



# Sir Peter Leitch's MAD BUTCHER CLUB

AT MT SMART STADIUM, HOME OF THE MIGHTY VODAFONE WARRIORS



# Newsletter

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## Lovin' the Lounge!

Well it was certainly not the result we wanted on Saturday night, but we do live to fight another day, and this weekend the **Vodafone Warriors** travel to **Townsville** to take on the **Cowboys**.

I need to say a very big thank you to all of you loyal Vodafone Warriors fans who braved the stormy weather to come to the game at Eden Park.

The crowd was just under 15,000, so who knows how many stayed away because of the weather, but the club can not have been happy with that number.

And a special mention to my mates from Waiheke, who battled high seas to get to the game. Legends.

For those of you who came to the lounge, I hope you enjoyed your time, and a special mention to **Vikki Brown**, who won a trip for two to the Anzac test in Sydney on May 2. It includes return airfares and accommodation, courtesy of the **Vodafone Warriors**.

She was a happy lady that's for sure.

Part of the money raised in the lounge on Saturday night was put into these accounts on [givealittle.co.nz](http://givealittle.co.nz) - Ella's journey, Vivian and Sophie's journey and **Canteen Auckland**, so its great doing a little for someone else. Well done to everyone who made that happen.

For those who could not make the game, we want to share with you some photos from the night. I hope you enjoy them, and remember, we only lost a game, and not a life, so enjoy your week and keep rocking till you drop.

Our next home game is in Wellington on Saturday, March 30, with kick-off at 5pm. And yes I will be hosting a lounge down in my former home town.

The Lounge was packed on Saturday, and there were some great photo opportunities, which we wanted to share with you here in this week's Newsletter. Everyone had a ball and let's face it, it was a great day for being inside!



Jaclyn Vazquez, Amy Felgate, Monisha Singh, Jordan Schofield and Petrece Kesha helping out in the **Warriors** Members lounge.



Parr Mano racing father in law Les Hibbs and Thomas Leuluai joins **Vodafone Warriors** members in the lounge and challenges a lucky few on the arcade games.



# Roy Chan honoured

**N**ormally I would of course talk about my beloved **Vodafone Warriors**, but there is a league matter of far greater consequence on my mind this week.

On Saturday the **Mighty Mangere East Hawks** play **Marist Saints** at Walter Massey at 2.30pm for the **Roy Chan Challenge Cup**.

It is a very special day indeed, because Roy was a great servant of the **Hawks**, and we lost him last year in a tragic workplace accident.

Roy coached the **Hawks** and was one of those people if a job needed doing around the club, Roy did it. That meant he served on the committee, advised coaches, helped out anywhere where his expertise was needed, and filled the rest of his time by being a thoroughly good bloke.

Losing Roy was a great blow to the club, and to me

personally, because I regarded him as a good friend.

So if I can be, I will be at the park lining up to cheer his **Hawks** on.

The day actually begins at 10.30am with the **Under 20s**, and the **Reserves** at 12.45pm, so if you want to experience local league, Saturday is a great chance.

The day will end with the presentation formalities around 5pm, but I suspect continue long after that socially.

*Enjoy looking through the great Lounge photos in this issue of the Newsletter and don't forget to check out the local sport on offer this coming weekend.*

*As always, enjoy the rest of your week, and be kind to one another!*

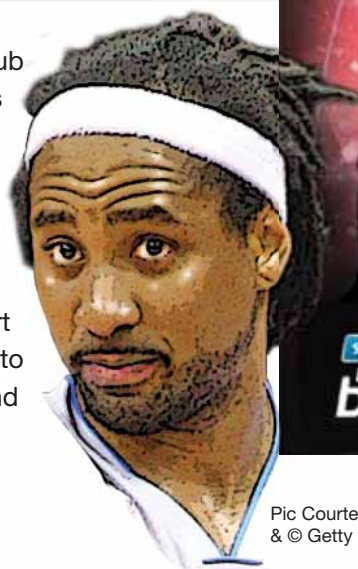
## Salute a champion

**On Friday at 7.30pm** I will be celebrating with a sports club I have a lot of time for, the **Breakers**. The basketball team will be sending out **CJ Bruton** at Vector in what could be his final appearance, since he has decided to retire.

CJ has been integral to the success of the club, and is also one of sports nice guys.

