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Newsletter

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What a Game!



Shaun Johnson runs in an intercept try.
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WARRIORS
54

RAIDERS
12

Vodafone Warriors 54: Shaun Johnson 2, Manu Vatuvei 2, Ben Matulino, Konrad Hurrell, Ngani Laumape, Sam Tomkins, Jayson Bukuya tries; Shaun Johnson 9 conversions.

Canberra Raiders 12 (Jarrod Croker 2 tries, 2 conversions).

Halftime: 24-6 Vodafone Warriors.

Referees: Gavin Morris and Henry Perenara.



Konrad Hurrell blows his trademark kiss after scoring a try.



Manu Vatuvei scores a try.

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Ngani Laumape scores a try.

The joy of winning - smiles all round as the numbers pile up!



And so does Shaun Johnson!



Touchdown! Sam Tomkins scores a try.



Shaun Johnson sets up another winning conversion.

These great photos of the *Warriors* in action have been kindly supplied by PHOTOSPORT. If you want to see more, go to their website and check them out. If you want to order a print or use any of their huge range of sports images, just register, log in and follow the instructions. Remember, all photos are copyright and property of Photosport.



Manu Vatuvei charging through the opposition.



Shaun Johnson picks off an intercept against Raiders' Joel Edwards.

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Konrad Hurrell on the attack!



Shaun Johnson looks for support before offloading the ball.

Hoodoo you think you're fooling?

Could you believe your eyes at Eden Park? The **Vodafone Warriors** smashing the **Raiders** 54-12 well and truly ended the supposed hoodoo of being unable to win there.

We have now won two of four under our new coach **Andrew McFadden**, and I'm not sure if you realise it, but in the first five games we leaked 138 points – and in our next five only 63.

While the 16-10 Anzac Day win over Melbourne was brutal and uncompromising, this one was totally different, the boys cutting loose from everywhere.

Ben Matulino got us going early and minutes later, **Konrad Hurrell** went in for a sensational try.

He was awesome on the night, running 227 metres from 13 carries with nine tackle breaks, three line breaks, a try assist and no errors.

It was soon 18-0 after **Shaun Johnson** grabbed an intercept try but the **Raiders** got one back before we went to halftime 24-6 ahead after **Ngani Laumape** got his first try of the season.

I think we were all a bit stunned by what we had seen, and it was only going to get better.

Johnson raced 90 metres to score and even the most nervous of us knew it was over at 30-6.

Sam Tomkins added another, **Manu Vatuvei** went in for his sixth of the season, **Jason Bukuya** got the next one before Manu completed his double.

A late try was a bit disappointing, but if that showing didn't please you, nothing will.

Johnson finished the match with 26 points from two tries and nine goals from nine attempts.

Juniors run riot

The **Vodafone Junior Warriors** handed the **Canberra Raiders** a 54-0 shutout in their ninth-round NYC clash. The last time they kept an opponent scoreless was in the 64-0 thrashing of the **Bulldogs** in their last finals match before beating North Queensland to win the NYC premiership in 2011. Coach

Stacey Jones called it the best performance from his side all season.

NSW Cup side falls short

The **Vodafone Warriors** were unable to build on a good start against the **Mounties**, going down 42-22 in their ninth-round New South Wales Cup game. We were out of the blocks early, taking a 12-0 lead, but the rest of the game was a different story, the **Mounties** way too good.

Maybe one of the best tries I've ever seen went to **Tui Lolohea** at the death. He shot through a hole quicker than a butcher's dog and rounded the fullback with ease for a spectacular four-pointer on the hooter.

Some pictures from the Blues game

The Blues' poor away record continued as they slumped to a 32-20 defeat to defending champions the Chiefs in New Plymouth on Friday night.

The Chiefs did what they do so well – it wasn't pretty but they showed character to grind out the win to consolidate their spot at the top of the New Zealand conference and condemn the Blues to the bottom of the log with the bye this week.

The loss also came at a cost, as Charles Piutau was downed with a knee injury that will see him on the side lines for up to eight weeks.

In positive news, the first All Blacks squad of the season was named and features seven Blues players. Namely Patrick Tuipulotu who has been selected for the first time, along with Keven Mealamu, Charlie Faumuina, Tony Woodcock, Jerome Kaino, Steven Luatua and Ma'a Nonu.

