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MAD BUTCHER CLUB

AT MT SMART STADIUM, HOME OF THE MIGHTY VODAFONE WARRIORS



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A HAPPY LOT!

HAMILTON



The members that came down on the buses to Hamilton.

NOT the result we wanted at Hamilton, the **Vodafone Warriors** going down to competition leaders the **Bulldogs 16-12**.

Our usual late comeback was just not enough, and in fairness, the Doggies were the better side.

Buy it was great to see **17,673 fans** there, including the busload who went with me on a really good outing for the day. What goes on, on the tour, *stays* on the tour though!



The members in the lounge.



Chris from Tauranga and Stu and Wyatt from Wellington.



I even let the Bulldogs in the lounge! James Maitland, Dylan Maitland, Oliver Tainui, Jacob Tainui.



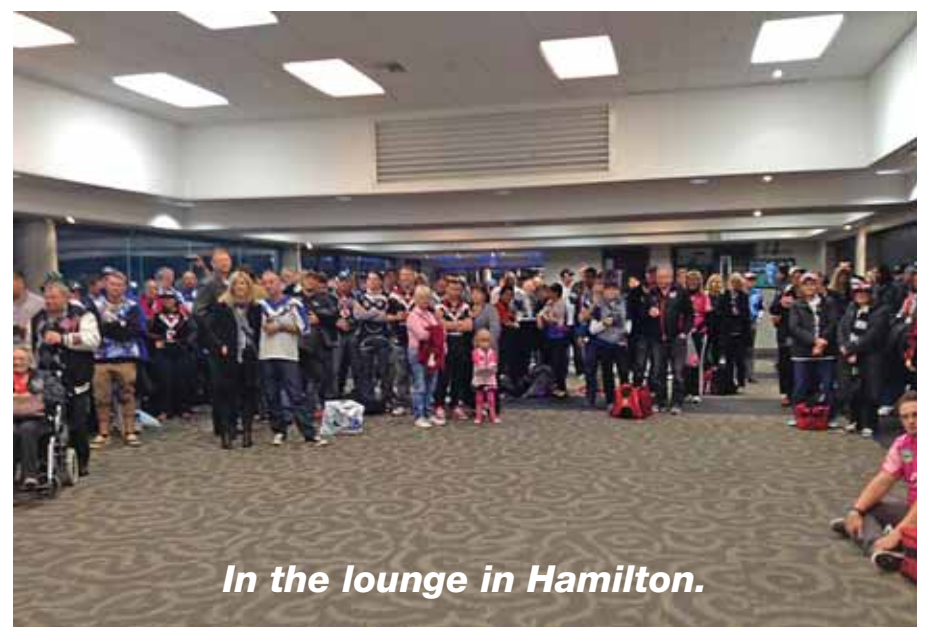
Mother hen Lorna keeps every one in line on the bus !!



Dean and baby Harrison from Hamilton.



A special lady at the game. Edna, 92 years old.



In the lounge in Hamilton.



Yes even Dorries fans are welcome in our lounge. Richie, Jasminder and Leighton, from Otorohanga. Mad as Bulldogs fans!



Tony Feasey gets up close with the opposition - former NZ boy, Homer, now playing with the Bulldogs NSW Cup Team.



Aeron Wyatt with tee shirt.



My old mate, Gordon, interviews the boys in the members lounge after the game.



Captain manning receives a Hallswell Rugby League jersey (Christchurch club) of a special lady after the game.



Look who's in the crowd! Frank Prichard, the injured Bulldogs player.



Was great to catch up with the coach at Waikato stadium. Top bloke.



Nice of coach Andrew to take time out after the game for this couple from Christchurch



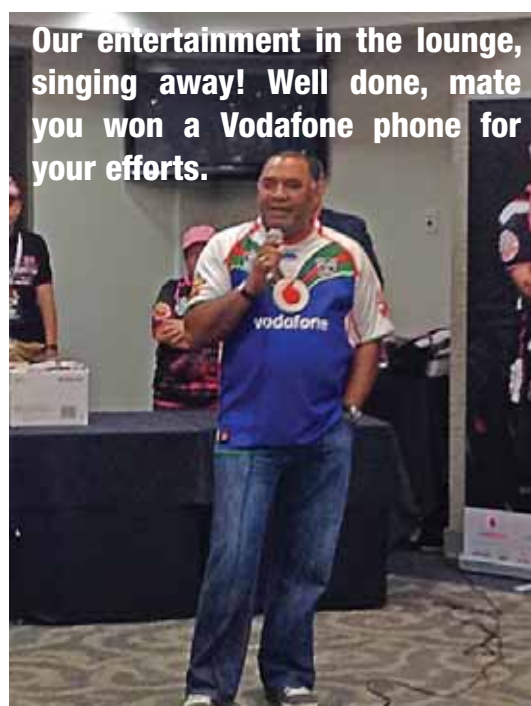
On the left, Bob from Remuera Fish Shop, just had to jump into the photo.