The professionalism he brought to the club has gone a long way, and by no means is it exaggerating to say that he was critical to the back to back championships the club managed in the Australian basketball comp.

Everyone knows the **Breakers** have come a long way, and CJ has been a huge part of that, so it will be a pleasure to be there to cheer him on. So get along to the game and salute a champion.



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A promotional poster for a basketball game. On the left, a basketball player in a blue jersey with the number 23 is shown in action, shooting a ball. The text on the right reads: "SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CJ BRUTON", "FINAL HOME GAME - FRIDAY NIGHT", "TIP OFF 7.30PM - VECTOR ARENA", "SKYCITY BREAKERS vs CAIRNS TAIPANS", "Tickets from \$10!". At the bottom, it says "To get your tickets, visit our Facebook page and follow the link." with a Facebook logo and the URL "facebook.com/nzbreakers". The SkyCity Breakers logo is also visible.

## Lovin' the Lounge!



Steve Howe drove up from Hamilton for the game been a fan since day one.



20 lucky members were chosen from the Members Lounge to take part in a guard of honour before the main game.



# Calling all Vodafone Warriors Supporters

## Wellington

What could be better than hanging out with your mates, having a few bevs and watching NRL?

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 Saturday 29th 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 Saturday 29th March (seat only)

Depart Auckland 12.45pm

Arrive Wellington 1.45pm

Depart Wellington 9.00pm

Arrive Auckland 10.00pm



## LEGENDS LOUNGE (Level 2, East Lounge)

The place to be for a legendary afternoon, the **Legends Lounge** provides a wide range of exclusive benefits. Located at the East Lounge on Level 2, and boasting exclusive lounge access, premium seating, your own dedicated cash bar facilities and a variety of catering options, you'll be able to soak up the atmosphere on game day in comfort and class. Mix and mingle with New Zealand sporting personalities in the ideal setting for sporting enthusiasts!

**Package includes:**

- Exclusive access to the Legends Lounge
- A dedicated Master of Ceremonies: Sir Peter Leitch.
- Networking opportunities with New Zealand sporting personalities
- Premium match day seating located directly outside the Legends Lounge
- Exclusive Legends Lounge food and beverage facilities (at additional cost)
- Official Big League Match Day programme
- Exclusive post-match function with live entertainment
- Networking opportunities with fellow corporate guests

**Price: \$120 + GST per person**

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The Mt Smart Joker with his family – Russell, Genesis, Tayna, Bishop and Xavier



This mum and her son were very happy to win a prize.

Vodafone Warriors Club members enjoying a game of pool before the big game.







The Green family are back for another year, to support the Mighty Warriors!! New member, Susan Vujcich is on board with us this year. Susan is in the green jersey.



Justin and Xavier, first time members from Albany.