The Blues have the bye this week but will still be busy in camp, on Thursday they will run a skills and drills afternoon for 600 West Auckland primary school students.

Next week the Blues head over the harbour Bridge and host the table-topping Sharks.



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<http://www.theblues.co.nz/>

Cappy signs on

It did not take long for our new boy to get a vote of confidence. **Andrew McFadden** has been confirmed as head coach until the end of 2017.

The 36-year-old was brought in as acting head coach when **Matt Elliott** departed.

It is obvious he has brought something different to the club, and he says he's happy to have signed. "I'm hugely appreciative of the club giving me this opportunity."

Warriors co-owner **Eric Watson** said McFadden had done an outstanding job in transforming the side. "I had the greatest confidence he was the right man to bring about the changes needed when he was appointed last month."

Watson said McFadden has always been seen as a person the club would develop into the next long-term head coach. "He has already underlined the ability he has and we couldn't be more delighted to confirm his long-term future with the Warriors."

Scurrah said McFadden had the opportunity to not only focus on the rest of the 2014 campaign but to also work on the 2015 season and beyond.

Great to see Nev the Ref

Great to have a former international referee along at the match on Saturday too.

Neville Keesha was the top referee in the

land during his time in the game, and not only was he at the **Raiders** game on Saturday, he was at our **League for Life** event the day before too.

He is no giant, but I can tell you he was never intimidated – and we are talking a time when some of the players were pretty grizzly to say the least.

Nev blew five test games, 11 games involving international teams, was a World Cup Final reserve referee, did a national club final, two Junior tests, and three Pacific Island Cup finals. He did his thing for 38 years, and that is some achievement, refereeing in Australia, France, England, PNG, the Cook Islands, Tonga and Samoa.

The great eight

Our focus now switches to a designated away clash against the **Bulldogs** at Waikato Stadium next Sunday, a road trip to Gold Coast, and then our first home game of the year at Mt Smart against Newcastle on June 1.

That kicks off phase two of the campaign, when eight of our 12 games from June to the last weekend in August will all be played at Mt Smart. After Newcastle, the remaining seven are Brisbane, Penrith, Parramatta, Manly, Cronulla, the **Roosters** and the **Titans**.

The only away games during that period are against Souths in Perth, Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle.

Special deal for Mt Smart

There has been a lot of talk about how much "real" fans hate going to Edén Park, and about how Mt Smart is our true home.

It reminds me of all those years ago when Carlaw Park was to be sold and I tried to help the campaign to save it. There was plenty of talk and no action.

So if we want a different result, we have to be prepared to do everything we can to make it happen.

First and foremost, you **MUST** be there for the Knight on June 1.

Empty seats are just not going to cut it. We have to do all we can to make sure as many people turn out to Mt Smart as possible.

That's why I'm chuffed the club has a special deal on offer (*see Mad Deal ad in this Newsletter*). So don't forget to tell everyone you know about the special offer this week.

On June 1 we return to Mt Smart and for it to be a huge event we need a big and vocal crowd so our stomping ground is rocking again.

It is the first of eight huge games coming up at Mt Smart.

Crowd numbers were down last year and the stadium was empty, so it's up to us to change that.

The club has put out a **Mad Deal** ticket offer starting from \$100 in the north stand seats. The club wants to give people a chance to see what getting to a live game at Mt Smart is like.

By filling up the stands we can show the club Mt Smart is not done yet, and that it is our real home.

Just visit the club website www.warriors.co.nz to take up the offer.

I dream of being able to put the sold out signs out in front of the ground on the Friday before the match. That has only ever happened once before, but wouldn't it be great to need them at all those matches?

That would really prove a point to the **Auckland Council**, and to the board of the **Vodafone Warriors**. I'm 70, and if I can be bothered to turn up, so can you. Don't let me down, and **go the Mighty Vodafone Warriors!**

Congratulations to all lounge visitors

Thank you to all of you who visited the lounge at Eden Park on Saturday night.

I have no idea why, but the atmosphere before the game was already electric. The place was humming.

There were plenty of former **Kiwis** there, boys who had stayed on after the **League for Life** lunch, and we had all the usual giveaways and suchlike.

But it was rocking from the start, and only those who come can make that happen.

Of course we really had something to celebrate after the game, and the place just went off.

