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Newsletter

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On our Way to Oklahoma!

The "On our way to Oklahoma" Junior Women's 2015 World Championships campaign kicks off this week as **Junior White Sox** head coach **Kevin Gettins** names his 2014 Squad. The **Junior White Sox** finished 4th at the 2013 World Championships in Brampton, Canada improving on its 5th ranking. Coach Gettins understands the significance of that achievement, and acknowledges the difficulty in preparing a new team to take on the world's best. "It's tough to make the top 4, staying there or improving our position in 2015 is a huge challenge", Coach Gettins states, "We need to develop players at an international level, which is a huge step up from the playing level in New Zealand".

The squad is a mix of players who are in the frame for 2015 World Championships and also some younger development players for the 2017 World Championships. By selecting the squad Coach Gettins is sending a clear message that each player has the potential to be in the World Championships team, but that being in the final 17 will mean much preparation, training and work, "Softball has to be the number one priority in a players life, it takes commitment and hard work to be a elite international athlete". Another significant challenge for players is that

the campaign is self funded. Being part of a supportive family, club, association and community is important to assist with the financial burden of player levies for tours and camps.

The **Junior White Sox 2014** programme includes training camps as well as two key tours. Teams will be selected to attend the Canadian Fastpitch Futures Gold Championships from 14 – 20 July. This tournament is open to junior international teams and Gold Elite under 18 teams from Canada and the USA. "The standard of play is at a World's level and will seriously test the team, and importantly will show the players the level they need to get to", states Coach Gettins. The second tour is linked to the junior development program by attending the International Friendship Series from 30 June – 4 July in Sydney.

2014 Junior White Sox Squad

Catelyn Davidson, Tessa Metuatini, Bohemian Quinn, Amy Begg, Mikayla Werahiko (Canterbury), Brooke Stilwell, Loran Parker, Nik-Cole Paea, Terapii Tourangi, Makayla Mauve, Jaimee Ann Dick, Zoe Tolhopf, Alison Mohi, Deavan Tavalu, Tyla Morrison, Ai'eesha Setafano (Auckland), Taylor Siolo, Chelsea Brunner, Kayla Rangiwaha, Wanaka Noanoa, Mereana Makea,

Marcelle Parkes (Wellington), Pallas Potter, Marjorie Cashell, Regan Campbell-Tapa, Aizaya Anderson, Taylah MacDonald, Emily Rauhihi (Hutt Valley), Brooke Eden, Courtney Gettins, Emma Houkamau, Ashlyn Obers (Hawkes Bay), Pania Monk, Aria Tawha, Kanyon Paul (Waikato), Shinae Hearne, Lauren Tapp, Tegan Irvine (Australia), Rhyllie Makawe, Erika Cooper (USA)

New Zealand Development Girls Team

After discussions with National Team Management Softball New Zealand has modified its National Teams program to allow Development teams of both genders to travel annually to the **Friendship Games**. Therefore a **New Zealand Girls Development Team** will travel to the Friendship Games in Sydney this June under the guidance of Head Coach **Carl Tuinenga**.

The decision is an exciting one providing further opportunities for athletes of this age group to participate and compete on the international pathway.

Softball New Zealand will be calling for applications shortly for Team Manager and Assistant Coach to accompany Carl on their tour of Australia.

Get along to North Harbour Stadium THIS SUNDAY to watch the Vodafone Warriors take on the Gold Coast Titans in the first pre-season trial!

It's a great afternoon out for the whole family. There will be a kids' zone with games, bouncy castles, facing painting and prizes.

Tickets are on sale from Ticketek* now.

Curtain raiser at 2.00pm – Junior Warriors v Pt Chevalier Titans and main event kicks off at 4.00pm.

And if you are coming along to the game... make sure you show your **Mighty Vodafone Warriors** spirit by decking out in all your gear – there's a signed Warriors jersey, Nines tickets and a 50" TV or a 7" tablet (**Good On Ya, DTR!**) up for grabs for the best dressed fan.

Visit www.stadium.co.nz for stadium information. Go the Warriors!

Kids from \$8.00; Adults from \$18.00

*Ticketek Booking Fee applies

VODAFONE WARRIORS
 VS
GOLD COAST TITANS
THIS SUNDAY!
NORTH HARBOUR STADIUM
www.ticketek.co.nz

Image showing five Vodafone Warriors players in their kit, with a 'dtr' logo in the bottom right corner.

Bring on the Sevens

I'm really excited. With the break behind us it is my trip to Wellington for the Sevens I'm looking forward to. I tell my mates I'm going and they look at me like I've gone mad, but I love all sports.