Papakura Rugby League donated a Kiwi Jersey signed by Benji... Bought by Peter Heron from Timaru. Peter travels to most games. Well done, Peter! Here with Gordon.



Tim Gilbert and Freddie Fittler after the game.



Our entertainment in the lounge, singing away! Well done, mate you won a Vodafone phone for your efforts.



The lucky winner of the hamper : Leilani McRoy



My grandson and granddaughter hamming it up.



Another winner in the members lounge: Francis Maulden - ASICS \$280 voucher.



Ngarangi Lee was stoked to win the Vodafone-signed ball.



Paul McConnell won the Sealink Waiheke voucher.



Paul loved his prize, a Auckland Nines shirt.



Another happy winner B.J. - singlet.

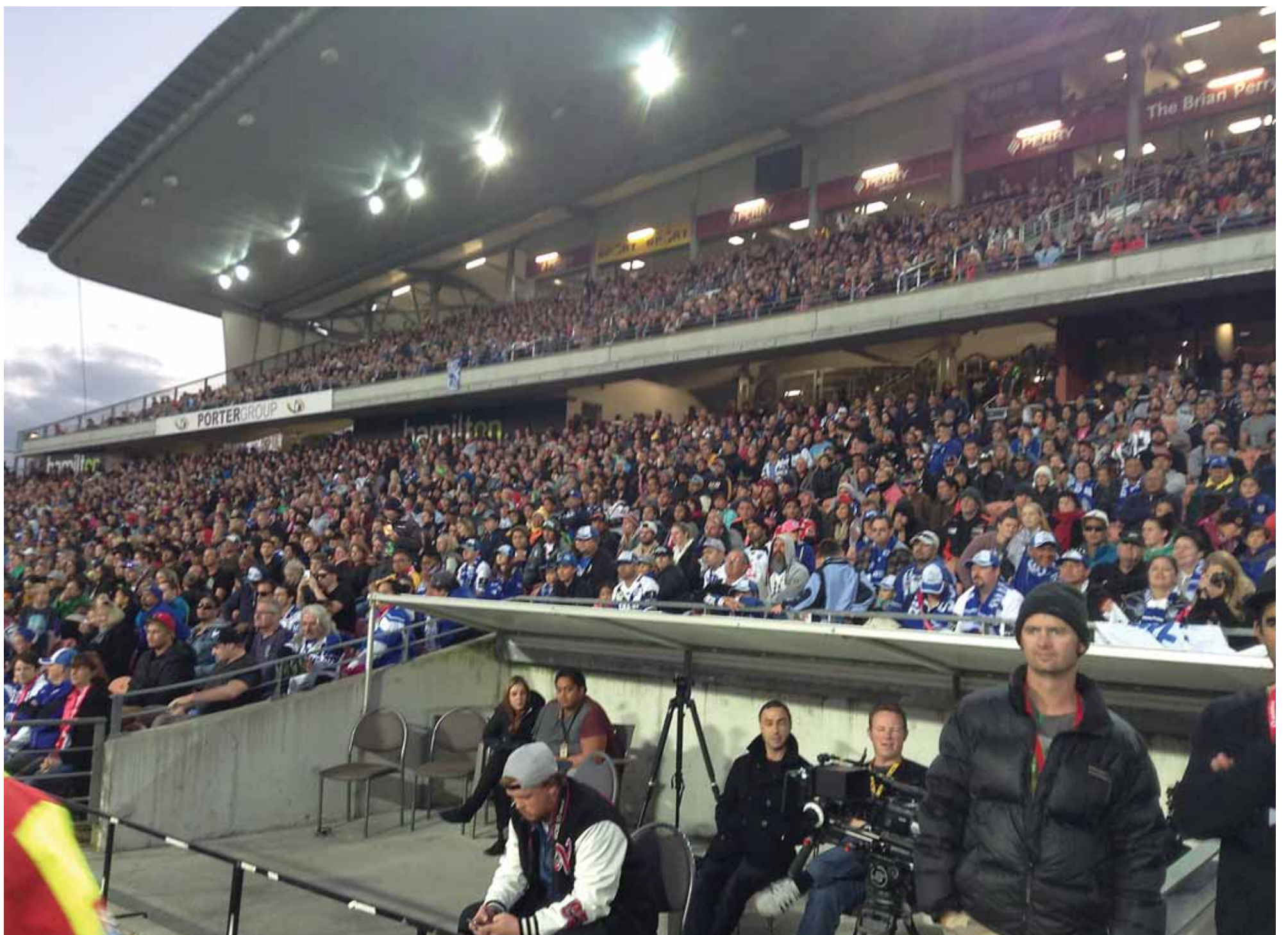


Thumbs up to the fans. Thanks for supporting.

