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MAD BUTCHER CLUB
AT MT SMART STADIUM, HOME OF THE MIGHTY VODAFONE WARRIORS



Newsletter

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**Don't miss out on these
major prize draws!
Truly amazing value!**

This Sunday, the 1st of June – Queens Birthday Long Weekend – sees the Vodafone Warriors take on the Newcastle Knights back where many fans think their team should be permanently housed - Mt Smart Stadium. To celebrate returning to MT SMART readers of this newsletter can enter these free draws...

Draw 1:

**HERE'S A COMPETITION FOR SOUTH ISLANDERS ONLY!
A BONUS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ALL THE NEWSLETTERS IN YOUR EMAILS!!**

For Christchurch readers of the newsletter,

WIN A WEEKEND AWAY

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
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WEEKEND AWAY!
P.O. Box 54295,
The Marina 2144, Manukau,
Auckland

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Your Name: _____
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Your Phone: _____

Draw 2: FREE MT SMART COMPETITION DRAWS!

YOU STAND TO WIN: A Panasonic REFRIGERATOR, A Vodafone SMART 4 MINI, a Panasonic DVD/BLU-RAY, 5 Draws to the movie, CHEF

As always, just write the name of the draw on the front of an envelope, together with the mailing address, and on the back your contact details, including phone number. And mail them in ASAP to be in the draws!



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If you want to win some of these great prizes then send in your details on the back of an envelope (see above) to go into the draw or draws of your choice. **There are 2 major separate draws** so that's **ONE ENVELOPE FOR EACH DRAW**.

DRAW ONE for 2 people living in Christchurch. Drawn on the 11th of June

DRAW TWO is a 5-parter for

A - Panasonic fridge freezer.
B - Vodafone Phone
C - Panasonic Blu-Ray/DVD.

D - **ONE DRAW** of a Canterbury N.Z. Vodafone Warriors Supporters Pack.

E - **FIVE DRAWS** of Double passes to the movie **CHEF**

All drawn on the 11th of June

Draw 2:

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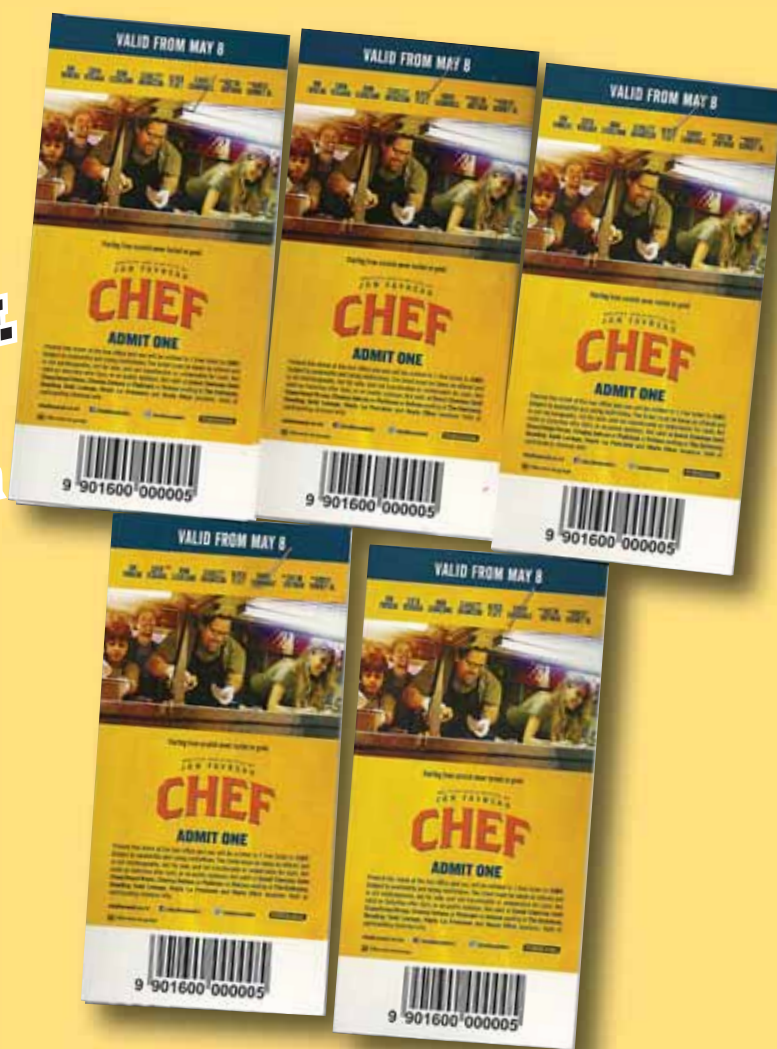
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We have 5
double passes
to give away to
the movie, **CHEF**.
I have been to
see it and it's a
great movie,
so get your
entry in now!