Sure league is my passion but I have been involved with all sorts of codes, so I'm looking forward to it, and in particular all the zany costumes the fans turn up in. I admit I am not into it myself, but I love seeing the fans enjoy themselves.

North Harbour here I come

I will be back on the Sunday though, because I will be across the bridge at North Harbour Stadium to see the **Vodafone Warriors** take on the **Gold Coast Titans**. It will be the boys first hit out, and as they say, you can train as long and as hard as you like, but there is no substitute for game time.

The curtainraiser is at 2pm, when the **Vodafone Junior Warriors** take on Pt Chev, with the main game scheduled for 4pm.

All but three of the 16 players named in the **Vodafone Warriors' Nines** squad will feature in the trial.

"We have a lot of football in the space of eight days, with the trials against the **Titans** and Wigan, as well as the Nines, so it's a bit of a jigsaw putting our sides together," coach **Matt Elliott** says

"For this trial we are looking to use most of our Nines players, some NYC players and two players from our NSW Cup group. It's a chance for a whole range of players to show what they can do."

Vodafone Warriors trial squad: The squad for the trial is: **Jordan Baldwinson, Ray Faitala-Mariner, Glen Fisiiahi, David Fusitua, Charlie Gubb, Konrad Hurrell, Sebastine Ikahihifo, Solomone Kata, Ngani Laumape, Mason Lino, Metia Lisati, Sam Lisone, Tuimoala Lolohea, Sione Lousi, Suaia Matagi, Agnatus Paasi, Abraham Papalii, Nathaniel Peteru, Dominique Peyroux, Michael Sio, Carlos Tuimavave, Albert Vete.**

Titans trial squad: **Anthony Don, Kalifa FaiFai Loa, Maurice Blair, Bradley Takarangi, Steven Michaels, Matthew Beddow, Christain Hazard, Ryan James, Beau Falloon, Luke Douglas, Ben**

Ridge, Mark Minichello, Paul Carter, Caleb Binge, Matthew White, Mark Ioane, Cody Nelson, Thomas Kingston, Bradley Tighe, Siuatonga Likiliki, Jamie Dowling and Sam Irving.

Stacey's back!

Crikey dick, or more correctly crikey Dick Smith. League greats **Andrew Johns** and our old mate the Little General **Stacey Jones** are coming out of retirement for charity at the inaugural 2014 NRL Auckland Nines.

Johns and Jones will line up to raise funds for The **Rising Foundation**, in the first **Beko Media Stars** touch football match between New Zealand and Australia before the final at Eden Park on Sunday, February 16.

The nine-a-side touch game will see a group of former players now working in the media being joined by print, radio and TV reporters.

You'd have to think there wouldn't be too many charity games played in front of 46,000, and I reckon two nine minute halves might have a few people blowing by the end.

Johns is in a pretty handy Aussie side that includes former test players **Gorden Tallis** and **Danny Buderus**, and ex-premiership winners **Brett Finch** and **Steve Turner**. New Zealand has former Kiwi internationals **Richie Barnett, Monty Betham** and **Wairangi Koopu**.

Beko is a home appliance brand, and they will donate \$2000 to **The Rising Foundation** for each try scored, with the aim of trying to raise \$20,000.

The Rising Foundation was established by a group of former south Auckland children to assist at-risk-youths to develop their full potential. **Bulldogs** CEO **Raelene Castle** is on the board.

New Zealand: **Stacey Jones, Sam Ackerman, Richie Barnett, Jenny May Coffin, Monty Betham, Wairangi Koopu, Karl Te Nana, Nickson Clark, Sam Wallace, James McConie, Bryce Casey, Dominic Harvey.**

Australia: **Andrew Johns, Gorden Tallis, Brett Finch, Danny Buderus, Steve Turner, Brent Read, Michael Chammas, Josh Massoud, David Riccio, Pat Molihan, Shannon Byrne, Steve Hart, Tony Adams.**

Halbergs then the Nines

Thursday I am off to the Halberg Awards before I gear up for the Nines, which start for me on Friday at a public welcome for all the teams. Then that night I am MC for a function with about 300 Aussies who have come over for the event, so that should be a ripper.

The welcome event is open to all if you feel like joining in. All 16 NRL clubs will be represented at Aotea Square from 12.15pm. It will be the first time ever in New Zealand that you'll be able to witness all 16 clubs and their players in the one venue at the one time. The free event will include a lot of entertainment, words from the players and you will get to see me on stage!