My old mate Steve Turner, interviewing Manu for Bulldogs TV.



Sean and Carol Hogan from Surrey, BC. past district governor for the rotary district in BC. On route to the rotary world convention in Sydney. Host Christine Miller, season member.

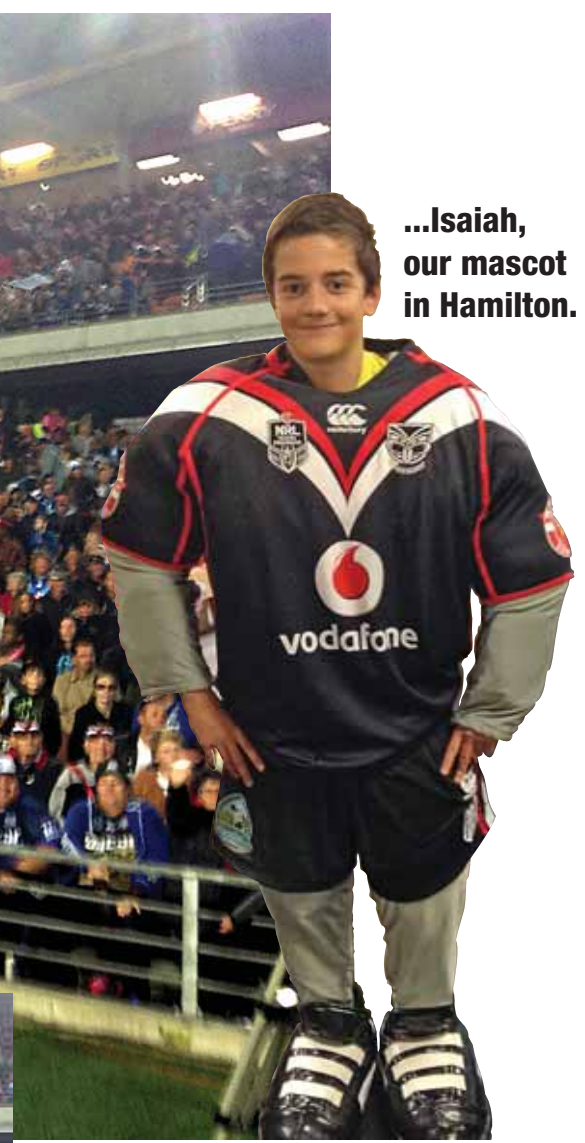


The crowd in Hamilton... Over 17,000 - Fantastic!





What a crowd! Thanks, Bulldogs, for bringing the game to Hamilton.



...Isaiah, our mascot in Hamilton.

The Masked Mascot is...



It's a hard walk when you lose, but the boys put up one hell of a fight.



It's been a hard day at the office!



This what I love about my team. Ngani gets up close to the fans.



Frank Pritchard chats to ex-Kiwis captain, Richie Barnett.



We may do battle during the game, but after it catch up with our mates.



Ben gives the thumbs up for you fans. Thanks Ben (as I know he was hurting from the loss).



Sione & Sam Kasiano catch up after the game. Look at that crowd in the background!



Frankie loves his photo taken. Top bloke!



It's not easy on the guys after losing a hard-fought battle but still having to front up to the media.



Ruben Wiki, our strength & conditioning coach, and Ricky Henry, one of our assistant coaches, after the game.



Konrad, Ben and Manu put on a smile for the Butcher after the game. Thanks, guys!





Feleti enjoying the ice bath after the game.



Shane and Ngani. Thanks for going up to the lounge after the game.



Sebastine chills out in the ice bath. Rather him than me!



Onfield action with the Hornby Panthers and the Papanui Tigers.



Team talk with Woody.



The Hornby team in a huddle.



Allen and Kyle.

It's A Family Affair

Recently the 13year old **Hornby Panthers Rugby League** team played their fellow cat competition opposition the **Papanui Tigers**.

With a good turn out on the sideline of young and old **Tiger** and **Panther** supporters they watched a truly entertaining game of rugby league, with the **Panthers** winning 38 - 0.

Both teams are looking to travel in the future, **Panthers** first, this year, raising as much as possible from sausage sizzles and raffles, while the **Tigers** next year doing al ot of raffles and car washing.