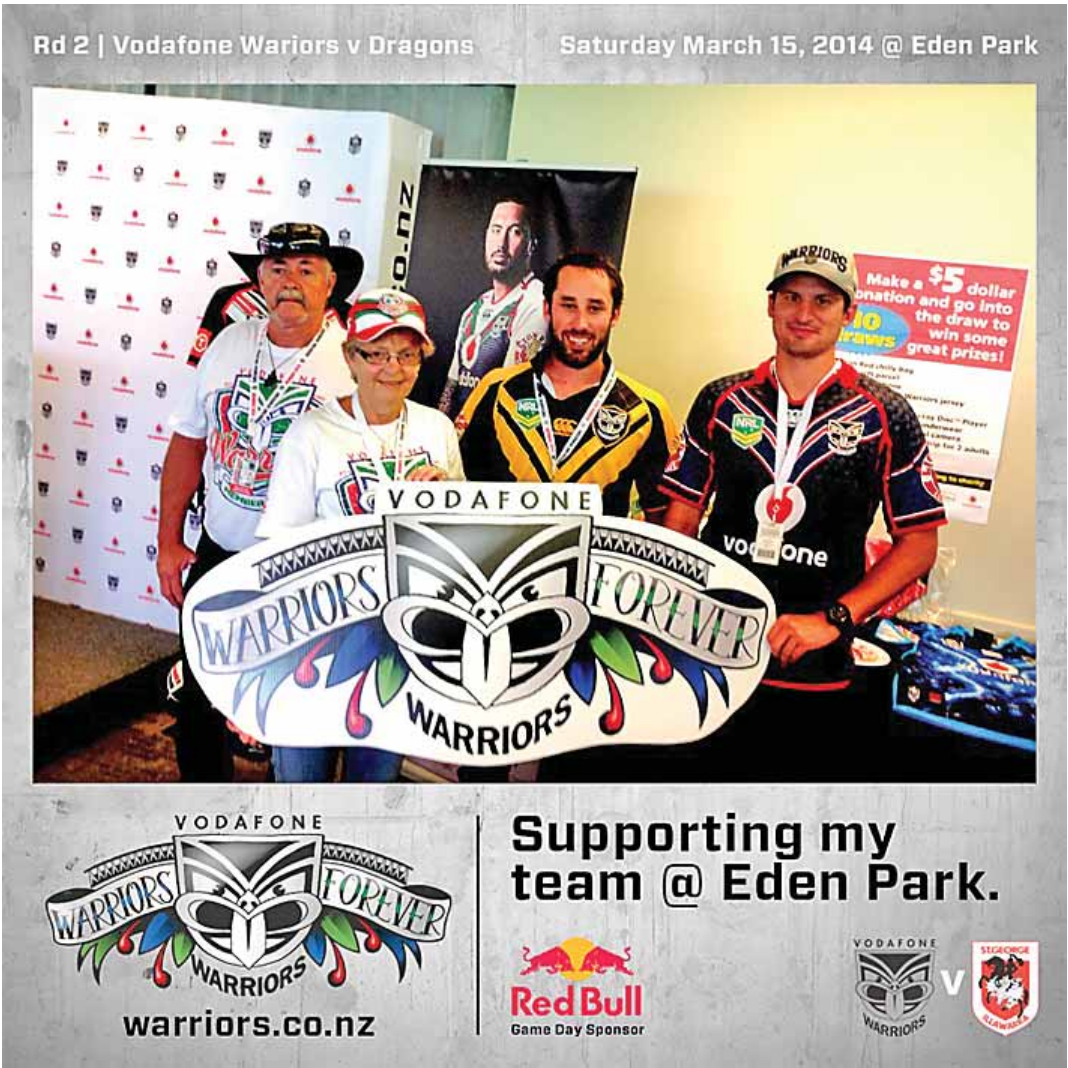
Clifford Wadwell from Whangarei, who drove all the way down for the game, with the Mt Smart Joker.



Te Haua Taua with the Vodafone Warriors Mascot at Eden Park.



Eugene Beneke, Kevin Locke and Ben Humphrey.



Willie Benson, David Close, Robbie and Glenda in the Lounge at Eden Park.



Regulars at the Stacey Jones Lounge, Gerry Elbourne, Margaret O'Rourke and daughter Gemma; looking forward to a great game at Eden Park, come sunshine, rain or cyclone Lusi.





**Third year members, Carla Veldman - mum and kids, Jemma and Liam loving Eden Park.**



**Thomas Leuluai with his three fans; Thomas Aluesi, Xavion Aluesi and Josiah Raela. Enjoying the Members Lounge.**



**Rob White entered The Mad Butcher Club supporting the Dragons! He was set the challenge of holding The Mad Butcher doll: if he put it down, he shouted the bar!**



**Jayson Bukuya's Partner, Ronnie and their son, Peni.**



**Kelly Friend, wife of Nathan Friend, and their two sons, Axel (6 years) and Oliver (4 years).**



**Simon Mannering's partner Anna, with their son, Zeke, 5 1/2 months old. And very cute!**



**June, who is 82, and never misses a game, and her daughter Kathy, enjoying the game!**



**Derek and Yvonne loving the atmosphere in the Members lounge.**



**These three came all the way from Taranaki! Brylee, Shona and Jenna in the front had a blast in the lounge.**





**Dexter with Vikki Brown, from Remuera, who won the tickets to the Anzac test.**



**Rex, who puts our Newsletter together, with family member, Lyric Henry and an obliging Kevin Locke.**



**Peter, a regular in the Lounge, burst into song. Great voice, mate. YEAH, RIGHT, MATE! Don't give up your day job!!**



**Everyone in their Warriors jerseys! Group pic in the Lounge.**



**Here's me old Mate, M8! All bibbed up for lunch, (Warriors lolly) generously assisted by Lorna, his adoptive Mum. M8 is a very lucky Garden Gnome!**



**I was interviewing this bloke who goes by the name, The Old Leopard (aka Dave Haslip) and was admiring his many tattoos. "Have you got any more?" I asked him and he pulls up his singlet to show me this amazingly mean snake. And in case you're wondering, yes it did hurt getting it done! Dave had his photo taken with the Mt Smart Joker, as well.**



**Steve Brown received a Spot Prize, then demanded a kiss from Operations Manager Don Mann. What th'?**



**Clifford Wadwell, aged 79, from Whangarei, amused at his interview by the Butcher. Clifford also received a Warriors Forever tattoo.**







This guy, Mike, said it made his day having his photo taken with the boys.