For more information on this free event - visit <https://www.facebook.com/>

And don't forget, our **confirmed Nines squad** is: **Jayson Bukuya, Raymond Faitala-Mariner, Glen Fisiiahi, David Fusitua, Charlie Gubb, Konrad Hurrell, Sebastine Ikahihifo, Shaun Johnson, Solomone Kata, Ngani Laumape, Tuimoala Lolohea, Sione Lousi, Suaia Matagi, Dominique Peyroux, Sam Tomkins, Carlos Tuimavave.** *It's all on - so much so that I have even put the kayak away!*

Clash of the Warriors at Waikato Stadium

Don't forget that a road trip is on the cards for us all when the **Vodafone Warriors** take on the **Wigan Warriors** from Britain's Super League on February 12 at Waikato Stadium.

It will be a little piece of history, because when do you get the chance to see the best England has to offer?

It's a 7.35pm kick-off so make sure you leave yourself plenty of time for the trip, given the traffic on our motorways.

Get tickets from
www.ticketek.co.nz
or 0800 TICKETEK

See Ad below for prices and gate times!

Clash of the Warriors at Waikato Stadium

Watch history be created in 2014 when the 'Clash of the Warriors' takes place at our very own Waikato Stadium!

NRL's Vodafone Warriors will take on Super League's Wigan Warriors here at Waikato Stadium in Hamilton on February 12 2014, 7.35pm kick-off.

Tickets from www.ticketek.co.nz or 0800 TICKETEK

Gates open 6.00 pm Kick off 7.35 pm

Prices:

Adults \$23.00 in Stand \$15.00 in Greenzone

Children \$10 everywhere

Family \$55.00 in stand \$40.00 in Greenzone

CLASH OF THE WARRIORS

VODAFONE WARRIORS V WIGAN WARRIORS

WED 12TH FEB 2014 / 7.30PM / WAIKATO STADIUM

ADULTS TICKETS FROM \$15 / CHILD FROM \$10

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Open invitation for teams from around NZ to take part.**

**Leonardo Va'a Memorial Cup
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Contact Taz Buchanan 0272628265
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Saturday 1st March

**\$200 Entry
1st & 2nd place prize money
email wrl@wrl.org.nz**

WWW.WRL.ORG.NZ

**What's your game?
Play junior rugby league in 2014**



Contact wrl@wrl.org.nz for registration details with your local club

**High tide at Bucklands Beach on Saturday; it was
even higher on Sunday.**



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Do you remember this bloke?

Former warrior **Brent Webb** who played for the club from 2002 till 2006 and played 103 games also played for the **Kiwis** then went to **Leeds Rhinos** and is now playing for **Catalan Dragons** in FRANCE.

I had the pleasure of going to Brent's wedding which was on Waiheke and thought of him as a mate a bloody good bloke . A special thank you to my good friend, **Pascal Rodriguez**, who I meet in France when I went to see **Stacey Jones** play his first game over there, for sending us these photos. He is a professional photographer in France – check him out.

*Bonsoir,
Here find 2 photos of Brent WEBB during the friendly game today in Perpignan vs WIDNES, Dragons won 18-16. If sometimes you need some Kiwi's photos, just send me an email.*

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*Bonjour SIR,
Wish you all the best, for you, family and friend. Should be in NZL one year from now, maybe see you there.*



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Had the pleasure of catching up with **Zeo Marshall**, wife of **Benji**; real nice lady.



My granddaughter, **Kristin**, all ready to rock and roll at the **Dick Smith NRL Auckland Nines!**



Te Haua Taua and **Sir Peter** have their Haircuts in Howick. Even a good chat!



Met these three girls at the **Silverdale Mad Butcher**. They are all surf life savers from **Red Beach Surf Club** doing their bit for the community. From left to right: **Chelsea Grant, Brittany Vari, Brie Downey**. Great to see our youth doing their bit. Well done, girls, the Butcher salutes you.



Beautiful Onetangi Beach, Waiheke Island!