With both teams steeped in family history, in particular, coach for the **Panthers** **Antony "Woody" Smith's** known to have worn the **Tigers** jersey, and son **Kyle**, a player in the team, his grandfather **Allen Amer** a **Tiger** and **Kiwi** also, recently back from an outstanding

weekend with fellow **Kiwis** at a **League 4 Life** luncheon put on by their mate, **Sir Peter Leitch**.

Involved elsewhere in the team, are mum **Tasha**, the manager, and oldest son **Clayton** (yes named after a **Kiwi** player), behind the great photos, week in week out keeping the wonderful **Panther** side moving forward in a family styled enviroment.

"It's all about the boys being involved in our great game"; we are so fortunate to have a wonderful supportive bunch of parents and grandparents behind us, that's what makes league number one in our eyes.

Hope you enjoy
Woody



The **Blues** had the chance to rest and revitalise last week as the team had their second bye of the season. There were still a number of activities planned, and on Thursday the team entertained 600 school children at Trusts Stadium. The annual **Milo Skills and Drills** day saw the entire squad run a fun session with local Primary School students.

This week it's back to business, with players attending the first **All Blacks** camp of the season, and preparation for a huge home match against the table-topping **Sharks**. They had a big victory over the **Crusaders** last week and head to QBE Stadium (North Harbour) for Friday night's fixture. The **Blues** will need as many fans as possible to get behind them on Friday night if they are going to continue their impressive home record. For tickets, visit the Eden Park ticketing office, or go online to www.ticketmaster.co.nz



**THE BLUES PLAY
THE SHARKS.
JOIN THE GAME.**

FRIDAY 23 MAY, 7.35PM, QBE STADIUM
Curtain Raiser: Westlake v Massey 1st XV. Kick off at 5.05pm.

Tickets from ticketmaster.co.nz or 0800 111 999 (transaction fees apply).
Special event buses included in your pre-purchased game ticket (please check at.co.nz for full details). theblues.co.nz



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PRIME TIME Dining with the Prime Minister

FRIDAY 16 MAY at Sky City

The Mad Butcher and Suburban Newspapers Community Trust hosted a gala occasion with a superb three course meal, excellent entertainment with music from the amazing Black Salt band and a special performer.



What an outstanding night we had last Friday when the **Mad Butcher Suburban Newspapers Community Trust** hosted **Dine with the PM** at SkyCity.

It was all to raise money to support tiny little premature babies at **Kidz First Children's Hospital** out at Middlemore.

My mate works out there, and he told me he once saw a dad take off his wedding ring and put it round his tiny baby's wrist like a bangle. Imagine that.

So we were over the moon when we raised a staggering \$250,000!

Let me tell you \$59 of that was raised by a very impressive young man indeed; **Iavana Seuala**.

Iavana is just 12 years old, and a bit of a whiz at speeches. So we invited him along, and speaking in front of nearly 1000 people – including the **Prime Minister John Key** – was no problem at all.

He had the audience spellbound, but then also revealed to me he had personally raised \$59 to help out the cause.

How good are the people in our community? I say go Manurewa, where this young man with a big future hails from.

And someone else with a big future is a young singer named **Tayla Alexander**. She sang three fabulous songs for us, and while I do not profess to any great knowledge of opera, I know when a girl can sing, and this girl can sing. I was especially touched when she dedicated a song, "**Danny Boy**", to me.

One thing Taylor and Iavana have in common is wonderful parents. I had the pleasure of meeting both sets, and it is easy to see where these talented youngsters get their good manners, respect for others, and willingness to do something for other people, from.

Our thanks have to go to our sponsors, who allow it all to happen really. **Lion, Glengarry Wines, Sentra Printing, Air New Zealand,**

Panasonic, Pacific Jemm, Pacific Linen, SkyCity, Radio Network and Prestige Cars – who even chipped in with the use of a Rolls Royce car as an auction item.

And of course to **Suburban Newspapers** and especially to the **Mad Butcher** and **Mike Morton**, who worked his butt off to make this one a success.

I have to thank **SkyCity** very much because they give us a deal I am not even willing to tell you about, it is so good, so that we can pass on lots to the charity. And on top of that their staff are beyond awesome. They could not do enough for us.

One more thank you – **Black Salt**, our band. Terrific musicians and even better people. I need a band, I say, and they just turn up, no questions asked. Wonderful people.

Of course, what to say about our MC **Paula Bennett** and speaker **John Key**?

I want you to put politics aside, because it was not about that, it was about giving your time to raise money for the babies.