I loved celebrating birthday boy **Kevin's** big day. The man from **Ascot TV** in Christchurch

had endured being sin-binned for five minutes with his mate – actually being made to leave the lounge and sit on the naughty step - and he took it all in great spirit.

It was brilliant to see so much positivity, even before we had kicked off. The smiles and laughter were music to my ears.

Great fun, and all down to you!



Above: Jared McIlwrick and his lovely mother, Karen Black, after a tough loss to the Vodafone Warriors. Jared, now living in Canberra with older brother Matt McIlwrick, and playing Holden Cup, is looking to move forward with his footy and grow as a player. Jared played for under 16 Kiwis and is looking to one day pull on a Raiders NRL jersey/ Kiwis jersey. His older brother also represented Junior kiwis.



Peter's Angels - Lorna and Lorraine .



Kevin Townley's jolly group from Christchurch



Kevin posing with his beautiful birthday cake.



Kevin admiring the birthday cake made by the lovely Trudy.



Jen Vatuvei (Manu Vatuvei's wife) with their kids, Makayla, Eva and Savannah!



Left to Right: Ronnie (Jason Bukuya), Anna (Simon Mannering), Charlotte (Sam Tompkins), Phoebe (Shaun Johnson), Courtenay (Ben Matulino) with daughter Kyla. Grace (Dominique Peyroux), Michelle and Tahli Mateo and Jen Vatuvei with daughters Makayla and Eva Vatuvei.



Michael Johnstone - NRL Marketing Manager, Nicole Chesher - NRL Marketing Communications Manager, and Alice Coulthard - Pulse Communications, just love the Mad Butcher statue!



Not sure I can see the resemblance!



The lucky winner of the signed Ladies in League jersey.



Jo had a great day with another win in the fundraising!



Gillian with her prize, a sports voucher.



Two very happy supporters with the eden Park Joker!



Yvonne getting her Mother's day rose.



Two ex-Kiwis, Gary Clark and Allen Amer, with the Mt Smart Joker.



Jason Lowry and his wife, Anna.



Tom MacDonald, Justin Muavae, Willem Shearer and Jake Gilliam.



Tony Tand, Ron O'Regan and daughter, Nyomi.



Proud to be the Match Day Sponsor for Saturday's clash between the Warriors and the Raiders. **Great Win, Guys!**

On the Spot

There was a whole lot of people called up for some good-natured banter and a few serious questions on Saturday. Not to mention some very famous faces. And of course, prizes!



Peter interviewing sam from the Warriors NSW Cup team.



Handing out yard glasses.



Sam Rapira, a young boxer and namesake of our Warriors' Sam Rapira.



Having a chat with Tea Ropati.



Having a good laugh with Graeme.



Gary Clark doing the honours with a lucky draw.



Graeme West.



Having a laugh with Nolan Tupaea.



Siliva Havili.



Dominique Peyroux and Ngani Laumape liven up the afternoon.



Giving Jesse, from Oamaru, a hard time.



Two Peters. A photo op with Peter the Pom.

So many things happening this past week, there just isn't enough room in one Newsletter!

Stay tuned for a LEAGUE FOR LIFE LUNCHEON SPECIAL coming tomorrow and featuring pics of famous league players old and new. Plus more lounge pics featuring some famous faces and some additional regional news round-ups.



Jarrod McKillrick.





Ex-Kiwi halfback, Clayton Friend, has his turn at the raffle draw.



John Love having a quiet word with Sir Peter.



One very happy winner! Jo receiving the winning TAB ticket from Sir Peter.



The winning TAB ticket.



Dexter having a laugh with Howie Tamati.

MAD DEAL - Vodafone Warriors 8 Game Mt Smart Pass

Introducing the 8 game pass from just \$100!
 It's a Mad Deal for Vodafone Warriors fans! Your ticket to every single Vodafone Warriors Mt Smart game this season!