Sir Peter,

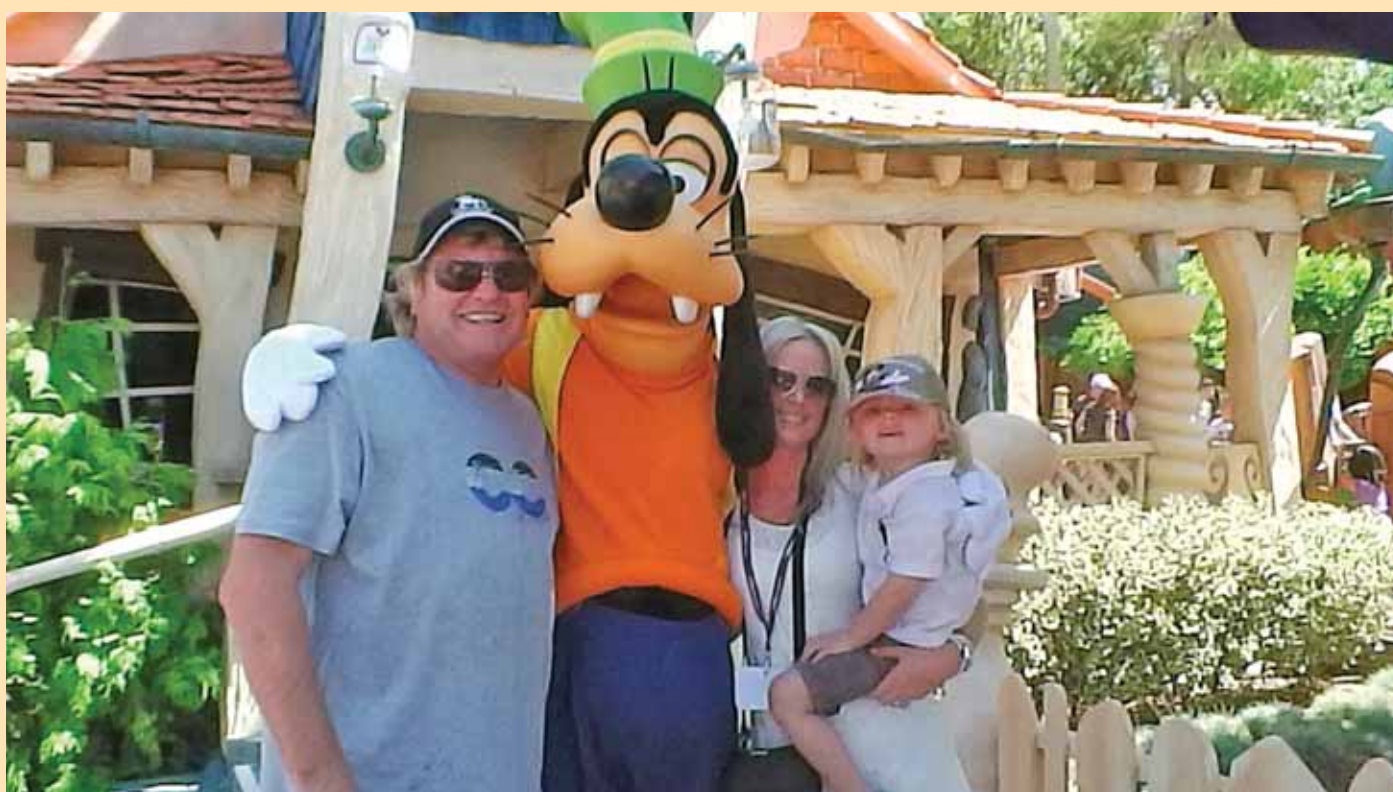
Love getting the newsletters. I hope I can make it to a **Warriors** game this year, I have a gig every Sunday afternoon in Hamilton. I would love for you to meet my new wife **Pandora** and son, **Lukas**. Hope to catch up soon.

Cheers, Kevin

(Thanks, mate! A few facts about **Kevin Greaves**, Entertainer, one of 14 children of the Late NZ Country Legend **Rusty Greaves**. www.kevingreaves.com Great singer, guitarist, comedian and friend to The Mad Butcher, since his days coaching kids at Mangere East RLC. And a great mate of the Mad Butcher club at Mt Smart where he has played over the years, always for free. He is planning some more trips to Australia, **The Murray Muster Nov 2014**. And **USA/Nashville 2015**. Check out his web site.



Pic 1 is from the **Vodafone Warriors golf tournament, 2009** organised by you. That's me on the end, I'm sure you will recognize everyone, **Dan** from the Mad Butcher's head office, The boys from the Palmerston North Store, And a bunch of the **Vodafone Warriors**, Including **Wairangi Kupu**, **Ruben Wiki**, and a bearded **Micheal Luck**.



Pic 2, Family at Disneyland, Me, my mate Goofy, Pandora and Lukas. This was taken August 2013. I had 27 people on a tour to the USA. It included Disneyland. We had a great time showing these people all the sites and sounds I had experienced while living and performing in Nashville for 15 years.