Is there another country in the world where your



Mad Butcher owner, Mike Morton and the Hon. Paula Bennett, our MC on the night.

Photos by



Our thanks to our Sponsorship Partners for this event





Prime Minister John Key and Minister Paula Bennett with the Event's sponsors.



Iavana Seuala, age 14.

leader would turn up and do that? I can't believe how lucky we are in this country to have that kind of openness from our leaders.

John Key was so impressed with our auctioneer that he asked to meet **Darren Brady** especially so he could shake his hand and congratulate him on the fine job he did.

The poor old Prime Minister was rushed off his feet posing for pictures and meeting people: absolutely incredible.



Soloist Tayla Alexander performs.



Minister Paula Bennett with young entertainer Iavana Seuala age 14.



Left to right Matthew and Trish Gray & David and Jacqui Penny.



The Prime Minister delivering his speech.



Sir Peter and the PM, the Rt Hon. John Key.



David Penny.



Left to right Bruce Judson and Gordon Gibbons.



Left to right Penney Nelson and Carly Robinson.



Minister Paula Bennett carrying out MC duties.



Minister Paula Bennett with Sir Ralph Norris and Lady Pamela Norris.



Rodney Green and PM John Key, with Jacqui and David Penny.



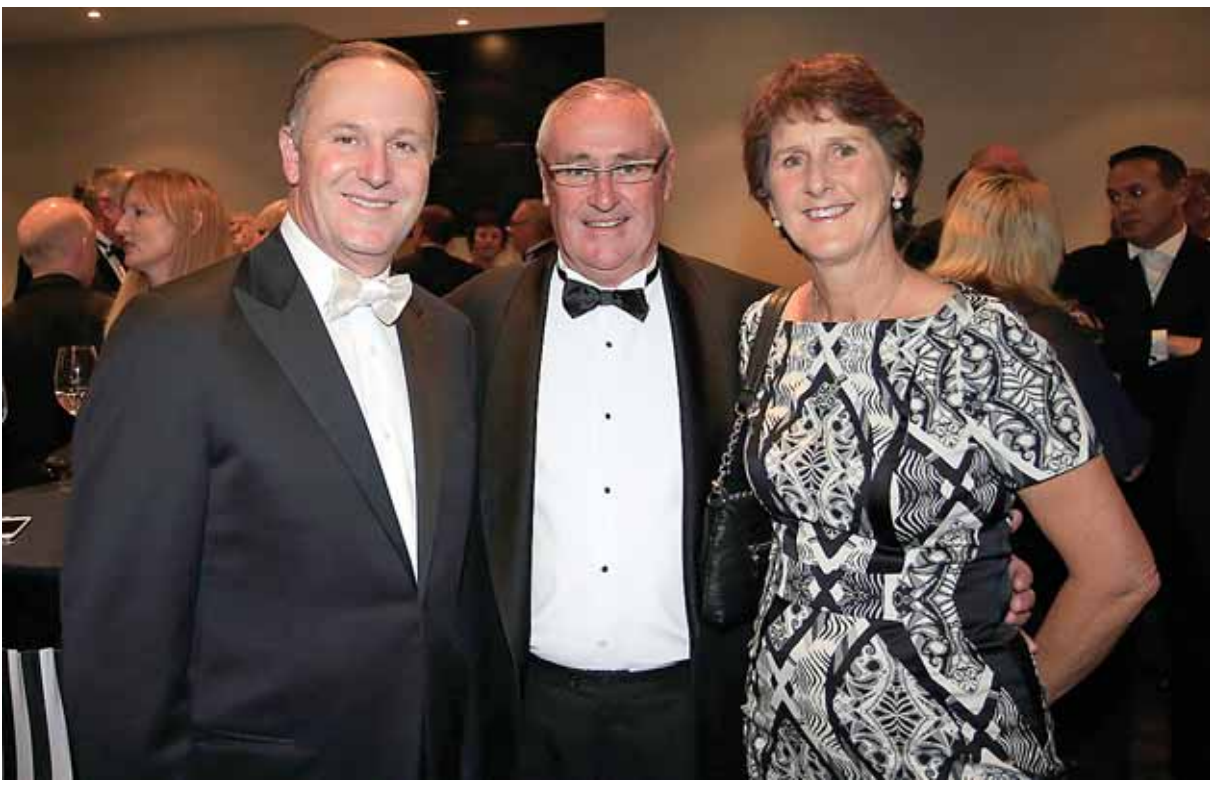
Mike Mahoney, the Rt.Hon. John Key and Annabel Mahoney.



Lady Janice, Julie Leitch, Sir Peter, the Hon. Paula Bennett and Angela Leitch.