Jayden and Sandra Penerata.

# Lucky Winners!



Don Graham gave our winner a hug when she won the big gift pack.



Ben Humphrey from Classic Hits won Asics Shoes worth \$280.



Who was all smiles on winning the Panasonic Blu Ray DVD player? Parr Mano, from Mangere East.



Val Wadwell and Francis Moulden from Whangarei.



Gerry Elbourne from Pt England won a Lion Red bag.



Me Green was a winner taking the Vodafone Warriors pack.

# GO THE MIGHTY VODAFONE WARRIORS!



Gorilla Glen10 giving the big shout out. Good effort, G.G.!





To stay up to date with all that is happening with the **Vodafone Warriors**, and to see a gallery of the day's best photos - check out [www.facebook.com/vodafonewarriors](http://www.facebook.com/vodafonewarriors)

Cheers,  
The team at the **Vodafone Warriors**



The cheerful Red Bull hostesses pose with the Vodafone Warriors mascot.



Sarah Morunga from Kaeo.

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My son-in-law Bruce, with his son, Vincent and Janice, his nan.

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This couple might qualify as the furthest travelled fans - all the way from Hawai'i!

# On Stage!

Here's a snapshot of some of the people who stepped up to the mic. on Saturday!



Sir Peter with Nathan Friend....

Graham Lee....



Chad Townsend...

Kevin Locke...



Thomas Leuluai...

Will (Warriors membership sales assistant) organizing the "guard of honour"...







...with Steve Howe from Hamilton....



M8 and Lorna...



Tobey Hawkins helped the Butcher by drawing the donation prizes and did so well he was awarded two gold medals!...

and Andrew Turner receives a prize (and he is getting married in a fortnight).



M8 gets a Warriors Forever tattoo on his hat!



Warriors Members gather together after the half time Wings for Life run, courtesy of Red Bull.

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## CANTERBURY BULLS COACH APPOINTED

**Canterbury Rugby League and the Southern Zone of New Zealand Rugby League announce the appointment of Darrell Coad as the head coach of the Canterbury Bulls for the 2014 National Competition to replace former coach Mike Dorreen who stepped down from the role after two years in charge.**

Coad who has been involved with the **Bulls** for a number of years as their trainer made the move in to the coaching area four years ago coaching the **Halswell Hornets** reserve grade team to two grand final success before stepping up to the Premier coaching role in 2013 where the **Hornets** were beaten in the grand final by Hornby. Coad is coaching the Hornets again in 2014.

Coad has also been involved as a trainer with both the New Zealand 18s and New Zealand Residents sides.

The **Canterbury Bulls** kick off their 2014 campaign with an annual Centennial Shield fixture against Wellington in Wellington on Queens Birthday weekend before the National Competition begins in late August.

Canterbury Rugby League General Manager **Craig Kerr**, says "to have someone with recent experience at National Competition level and New Zealand level is something the selection panel was looking for and Darrell ticked that box. His enthusiasm for the game is infectious and that rubs off on his players. Everyone was disappointed at the results from 2013 and the appointment of Coad is made with an eye to having the **Bulls** perform as expected on the national stage and the selection panel is confident that Coad and his management team have the capability of meeting those expectations"



# PLAY LEAGUE IN 2014

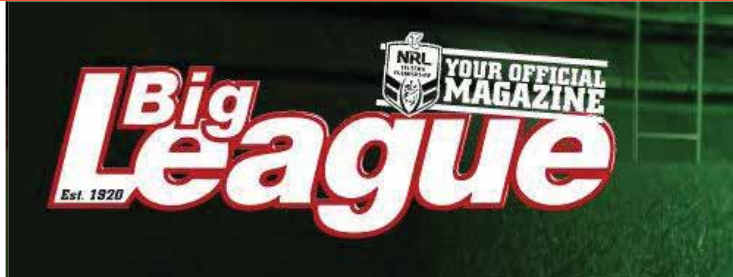


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## THIS WEEK, IN THE ROUND 3 ISSUE OF BIG LEAGUE...