31 January 2014

John Ackland appointed CEO of Auckland Rugby League

John Ackland has today been announced as the CEO of Auckland Rugby League (ARL). In a newly created role designed to develop strategic opportunities for ARL and optimise its commercial potential, Ackland will start the role on 3 February 2014.

Ackland brings with him some of league's finest management credentials. Most recently achieving stellar results as Coach of the NRL's National Youth Competition, he has also been Assistant Coach of the *Warriors'* NRL team and has an extensive history of successful roles in management and coaching within rugby league.

"We're delighted that we've been able to attract someone of John's calibre", says ARL Board Chairman, Dene Biddlecombe. "John has an unrivalled reputation in Auckland

rugby league and shares the Board's vision for further development of grassroots rugby league in Auckland."

As CEO, Ackland's focus will be on managing a range of relationships including those with the *New Zealand Warriors*, Auckland Council, and The Regional Sports Trust Alliance. Satisfactory completion of the Government's review of Auckland and New Zealand Rugby League is also a key task.

The new CEO role does not alter the existing organisational structure of ARL.



Popped into Vodafone Pakuranga Plaza and caught up with Gray Bartlett MBE, NZ's biggest selling country performer and First NZer on the International Chart in Japan.

Pictured: Nicholas Root, Me, Grey Bartlett, and Colin Stone



2014 Vodafone Warriors Golf Day - Reminder

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had an amazing Festive break and a great start to the New Year.

If you have it means that it's time for you to get away from the office with a few well-chosen customers, clients or colleagues and enjoy a day on the beautiful greens of The Grange Golf Club at the **Vodafone Warriors Golf Day**.

This is your reminder not to miss out on what is always a great day and this year not only are we being hosted by the wonderful folks at The Grange but we have also had a change of format and some great prizes on offer.

At the **2014 Vodafone Warriors Golf Day** you have the Chance to Win the new Suzuki S-Cross in our new Hole in One competition!

Also up for grabs will be great prizes such as a trip to Sydney to a **2014 Vodafone Warriors** away game, **New Wilson Golf Clubs**, **Tickets for 4 to The Legends Lounge at either Eden Park or Mt Smart** and don't forget to bring along your credit cards and cash to help us raise some funds in our Auction on the night with guest Auctioneer – **James Parkinson** from **Art and Object**.

Don't delay if you want a **Vodafone Warrior** to help you host your clients on the day as the boys are going fast and with the 3 best scores going towards your team total on the day your **Warrior** could help you win one of our great prizes.



For further information and registration details contact:

PETRECE KESHA - Mobile: 021 224 6952 // Direct line: 09 526 8830



This is the Mad Butcher learning to drive the digger at **Ian** and **Marcia's** farm at Warkworth. I was the Mad Butcher museum helper.



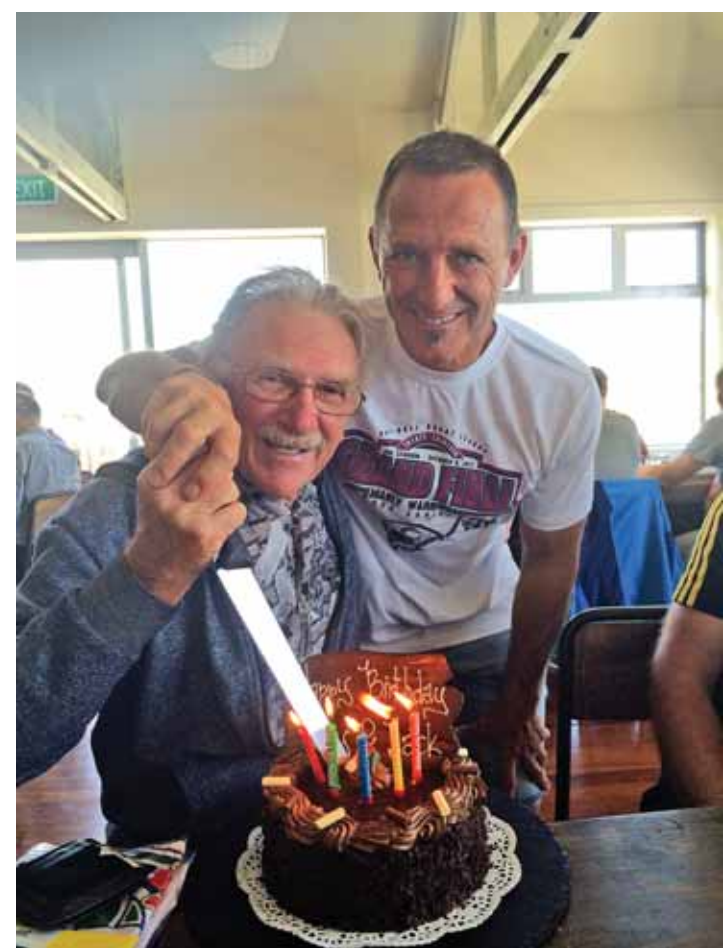
And this is the Butcher watching while I clear up the damage. "Don't give up your day job, Sir Peter!"