Darren Brady, the Rt.Hon. John Key and Sir Peter.



Prime Minister, John Key with Chris Smith and Rhonda Smith.



Joe Jakicevlich and Jo-Ann Staveley.



Rory and Jennifer Glass.



Leighton Smith and Carolyn Leaney.



Darren Brady and Mike Mahoney.



David and Jill Jones.



Lady Janice and Judith Tucker.

A Knight with 2 Warriors & a Tiger

Join Sir Peter Charles Leitch (KNZM OSM - Honorary Ambassador NZ Rugby League, the 19th Vodafone Warrior) at a luncheon to celebrate 3 local lads from Auckland who went on to become legends of Rugby League International Stars Kurt Sorenson & Dane Sorenson – (Mt Wellington Warriors) & Gary “Whiz” Freeman – (Northcote Tigers) They will share stories and re-live past glories celebrating the Kiwi Rugby League Jersey



Also joining Sir Peter on the day will be more Kiwi greats such as Shane “Charlie” Varley, current Kiwi Captain - Simon Mannering & current Kiwi Coach - Stephen Kearney
Ellerslie Convention Centre | Friday 20th June 2014 | Tickets: \$100 per person |
Includes 2 course meal & Complimentary Drinks (Cash Bar after 3pm) | Lunch at 12pm
Bonus Offer | Free Entry ticket to the Vodafone Warriors v Brisbane Broncos Match
at Mt Smart Stadium on Sat June 21st – kick off 7.30pm

Tickets available from | Email: diana.broomfield@fairfaxmedia.co.nz
Or telephone Diana: 09 925 9942

Hosted by the Mad Butcher Suburban Newspaper Community Trust



You will recall the *Mad Butcher Suburban Newspapers Community Trust* recently hosted a lunch at Ellerslie that brought together some of the great names who have worn the *Kiwis* jersey.

It was a wonderful event and many people said we should do it more often, especially with the funds raised going to the NZRL's *League for Life* programme, which looks after people from the league world who might be having a bit of a hard time.

So I have taken all those people who said they would love to do it again, at their word, and on **June 20, again at the Ellerslie Events Centre**, the trust is hosting **Two Warriors and a Tiger** – a lunch with brothers **Dane** and **Kurt Sorenson** – both former **Mt Wellington Warriors**, and **Gary “Whiz” Freeman**, the one-time **Northcote Tiger**.

All three went on to become legends of the game, and they will be telling stories and reliving the highlights of what were glittering careers in our great game.

Current **Vodafone Warriors** skipper, **Simon Mannering**, will be there, as will *Kiwis* coach **Stephen Kearney**. And current *Warriors* who have also worn the *Kiwis* jersey will be joining them too.

I have a special offer for former *Kiwis*. It's limited to one

each, but tickets will be just \$50, superb value when you consider it covers a two-course lunch with drinks - but a cash bar after 3pm.

The event starts at 11am with a mix and mingle, and lunch is at noon.

Also included is a visit the next day to the **NZRL Museum**, with a light lunch with CEO, **Phil Holden**, and free entry into that night's game between the **Vodafone Warriors** and the **Broncos** at Mt Smart at 7.30pm. So any ex-*Kiwis* wanting to relive the past, just contact me at pcleitch@xtra.co.nz or on **021 936105**.

The public are welcome too, of course. Tickets will be just \$100, superb value for a two-course lunch from noon, with drinks - but a cash bar after 3pm, and a match ticket.

So anyone who wants a ticket to **A Knight with Two Warriors and a Tiger**, can contact diana.broomfield@fairfaxmedia.co.nz or call her on **09 925 9942**.

Shane “Charlie” Varley was a cracking little *Kiwis* player and I was very touched when he took the time to send me a wee note congratulating me on our recent *Kiwis* event. “*Words can't express my gratitude to yourself for help, your passion, your continuous commitment and*

support for our great game. You surpass all previous statesmen! I'm truly honoured to be at your service.”

And master coach **Frank Endacott** also wrote: “*A great luncheon. It was one of the most enjoyable days I have spent in a long time, to catch up with so many mates from the Kiwi family was fantastic. You did a wonderful job organising the event, and you should be congratulated.*”

And don't forget the special ticket package on offer at www.warriors.co.nz for eight games at Mt Smart. It is a terrific deal at a great price, and it's a chance for all those who moan about going to Eden Park, and wanting to stay at Mt Smart, to show their commitment by actually coming to games.