Watch as the team returns to where it all began, sweating it out for the top of the table. Breathe in the atmosphere, make some noise, feel the big hits and enjoy action-packed entertainment...8 times over!
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2014 VODAFONE WARRIORS – PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	Current club				2014 NRL statistics				NRL Career statistics			
	M	T	G	PTS	M	T	G	PTS	M	T	G	PTS
DAVID BHANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAYSON BUKUYA (187)	7	2	0	9	7	2	0	9	66	15	0	60
RAYMOND FAITALA-MARINER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GLEN FISIIAHI (163)	24	15	0	60	5	7	0	28	24	15	0	60
NATHAN FRIEND (171)	47	2	0	12	9	0	0	0	182	9	0	36
DAVID FUSITU'A (189)	3	1	0	4	3	1	0	4	3	1	0	4
SILIVA HAVILI (190)	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
CHARLIE GUBB (183)3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
BEN HENRY (173)	35	11	3	50	4	0	0	0	35	11	3	50
KONRAD HURRELL (172)	43	28	0	112	6	3	0	12	43	28	0	112
SEBASTINE IKAHIIHIFO (176)	17	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
SHAUN JOHNSON (168)	71	32	96	317	9	4	26	68	71	32	96	317
NGANI LAUMAPE (180)	18	7	0	28	4	1	0	4	18	7	0	28
THOMAS LEULUAI (105)	49	8	0	32	4	0	0	0	49	8	0	32
JACOB LILLYMAN (146)	109	5	0	20	9	0	0	0	171	8	0	32
KEVIN LOCKE (152)	88	26	24	152	1	0	0	0	88	26	24	152
TUIMOALA LOLOHEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAMIUELA LOUSI (175)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
SIONE LOUSI (159)	35	2	0	8	4	1	0	4	35	2	0	8
SIMON MANNERING (125)	197	44	0	176	9	1	0	4	197	44	0	176
SUAIA MATAGI (181)	20	1	0	4	9	0	0	0	20	1	0	4
FELETI MATEO (164)	82	10	2	44	6	1	0	4	170	30	2	124
BEN MATULINO (142)	139	10	0	40	7	1	0	4	139	10	0	40
DANE NIELSEN (178)	24	2	0	8	7	0	0	0	103	26	0	104
JOHN PALAVI (188)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
NATHANIEL PETERU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOMINIQUE PEYROUX (182)	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	30	3	0	12
SAM RAPIRA (131)	159	12	0	48	8	0	0	0	159	12	0	48
JEROME ROPATI (108)	145	54	0	216	3	1	0	4	145	54	0	216
CHAD TOWNSEND (186)	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	26	3	28	68
SAM TOMKINS (185)	9	5	0	20	9	5	0	20	9	5	0	20
CARLOS TUIMAVAVE (177)	9	2	0	8	1	0	0	0	9	2	0	8
MANU VATUVEI (115)	179	125	0	500	8	7	0	28	179	125	0	500
ALBERT VETE0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WARRIORS



NRL ROUND #10 – WARRIORS LINE-UP UNCHANGED FOR BULLDOGS

Auckland, New Zealand, May 13, 2014 –

Newly-appointed **Vodafone Warriors** head coach **Andrew McFadden**

has named an unchanged starting line-up for Saturday's 10th-round away clash against the NRL's table-topping Canterbury-Bankstown at Waikato Stadium in Hamilton (4.00pm kick-off).

The same interchange bench of **Feleti Mateo**, **Sebastine Ikahihifo**, **Sione Lousi** and **Kevin Locke** has also been named with prop **Charlie Gubb** added.

The **Bulldogs** provide a common link in McFadden's short career so far as an NRL coach.

They were his first assignment when he was appointed acting head coach for the April 13 clash at Eden Park, a match the **Bulldogs** won 21-20 through a late field goal after being 18-20 behind inside the last 10 minutes.

Now in his first outing as the permanent head coach he prepares to take on the same side at a time when it has stitched together a run of six straight wins to climb to the top of the ladder.

The **Vodafone Warriors** have also found form under McFadden, following their one-point loss to the **Bulldogs** with a hard-fought 10-20 defeat by the **St George Illawarra Dragons** and then

two impressive victories over Melbourne (16-10) and Canberra (54-12).

"While there was much to like about our effort and also our execution against the **Raiders**, the **Bulldogs** are another challenge completely," said McFadden.

"They fully deserve their spot at the top of the table, proving time and again that they know how to close out tough games.

"We've improved in many areas, especially our effort levels, but we're still a long way off where we need to be. This game will be another huge test for us."

Over the last four games the **Vodafone Warriors** have conceded an average of less than 16 points a game; they're currently the ninth best defensive side in the competition.