Me and my brother and nephews had a great day! The weather certainly came to the party, too!

I went down to Wellington last Thursday for my brother Jack's 79th birthday, plus my nephew Tony's 60th birthday.

Jack getting a little cake-cutting help from my nephew, Tony, who's wearing a Manly tee shirt!



This was the view from the **Cafe Spruce Goose** at Lyall Bay where we had a top lunch. It's owned by **Nick Mills** of basketball fame around NZ.

CELEBRATING A DOUBLE BIRTHDAY AT LYALL BAY





New Zealand Beach Volleyball Tour Winners
 - (left to right) Mike Watson, Same O'Dea,
 Shaunna Polley, Julia Tilley



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<http://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/home>

NZ Beach Volleyball Open Finals Mt Maunganui.

If you missed the **NZ Beach Volleyball Open Finals** check them out on:

<http://new.livestream.com/NBLlivestreaming/events/2733814>

Final Scores

MEN: Sam O'Dea / Mike Watson b Tom Hartles / Ben O'Dea 2-1
 (21-9, 18-21, 15-12)

WOMEN: Henriette latika / Miller Elwin b Julia Tilley / Shaunna
 Polley 2-1 (18-21, 21-12, 15-8)

Bronze Matches

WOMEN: Ruru / Quigley b Lindsay-Brown / Vega 21-10, 21-8

MEN: E.O'Dea / Kapa b Morunga / Muller

Semi-Final Scores

WOMEN: Elwin / Latika b Lindsay-Brown / Vega 21-15, 21-15;
 Polley / Tilley b Ruru / Quigley 21-14, 21-15

MEN: S.O'Dea / Watson b E.O'Dea / Kapa 21-14, 21-23, 18-16;
 B.O'Dea / Hartles b Morunga / Muller 21-15, 21-17