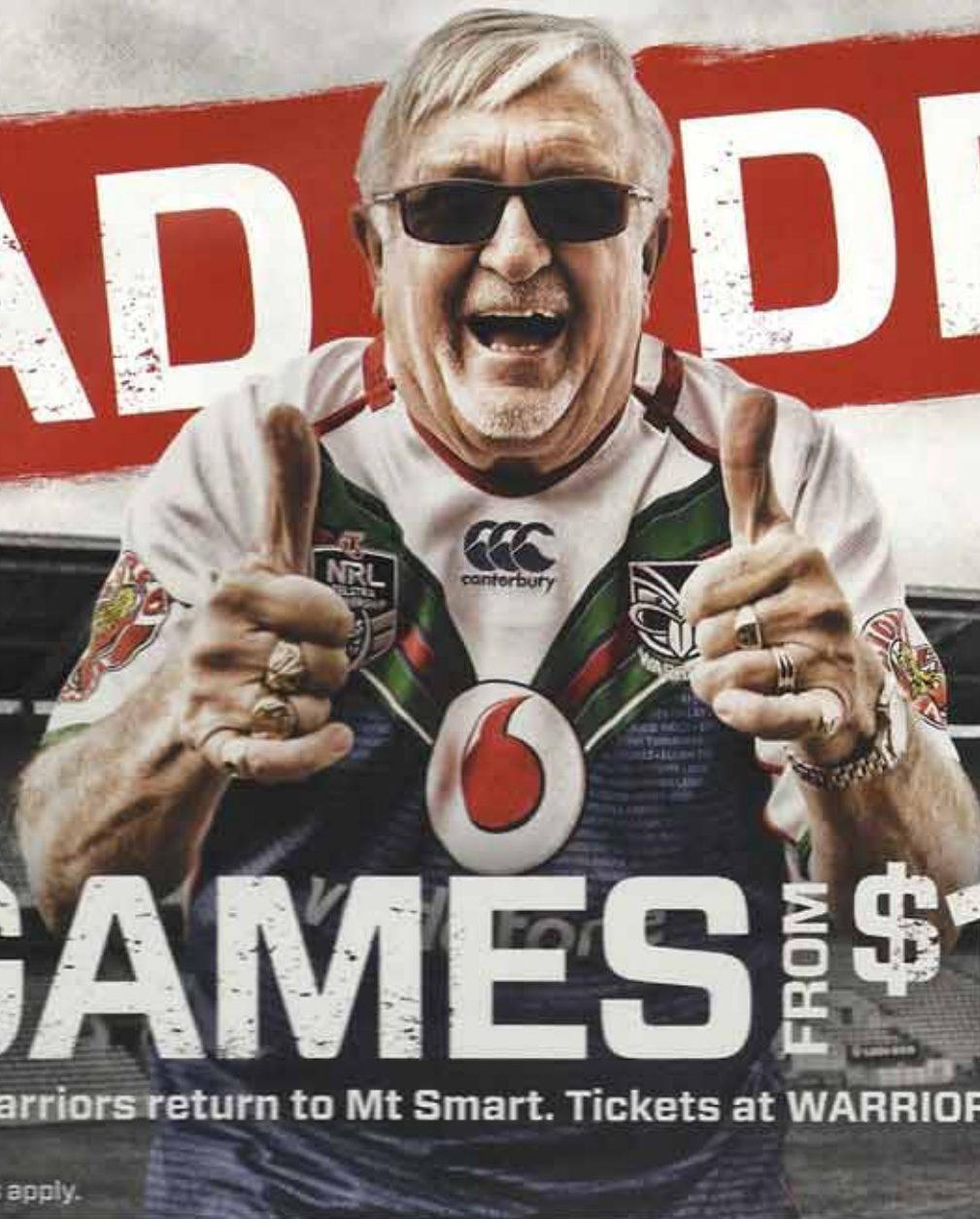
I'm off to the Gold Coast for a spot of rest and recreation, and to see the **Vodafone Warriors** take on the **Gold Coast Titans**, of course, But I'm also looking forward to seeing a couple of mates. There's **Les Webb**, an old school friend, and **Mr Wilson**, a great supporter of mine in the past during his days with the **BBQ Factory**.



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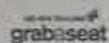
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ROUND 12: Sun, Jun 1
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ROUND 20: Sun, Jul 27
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ROUND 15: Sat, Jun 21
7:30 PM, Mt Smart Stadium



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ROUND 22: Aug 8-11 T.B.C
Mt Smart Stadium



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4:00 PM, Mt Smart Stadium



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and come to the Brisbane Bronco's game on the 21st June 2014

Go in to win:

- Return flights leaving Christchurch 5.40am Friday morning and returning Sunday 9.45am
- 2 tickets to the game Saturday and passes into The Mad Butcher Club
- 2 tickets to the luncheon on the Friday
- 2 nights' accommodation at the ibis Hotel Ellerslie

To go in the draw to win, send your detailed on a stamped envelope to: Sir Peter Charles Leitch, P.O.Box 54295, The Marina 2144, Manukau

The winner will be drawn on Monday the 9th of June.