MELBOURNE STORM'S SECOND COMING. WITH CAPTAIN CAMERON SMITH ON THE BOOKS FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS, THE CLUB LOOKS SET FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION OF THE NEXT BREED OF STARS.

### FEATURES

- A salute to Jharal Yow Yeh whose career came to end this week after succumbing to an ankle injury he suffered in 2012. We take a look at the great heights he reached in such a short time;
- New Canberra coach Ricky Stuart has wasted no time ushering in the talented Jack Wighton to the five-eight position, giving the team a brand new halves combo with Terry Campese shifted to seven;
- Pat Richards is already showing he's no has-been, adding tries to his tally and showing everyone how drop-kicks are done;
- The heat is on some coaches just two rounds in, but should the blame for form fall solely at their feet; and
- **BIG READ:** It's a whole new ball game with the advent of social media and rugby league players can control their own destiny with some savvy management of 'likes'.

### PLUS

The Top 8 FREAK rugby league injuries; Adam MacDougall delves into why results are so unpredictable; James Tedesco can be the next great fullback; 'Brandy' explains how injuries can affect more than just the inflicted player; Anthony Watmough *By Numbers*; Brisbane v Roosters *Big Clash* match preview; *Who's That Kid?* Find out more about the Sharks' young star Fa'amanu Brown; and the Round 2 Team of the Week.

**GAME DAY:** Official team lists for Telstra Premiership, Holden Cup, VB NSW Cup, Intrust Super Cup, Ron Massey Cup; lower grade previews; Little league; and Penrith team poster.

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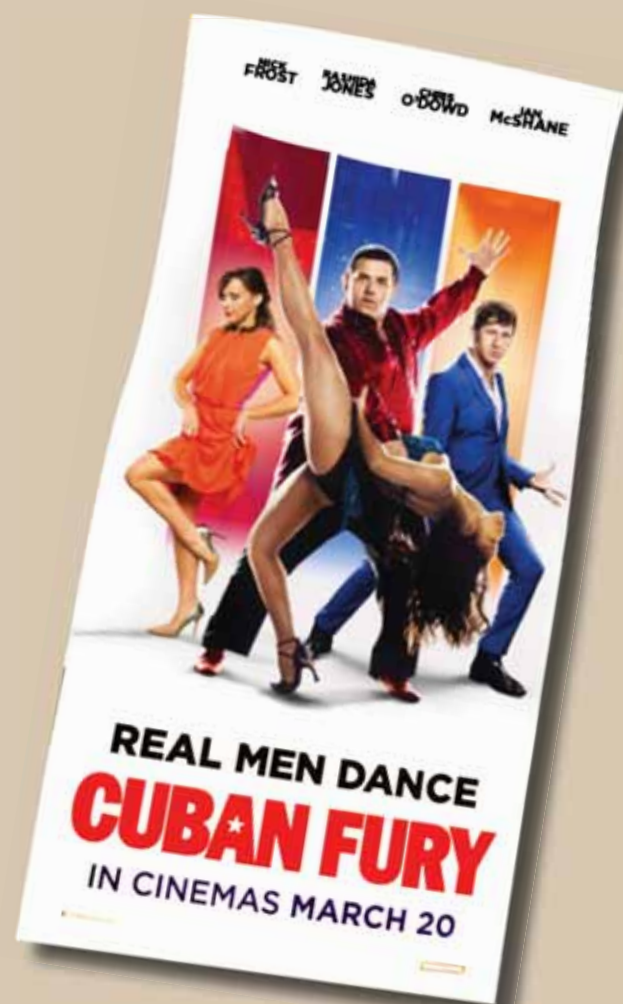
**Join me this Friday at Vector Arena, 7.30pm and show your support for CJ Brunton at the Breakers final home game as they square off against the Cairns Taipans.**

**And don't forget the Roy Chan Challenge Cup on Saturday at 2.30pm as the Mighty Mangere East Hawks face the Marist Saints at Walter Massey Park**



# Just One More

**Our loyal fans formed a guard of honour for the players.**



Went to a great movie last night!  
Highly recommend it.

Thanks, Classic Hits!

Check out the trailer here:

<http://www.flicks.co.nz/trailer/cuban-fury/9404/>

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