The nine-try trouncing of the **Raiders** has also boosted their points for numbers to the point they rank sixth best on attack behind the **Bulldogs**, Manly, Parramatta, the **Sydney Roosters** and South Sydney.

They go into the Hamilton contest on the back of two vastly contrasting outings; the Melbourne clash was a classic arm wrestle while the Canberra game turned into a points-scoring romp as the **Vodafone Warriors** put 50 points on the **Raiders**

for the second time running. Of the 104 points scored in those two games **Shaun Johnson** and **Manu Vatuvei** have accounted for 72 between them (Johnson with 52 points – 26 in each match – from five tries and 16 goals and Vatuvei with five tries).

With his first conversion last Saturday, Johnson brought up the 10,000th point in the **Vodafone Warriors** history (in their 475th match and their 20th season). He also took his career tally through the 300-point barrier.

Vatuvei reached 500 career points with his second try, his 125th in his 179th appearance for the club (only **Stacey Jones** with 674 and **James Maloney** with 547 have scored more points than him).

Captain **Simon Mannering** will move within two games of his 200th appearance this weekend leaving him on track to reach the milestone when the **Vodafone Warriors** meet Newcastle in their first match of the year at Mount Smart Stadium on Sunday, June 1 (4.00pm kick-off).

• Buy tickets for Canterbury-Bankstown v Vodafone Warriors at www.ticketek.co.nz

VODAFONE WARRIORS v CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton 4.00pm, Sunday, May 18

1	SAM TOMKINS	9	NATHAN FRIEND
2	NGANI LAUMAPE	10	JACOB LILLYMAN
3	KONRAD HURRELL	11	JAYSON BUKUYA
4	BEN HENRY	12	BEN MATULINO
5	MANU VATUVEI	13	SIMON MANNERING (c)
6	CHAD TOWNSEND		Interchange:
7	SHAUN JOHNSON	14	FELETI MATEO
8	SUAIA MATAGI	15	SEBASTINE IKAHIIHIFO
9	NATHAN FRIEND	16	SIONE LOUSI
10	JACOB LILLYMAN	17	KEVIN LOCKE
11	JAYSON BUKUYA	20	CHARLIE GUBB

HEAD COACH: ANDREW McFADDEN

Here's the link to this week's TV3 LEAGUE FIX.

This week features an interview with Andrew McFadden about his new contract with the Warriors, Konrad Hurrell, on how he dealt with the toughest week of his career, and Sam Tomkins, Ben Matulino & Sione Lousi about the win over the Raiders and the upcoming game against the Bulldogs.



<http://www.3news.co.nz/League-Fix-McFadden-eyes-success-with-Warriors/tabid/317/articleID/344025/Default.aspx>

Let's make Hamilton home

This weekend is a big test. The **Bulldogs** play us in a "home" game at Waikato Stadium, and I fancy stealing the advantage back and packing the place out.

You can join me in Hamilton because we have organised an exclusive bus and ticket deal for all **Vodafone Warriors** members wanting to go (see below).

The bus will be manned by me, and I can tell you I will get all involved pumped up before two big games for our Juniors and NRL teams.

It is only \$55 per person and you receive a bus from Mt Smart at 11.45am – returning to arrive at 8.30pm. Obviously there is a ticket in the member's bay on level 4. But you also get exclusive access to the Genesis Energy lounge in the level 4 corporate area, where there is a cash bar and food facilities.

We will be having pre-match Q&A sessions with special guests, and post-match interviews with NRL players.

And no trip away with me would be complete without prize draws and spot prizes.

There is limited space available so get in quick. To request a booking form call 0800 839 839.

BUS & TICKET TO THE BULLDOGS MATCH

Join us down in Hamilton for the second clash with the **Bulldogs** in 2014 on Sunday 18 May.

We've put together an exclusive bus & ticket deal for all Members wanting to go to Waikato Stadium and support the boys next weekend.

The bus will be manned by **The Mad Butcher**, who plans on getting all involved pumped up before two big games for our Juniors and NRL teams.

For just \$55 per person you will receive:

- Bus from Mt Smart stadium to depart at 11.45am and return bus to arrive back at approximately 8.30pm
- A ticket in our members bay on level 4
- Exclusive access to the Genesis Energy lounge in the level 4 corporate area
- Dedicated cash bar and food facilities
- Pre match Q&A with special guests
- Post-match interview with two NRL players.
- Prize draws and spot prizes throughout the day.