All you have to do is send a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE A.S.A.P. to this address:

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AND ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE write your name and address... AND PHONE!

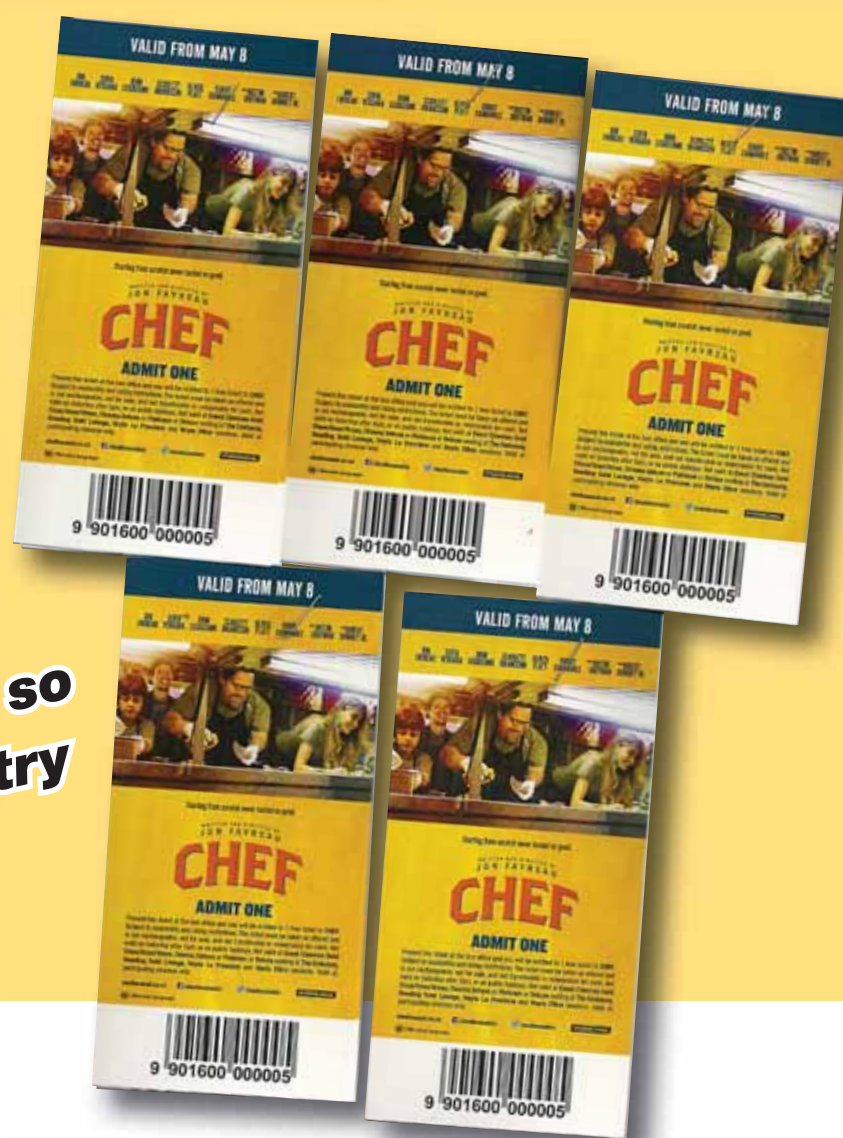
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We have 5 double passes to give away to the movie, CHEF. I have been to see it and it's a great movie so get your entry in now!

See the Trailer here...

<http://www.flicks.co.nz/trailer/chef/9571/>



Hello Sir Peter

Andrea Murrell here.

I'm glad you guys enjoyed Hawaii and Vegas and happy that you guys are back home safe.

The picture is of a wee real "Warrior" his name is **Sam Gillan**. I meet him in the middle school here in Invercargill when he was visiting his school during a break from hospital.

He's been in Auckland Starship hospital since last October and in the Ronald McDonald house, receiving chemotherapy.

His little sister is intern as well: (Maybe when you guys feel like visiting the hospital or giving him a call. I just thought it was super cute to see him with his Warriors shirt on and thought about you!

Love and kisses from Southland!

Andrea

Hope you are enjoying the newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter directly please email Amelia Wheeler at meelz_79@hotmail.co.nz Or if you would like to unsubscribe please email Amelia and she will delete you from the list.

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