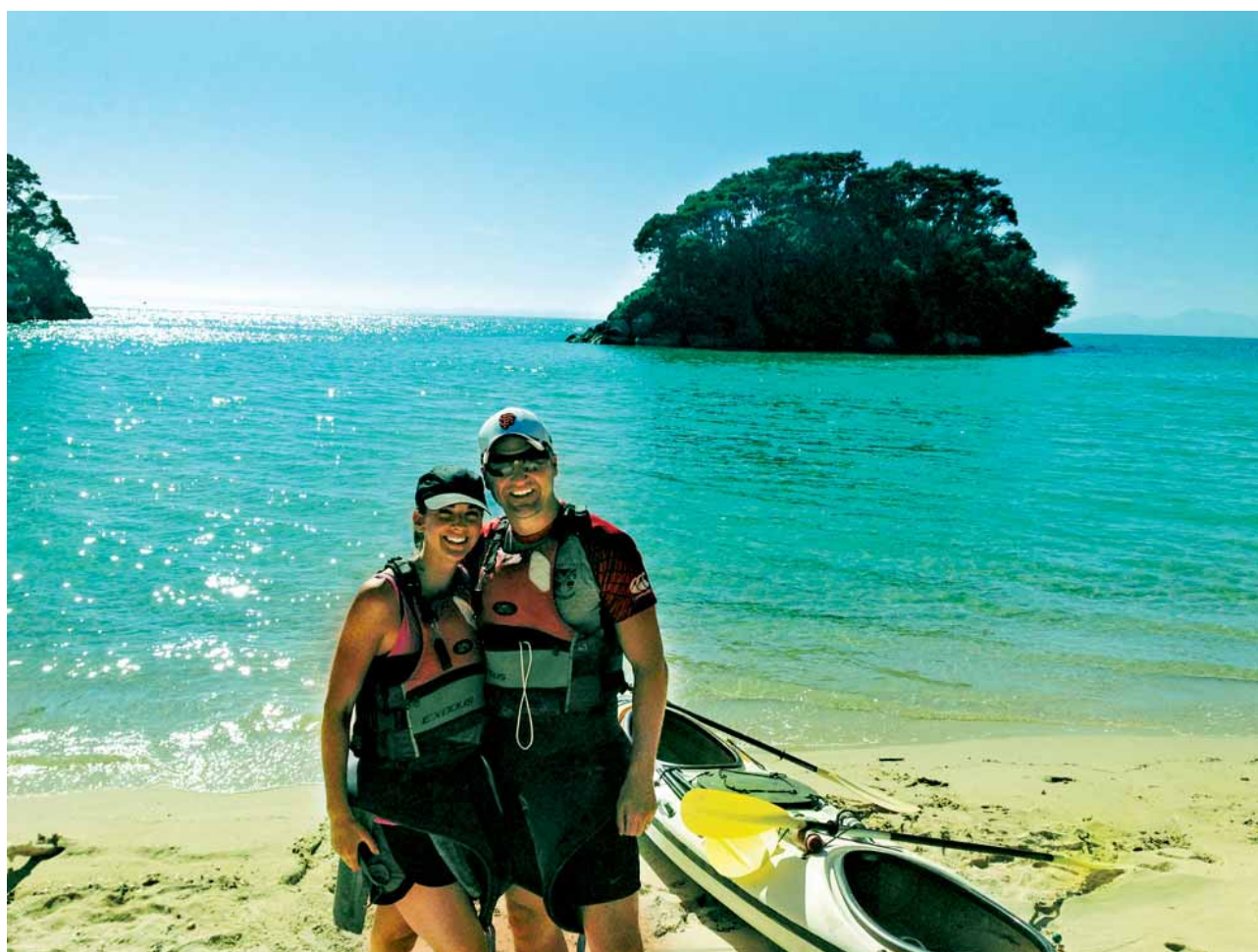
NZ TOUR CHAMPIONS

MEN: **S.O'Dea / Watson**

WOMEN: **Polley / Tilley**



Proud new parents **Melissa** and **Andrew**
 from Sydney with **Evan**, 3 months old.



Hi Sir Peter,

Good to catch up.

Here's a quick snap of **Susie** (**Susie Nordqvist**, TV3 News reporter
 and presenter) and me in the Abel Tasman last week.

Thanks,

Graham Wright – Head of Sponsorship & Comms, Vodafone New Zealand

A GERMAN WONDERLAND - Truly an AMAZING clip!!

Remember the two brothers, in Germany, who had a wonderful model railway that was something to see? This is an update for their **German Wonderland**. Enjoy.

There have been little clips about this place for the past few years, it is still not finished but is growing to that conclusion as they will soon run out of space.

A short review, it was started by two brothers as a place to show their hobby, it started growing by leaps & bounds. Soon they were joined by other 'Model Railroad Clubs' and other craftsmen. Some were electricians, model makers, carpenters, computer programmers. Their wives would stop by to see what they were doing and usually bring them a lunch.

One thing led to another. Three of the ladies had worked at a bakery, several visitors would ask if they had a snack bar. The Idea was planted; some of the carpenters came and built a nice restaurant area for the bakery and a kitchen too. If the fresh coffee smell didn't get you then the bakery definitely would.

This was about 5 years ago. One of the breweries came and furnished all of the tables and chairs, serving counter, etc.

Their latest finished area is the airport. Planes look like they are flying and landing.

GERMAN WONDERLAND link below - AMAZING



https://www.youtube.com/embed/ACkmg3Y64_s?rel=0

I received a Newsletter from **"Beat Bowel Cancer"** the other day and thought I would share it with you. It's not a subject that's discussed often, but, like prostate cancer (as you know, I'm a patron to the NZ Prostate Cancer Society of NZ), bowel cancer represents a significant health threat in New Zealand, being responsible for more than 1200 deaths a year. I have lost a brother to this cancer, myself.

In fact, New Zealand has one of the highest incidences of bowel cancer in the world, with around 3000 people being diagnosed with the disease every year.

But, again like prostate cancer, if diagnosed early enough, it can be cured in at least 75% of the cases.

If you want to find out more or are concerned about your own situation just click onto the website link here.

You never know, the life you save might be your own!

Beat Bowel Cancer AOTEAROA

Bottom Lines newsletter

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COMMITTED TO REDUCING THE IMPACT OF BOWEL CANCER ON OUR COMMUNITY

Beat Bowel Cancer Aotearoa Incorporated - [CC4166] is a registered charitable entity in terms of the Charities Act 2005. For more information about Beat Bowel Cancer Aotearoa Incorporated, visit the Charities Register at www.charities.govt.nz

From my seat...

At Beat Bowel Cancer Aotearoa we are so fortunate to end our incredible year giving thanks for all that we have achieved this year and to all of those individuals and businesses who help us achieve it. I believe we will end 2013 as a nation with a new consciousness of the many issues surrounding bowel cancer and just how easily lives lost early to bowel cancer could have been prevented.

