderful country we live in. Old Fred Dagg was right all those years ago - We don't know how lucky we are.

It does us all good to slow down and look around and be thankful for the simple pleasures of life, like time with the family.

But that is something I might not have a lot of coming up, because I am off to Wellington, as I said, and I will be there for the Sevens too, which I hear they are struggling to sell a little this time round. I am looking forward to seeing how the event goes all the same.

Look out for me, I thought I might go dressed as the Mad Butcher!

One thing, if you don't get the newsletter, and we do have a few technical problems because the list of people who get it is huge, and addresses change and that sort of thing, it is online. Visit www.sirpeterleitch. co.nz. It's not a bad website, even if I do say so myself.

MANGERE EAST RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

New player registrations for all ages Thursday 13th February - 4.30pm to 7.30 Hain Ave - Walter Massey Park







Meet the Penrith Panthers NRL 9sTeam at 5pm



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Every new registration goes into the draw to win passes to the NRL 9s week.

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS PART TWO:

We live in a great country, for sure. Proud to be a Kiwi.

Here's a few more of the photos I took over the holiday period on Waiheke.



Not a bad view. From a mate's place on Waiheke.

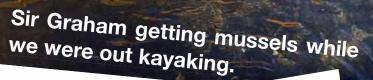
Having lunch at Te Whau Winery at Waiheke with some good friends – Peter and Yvonne – we met last year on our Grab-a-seat tour in Shanghai.



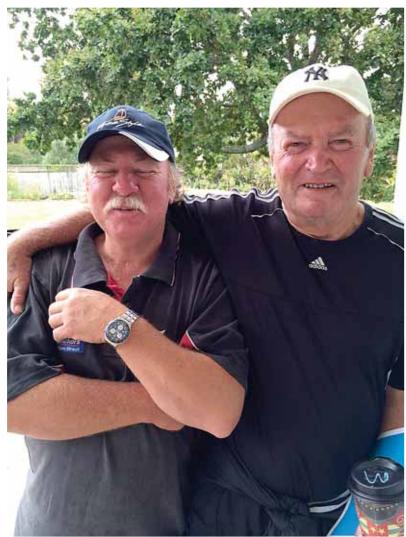
Bob tucking into Marg's roast pork. Yummy!



This young group were celebrating a birthday on the island, so hired some bikes to ride around and had a ball.



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My mate Ken, was rapt to get his photo with Sir Graham!



It doesn't get any better than this!

Jason and Milly chill out on Waiheke.



A LETTER...

Hey Sir Peter, all the best for 2014 brother.

Mate, I reckon the faithful will turn up in the big numbers this season. The Mighty Vodafone Warriors Squad looks pretty cool to me, all 3 new additions I like, with Sam "the Tomcat" Tompkins obviously a major attraction, Jase the Ace Bukuya is a hard-nosed customer and Bad

Chad Townsend could strut some stuff given the ghost of a chance. The very promising talents of Sione Lousi and Ben Henry return to the fray from the long term casualty ward, deal in Johnson, Leauluai, Big Manu, Matulino, Matangi, Mannering and they fill up a a pretty full deck for head honcho Matty E. to play with. From what I see the squad is building nicely and we should see game-day structures forming in some pretty exciting trial matches. You better believe it, the Titans, Wigan, Broncos they're comin to give us a shake-up. Mr Scurrah will be putting the Blow Torch on the back room boys to get the ship in order.