There is limited space available so get in quick to avoid missing out.

To request a booking form for this event call 0800 839 839

Happy Birthday to me!

What a fantastic week. Thursday was golden day for me - I turned 70.

There are some advantages to being well-known, mostly every now and again you get a nice little perk.

But there are disadvantages too. I got so many messages of congratulations and support that it was actually humbling and a little embarrassing.

The big disadvantage though is that I have to find the time to reply to them all.



The big cake cutting ceremony.

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WE TAKE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN RUGBY LEAGUE AT THE MOMENT AND HOW IT CAN EVEN COMPLETELY BECOME SOME WOMEN'S LIVES – LIKE BONNIE HINDMARSH

FEATURES

- We remember the great **Reg Gasnier** with a beautiful piece outlining his achievements by David Middleton as well as tributes from those in the league community and his career statistics;
- **Benji Marshall** is back! Gareth Widdop and Jason Nightingale say he's a welcome addition to the Dragons' squad and is sure to make a difference;
- The Bulldogs have taken their home game to Waikato against the Warriors this weekend, so we've taken a look at the healthy state of league in New Zealand;
- Roosters forward and self-proclaimed 'battler from Ballina' Mitch Aubusson chalks up 150 appearances in the NRL and for the club this weekend;
- **The Top 8** female rugby league players;

PLUS

Sam Thaiday fears this year's rule changes will take Origin to an unthinkable speed; Former Shark Dean Treister may be in a position to help the struggling club financially; Paul Gallen *By Numbers*; Who's That Kid? Wests Tigers' Te Maire Martin; *Big Clash*: South Sydney Rabbitohs v Melbourne Storm match preview by Warren Smith; Adam MacDougall tells us how off-field dramas affect players; Greg Alexander runs his eye over the clubs that are languishing and rates their chances of recovery; Cowboys team poster.

GAME DAY: Official team lists for Telstra Premiership, Holden Cup, VB NSW Cup, Intrust Super Cup, Ron Massey Cup; Junior Reps national finals; lower grade reviews; Little League; and Sharks cheerleaders.

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Manu Vatuvei is one of 15 NRL players lining up for the game's **2014 Favourite Son Award**. Manu is extremely deserving of the award, so please take a moment to vote for him and help him become the first **Vodafone Warrior** to win the NRL's Favourite Son Award.

Click this link below:
<http://www.nrl.com/favourite-son-voting/tabid/10874/newsid/77992/default.aspx>



Who's a happy dad? Vodafone Warrior, Suaia Matagi and wife Fai, with their new baby.

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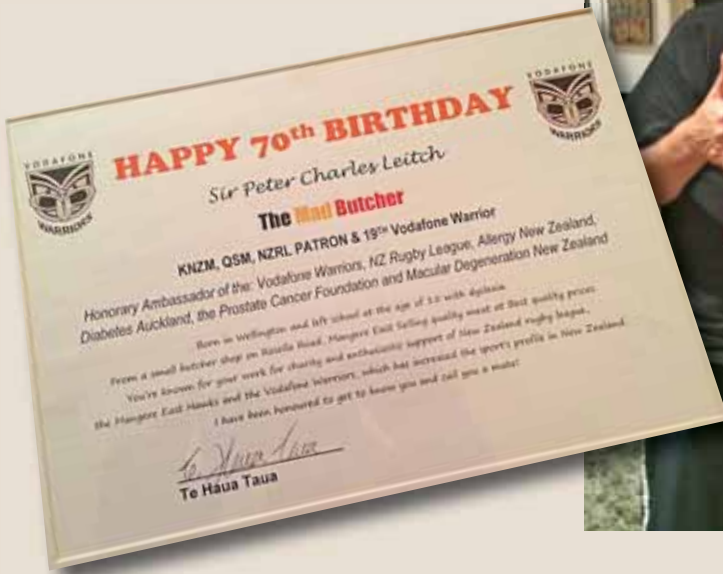
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I was very honoured to receive this gift from a young mate of mine, Te Haua Taua. You hear about the bad kids, but this one is a legend.

He knocked on my front door last Friday night to give me this excellent gift. I will treasure this gift that this young boy made for me. He talked about the positives of my life and my journey.

I am very pleased to have such a good mate like this guy!

Thank you for your gift, Te Haua Taua.

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