Thank you to the brave and courageous bowel cancer survivors who, through BBCCA, have willingly shared their beautiful stories so that others might learn and be inspired to get checked early. We are so humbled to have your support and feel that you are such a vital part of the BBCCA team.

Thank you to Kelley Gardner who has been a determined supporter of BBCCA since its inception. Kelley is single handedly responsible for our online existence and has run the "backend" of the site pro bono for several years now.

We are truly fortunate to have benefited from Kelley's digital expertise and wish BBCCA webmistress duties to spend more time enjoying her grandchildren. We look forward to staying in contact Kelley.

Thank you to our generous and committed corporate and business supporters:

- Parry's in Dunedin for their legal advice and guidance
- La Roche Design in Queenstown for their fabulous revamp of Bottom Lines
- Roche Products (NZ) Ltd for the funding to support our education programme for GPs in 2014
- Pharmacy Brands, Roche Products (NZ) Ltd and Cottonsoft for their support of Bowel Cancer Awareness Week
- Bowel Cancer Australia for the donation of a 12k inflatable super colon
- Downey Designer Homes in Hamilton for storing the 100kg colon.

To name but a few.

A HUGE thank you to our friends at Cottonsoft for their extraordinary care and support with the BBCCA/Cottonsoft "I Give A Crap" campaign. The incredible amount of interest in social and traditional media this has generated means that NZers will be having that awkward conversation about bowel cancer signs and symptoms with their families this Xmas. Bowel cancers will be detected early and lives will be saved. We are so very grateful to Cottonsoft.

Lastly to our ever growing army of kiwis who have joined the BBCCA bowel movement either as volunteers, donors, ambassadors, video stars or interested parties we thank you for your ongoing support and help - what BBCCA does would not be possible without your commitment to us.

To everyone reading from all of us here at BBCCA - have a wonderful Christmas and please take some time out from the table this year to view [I Give A Crap on YouTube](#) with all of your loved ones, like it, share it and follow us on Facebook - if you are not sure how ask your kids to show you!

Warm Regards,
Megan Smith
CEO,
Beat Bowel Cancer Aotearoa

PS: What to get the person who has everything this Xmas? How about a faecal occult blood screening kit? Purchase at your pharmacy or via our website.

'I Give a Crap' campaign update

With more than 7,000 views on our 'I Give a Crap' video in less than three weeks, I think you would agree that the campaign has been a great success so far.

The support we have received has been overwhelming. Our partner Cottonsoft and well-known Kiwis such as Nigel Latta, Valerie Adams, Ben and Owen Franks, and Sam Neill (to name just a few) have been fantastic encouraging Kiwis to 'give a crap this Christmas'.

Our 'I Give a Crap' campaign aims to remove the embarrassment factor and encourage open conversation about bowel cancer warning signs among families and friends.

Some of the highlights so far have included Nigel Latta being interviewed on *Seven Sharp* and *Classic Hits*, the *New Zealand Herald* article where

bowel cancer survivors Ian Trust and Ron Wilson kindly shared their stories, and all the messages of support we have received via social media. We even received a retweet from Sonny Bill Williams.

One of the most effective ways to improve the outcomes of this disease is through awareness. I strongly encourage everyone to watch and share our video with family and friends through their social networks. Having that conversation could potentially save the life of someone you love.

<http://www.beatbowelcancer.org.nz/>

THE BOYS ARE READY IN DUNEDIN!

Hi Peter.

Simon here, down in Dunedin. Here is a couple* of pics of my boys outside the stadium. **Matt & Jaime** showing off their new shirts. They can't wait for the **Vodafone Warriors** game. I even grabbed myself a Nines jersey, as well.
Cheers, Simon

*Now sneakily combined as one! (RH)



The Sharks are in Christchurch 11/12 February preparing for the Dick Smith NRL Nines.

A number of community and school activities are in place for the squad whilst in town including a dinner at the Christchurch Casino on the evening of Wednesday 12 February where the CEO and head coach will speak alongside a number of the Sharks high profile players.

Tickets to the dinner cost \$100 inclusive of a three course meal and drinks for the evening or a table of 10 is \$1000.

Please contact CRL directly on 03 338 4531 to confirm your booking.

Don't forget to send us your pictures!

We've got a great year of league and other sporting events ahead of us, so don't be shy - send us your best snaps!

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@extra.co.nz

**NO MORE THAN
3 PHOTOS
WITH CAPTIONS!**

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