Then you got the Garden of Eden Nines which promises a whole new experience for all of us. I hear The Duco boys are rubbin' their hands together mate, with the house-full signs being threatened. Your mate Mean Dean Lonnergan will be flush and in the market for a truckload of The Mad Butcher's fine products. I reckon we can throw a few excitement machines into the Nines pot with Shaun Lightnin Johnson, the Tomcat, Locke'n'load, Mateo and Hurricane Hurrell to name just a few. The Roosters roll back the years with Freddie Fittler squeezing on his old leather sprig boots. They say SBW wont be there, but mate, he will be fronting Erickson for round 24 when the mighty Warriors will be dinin' on Chicken Souffle. Butch, I have also been studyin' up on the Warriors' Season draw; it sure is an interesting

pathway leadin' up to the first Penrose Homer in Round 12. During this period I am lookin' forward to burying that so called Eden Park hoodoo and 3 wins would be real good!.... and geez you would have to say the matches at the Caketin (Tigers) and Waikato stadium (Bulldogs) are in our favour pretty much with the locals bound to turn out big-

Then with Round 12 (back at Erickson!!) through to rd 26 we have 13 matches and 8 of them at the Penrose Field of Dreams bro. Sets up a pearler chance for Captain Mannering's men to put together a good run... with a bit of luck, a following sea and a reasonable go from the refs.

A hell of a season from go to whoa, cant wait mate. Park the Kayak, sizzle those snarlers put some beer on ice and blow the bloody whistle!

Yes my friend, as Warrior blood brother fans we look for the best from our team and stand beside them through the thick and the thin. Heres to heaps of Thick mate.

Stay well, your old cobber, Carlaw T. Parker.

Ps don't Vodafone do a waterproof model phone?

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Mrs Sonya Moore from Te Awamutu and her Harley. Congratulations on the win, Sonya!



2-CITY TOUR ANNOUNCED

Touring New Zealand in April & May Public Ticket Sales begin Friday, February 7

announced that he will embark on an 12-city comedians in NZ. tour of New Zealand in April and May.

THE LONG - AWAITED RETURN OF NZ'S FAVOURITE COMEDIAN

HIGH HORSE TOUR 20

affectionately known in his native Scotland - has been wowing NZ audiences with his live stand-up shows since 1978. With every visit, his fanbase has become larger and larger: from under 7000 people in 1978 to A recent critique from the UK "Like no

Wild man of comedy, **BILLY CONNOLLY**, and surpassed all records for international *life experiences into stunningly funny*

Billy Connolly – or The Big Yin as he's funnier than ever and he'll be on his very high horse as he regales audiences with the humour that's filled his head since his last It's great to have Billy back for a comprehenvisit.

over 60,000 in 2009, every concert sold out other, Billy Connolly turns our everyday

situations, carrying his audience from one This time round will be no exception. He's irreverent story to another until a collective exhaustion sets in! ..."

sive 12-city tour," says promoter lan Magan. "In the 36 years he has visited New Zealand, Billy has become a true friend to Kiwis who love his irreverent and topical humour.

Public Ticket Sales will begin Friday, February 7 through Ticketek, Ticketmaster and TicketDirect

Date	City	Venue	Bookings
April Tue/Wed 8 & 9	NAPIER	Municipal Theatre	Ticketek
Sat 12	AUCKLAND	Vector Arena	Ticketmaster
Wed 16	NEW PLYMOUTH	TSB Stadium	Ticketmaster

	Tue 22	PALMERSTON NTH	Regent Theatre	Ticket Direct	
	Fri 25	CHRISTCHURCH	CBS Arena	Ticketek	
	Tue 29	TIMARU	Theatre Royal	Ticketek	
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	Sun 4	QUEENSTOWN	Events Centre	Ticketek	
	Wed 7	DUNEDIN	Town Hall	Ticket Direct	
	Fri 9	BLENHEIM	Stadium 2000	Ticket Direct	
	Sun 11	WELLINGTON	TSB Arena	Ticketek	
	Wed 14	HAMILTON	Claudelands Arena	Ticketek	



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22 January 2014

Canterbury Rugby League is excited to announce the Cronulla Sharks will be in Christchurch on 11 and 12 February 2014 on their stepping for the Dick Smith NPL Auctional Miner on the unstand of 15 and 16 February 2014 Canterbury Rugby League is excited to announce the Gronusa Sharks will be in Christonuron on 11 and 12 2014 as they prepare for the Dick Smith NRL Auckland Nines on the weekend of 15 and 16 February 2014. The Sharks boast some of the games big names in Paul Gallen, Luke Lewis, Todd Carney and Beau Ryan alongsic Kiwi enforcer Jeremy Smith. All of these players are expected to be travelling with the team.

The Sharks have agreed to a number of activities whilst in Christchurch to support the rugby league community that Sharks players will be running skills, drills, signing and photo sessions with both club and school players from through out Canterbury whilst the Sharks coaching staff and trainers will be up skilling a number of coaches and trainers in the latest coaching techniques.

The lovely surrounds of Lincoln University will be the home base for the Sharks specific training requirements as they Canterbury Rugby League will host a dinner for the Sharks at the Christchurch Casino on the evening of 12 February. Tickets to the dinner are available for purchase at \$100 each or \$1000 for a table of 10 by contacting Canterbury Rugby League on 338 4531 or intogerfl.co.nz. Tickets are inclusive of food and beverage.

This promises to be an exciting and action packed two days for the rugby league fans of Christchurch.

Media opportunities with the Cronulla Sharks will be available by contacting Craig Kerr on 021 841 463.

For further information please contact myself directly



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Cronulla Sharks to visit Christchurch

The Cronulla Sharks will be in Christchurch on February 11 and 12 in preparartion of the **Dick** Smith NRL Nines on the 15 and 16 February. The Sharks will be running Skills, Drills, Signing and Photo Sessions with both club and school players and Canterbury Rugby League will be hosting a dinner for the Sharks at the Christchurch Casino on the evening of 12 February. Tickets are available for purchase at \$100 each or \$1000 for a table of ten. If you are keen to attend please contact Canterbury Rugby League on 03 338 4531 or info@crfl.co.nz

Calling all Vodafone Warriors Supporters What could be better than hanging out with your mates, having a few bevies and watching NRL?

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Not much, we think, so join us on our very own same day return fan flight and you can be part of the crowd that witness the Vodafone Warriors take on the West Tigers at the impressive Westpac Stadium on Sunday 30th March 2014. Oh, and on the flight home the whole team will be joining us!

Our package includes:

Return flights from Auckland to Wellington, tickets to the Vodafone Warriors vs. West Tigers game, return transfers from Wellington airport to Westpac Stadium.

Price: \$249 per person



Return flights to Wellington on Sunday 30th March (seat only) Depart Auckland 8.25am – Arrive Wellington 9.25am

Depart Wellington 7.30pm – Arrive Auckland 8.30pm

Book online at www.grabaseat.co.nz or contact grabaseat@airnz.co.nz if you have any queries.



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Time Registration at 11:00am

Entry Packages

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Sponsor a Golf Hole

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Your Vodafone Warriors Team Player

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If you choose to have a Vodafone Warriors Team Player you will be able to nominate your player and players will be allocated on a firstpay basis.

Please be aware that if your Vodafone Warrior Player is injured on the day, they will still join your team for the event but will not take part in the golf. In this case, the three members playing will count towards the final team total.

Please provide a second and third choice in case your first choice has already been allocated.

> This is a fantastic opportunity to meet



For further information and registration details contact: PETRECE KESHA - Mobile: 021 224 6952 // Direct line: 09 526 8830



Fringe Bar is proud to host **Caburlesque World Famous in NZ** this weekend, Caburlesque has been running bi-monthly shows around New Zealand longer than any other NZ producer. The show promises to reveal some famous Kiwis, celebrities and Kiwiana characters all with a fun 'n' frolics twist. We don't usually reveal ourselves until we are on stage, but it is no secret the Mad Butcher has an act dedicated to his huge... sense of fun and generosity! **Tickets are on Eventfinder**

Send in your snaps!

I'm sure I'm not the only bloke out there who has some interesting summer photos on their mobile or tablet or even... camera!

If you've got something you think is interesting enough that it's worth sharing... don't be shy, send it in!

The Newsletter is for everyone, as the Club photos show during the year.

So send us your - preferably digital - snaps and join the fun.

Any interesting league anecdotes you may have are also welcome.

They will need to be of a reasonable quality and the resolution should be fairly high, even if the file is only going to appear online. 100ppi for postcard size is okay, 200ppi is better. 72ppi is fine so long as the picture size is really big.

So dig them out or get snapping and send us your pix to pcleitch@xtra.co.nz

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Take a mate to footy!Make a weekend of it in Dunedinand support the Vodafone Warriors

The Vodafone Warriors go up against the Brisbane Broncos in the Trans Tasman Cup at Dunedin's Forsyth Barr Stadium on 23rd February.

But wait...there's more...make a weekend of it and head down to see the **Highlanders** take on the **Blues** on Saturday night also at Forsyth Barr Stadium. It's not just about the games either, Dunedin is laying it all on:

The biennial **Wings and Wheels** festival will be held at Taieri Airfield on Saturday 22nd Feb; take a joy ride on a helicopter or fixed wing aircraft and check out the huge selection of restored, Sport, Para-motors, Vintage, model and home built aircraft, Gyrocopters, Helicopters, classic and vintage cars, Racecars, 4WD and Military vehicles.

NRL South Family Fun Day – an afternoon of drills and skills with family fun at Logan Park with members of the *Warriors* and the *Broncos* attending from 1.30pm on Sat 22nd Feb.

Explore the delights of the **Otago Farmers Market** - Renowned as the best Farmers Market in New Zealand, take your time and explore the unique flavours of the region, meet the passionate growers and producers, and sample their wares. The stunning Dunedin Railway Station is a remarkable backdrop to stalls that feature tarts, breads, Manuka-smoked eggs, coffee, herbs, produce, seafood and so much more.

Tuck in at the **Dunedin International Food Festival** held during **OUSA Orientation Week's** programme on Sat 22nd Feb at the Otago Museum Reserve. Soak up the free entertainment and make the most of the huge range of delectable cuisine from across the globe.



each but the visitors will be looking for retribution! The Zoo will be filled with freshly returned students for this iconic clash of teams.

The historic rivalry between Australia and New Zealand is set to continue with NRL Football returning to the South in February 2014, The **Vodafone Warriors** take on the NRMA **Brisbane Broncos** in the **Trans-Tasman Cup** at Forsyth Barr Stadium 3.00pm. Join us under the roof to witness the super stars of the NRL premiership battle it out in Dunedin in what will be a fast and furious encounter.

Visit www.DunedinNZ.com for information about accommodation and must sees in

Kicking off at 7.35pm Sat 22nd Feb, this will be the first **2014 Super Rugby** game for both the **Highlanders** and the **Blues** and is set to be an absolute cracker! The spoils were split last season, with the **Highlanders** and the **Blues** both winning one game

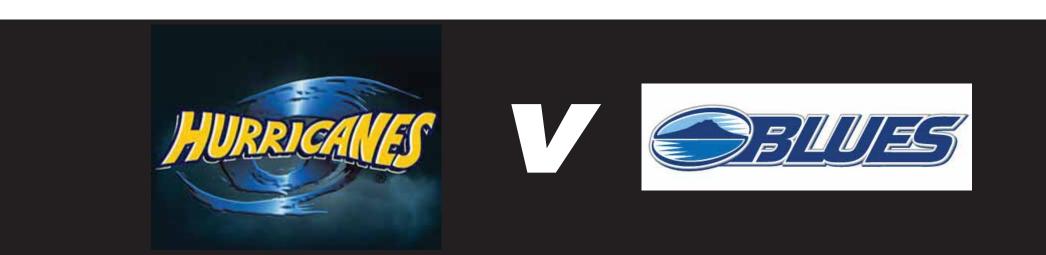
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