NOTEWORTHY

**NATHAN
FRIEND
WILL PLAY
HIS 50th
GAME
FOR THE
CLUB THIS
WEEKEND**



**CELEBRATE
COMING HOME
BACK TO MOUNT
SMART STADIUM**

MY MATES AT PANASONIC
AND THE MAD BUTCHER HAVE
COME UP WITH A
SENSATIONAL OFFER...

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**A PANASONIC 415X
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Panasonic

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*Nationwide delivery in New Zealand of the refrigerator included. Meat pack must be collected at your local Mad Butcher store.

**And for those people lucky enough to come to the Lounge on the day...
This will be our lucky draw for the Newcastle Knights game!**

To celebrate coming home to Mt Smart this SUNDAY. Be in the Monster draw of over 30 prizes!

- 2 x Selleys BBQ care kits
- 2 x boxes of Bendon men's underwear
- 1 Vodafone phone
- 10 x Lion Red T-Shirts
- 1 signed Vodafone ball
- 1 Lion Red hoody
- 1 signed VW jersey
- 1 Asics voucher
- 2 x Lion Red packs
- 4 x VW forever T-Shirts
- 1 members T-Shirt
- 1 pack of CDs
- 1 Panasonic Blu-ray player
- 1 Lion Red bag
- 1 Grocery hamper
- 1 Sealink to Waiheke voucher

Just make a
\$5 donation
to go in the
draw



Drawn after the game proceeds going to charity



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& Co.*





Dean Bell congratulates Jerome on his retirement, in front of the Club's honours board.

I was privileged enough to be present for Jerome's announcement of his retirement at the *Vodafone Warriors*. In fact, he rang me the night before to give me the heads up, which I thought was just another example of the respect he has always shown me.

Vodafone Warriors' centre **Jerome Ropati** has decided to call it quits.

I love the bloke. Super young man when I first met him more than a decade ago, and even more caring, polite and respectful as the fine man he has grown into.

Jerome will have played across 12 NRL season, and don't forget, he's also a Rugby League World Cup winner, being part of the **Kiwis** in 2008.

It's terrible that Jerome has had his last four seasons restricted by injury, the last his broken jaw against the **Tigers** on March 29.

In the past three-and-a-half seasons he's been able to play just 18 NRL games. And I have never heard him moan about it. He has remained positive despite his rotten luck, and that's what has made him such a good influence on the club.

Jerome is becoming a club ambassador for the rest of the season.

"It's the right time for me to look ahead, to consider my family and my post-playing career," Jerome said.

"It hasn't been an easy decision because this isn't the way I wanted to finish. I love playing this game and I love playing for the **Vodafone Warriors**. But the reality is my body is telling me it's time to move on. I couldn't tell you how many injuries I've had but I know I've had 15 operations."

Club boss **Wayne Scurrah** hit the nail on the head. "Jerome has been a terrific player. Above all he's an exceptional person. We all have the greatest admiration for him and thank him for the huge contribution he has made."

Finishing five games short of joining the club's 150-game club, Ropati scored 54 tries, one of only six **Warriors** to top 50, behind **Manu Vatuvei**, **Stacey Jones**, **Francis Meli**, **Lance Hohaia** and **Clinton Toopi**.



You could have heard a pin drop when Jerome made his announcement in the team room!



FAREWELL TO A GREAT FRIEND

A very good friend of mine and champion sportsman, Mack Herewini passed away last Wednesday, 21 May.

Although Mack was known for his greatness on the rugby fields of NZ and the World playing for Auckland, Auckland Maori, Maori All Blacks and the All Blacks - Mack played rugby league as a junior for the Otahuhu Rugby League club, and later on coached one of their senior sides.

Mack was an apprentice Jockey, Champion Tennis player, Champion bowler, Champion Boxer and a pennants rep. in Golf.

Mack is survived by his sister Barbra, daughter Gayle, son Mackie Jnr (who also played for Otahuhu Rugby League) daughter in-law Juliette and mokopuna Noah Kalea.

Farewell my friend, you will be missed

Sir Peter Charles Leitch KNZM, QSM



ALEXANDER McFARLANE
HEREWINI

*Mack
Herewini*

20 October 1939 - 21 May 2014



VALE –TOMMY BAXTER

Former New Zealand Rugby League centre, **TOMMY BAXTER** (Kiwi #320) passed away on Monday the 26th of May at the age of 84 after a long illness. Tom was a powerfully built centre who played 94 games for the Kiwis including 29 tests between 1949-1956. He scored 6 tries. He captained his country on 10 occasions, including the 1955/56 tour of Great Britain, and France. He was inducted into the **NEW ZEALAND LEGENDS OF LEAGUE** in 1995, as a Rugby League legend, and in 2007 was named in the New Zealand Team of the Century.

A function to celebrate his life will be held on Friday at the Howick Club Auckland at 10.30am, followed by a private cremation. Online tributes can be made to www.heavenaddress.co.nz

Go to the NZRL website for a detailed obituary for Tom Baxter

<http://www.nzrl.co.nz/news-archive/remembering-legend-tom-baxter.aspx>



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Action at Greymouth in 1954, with centres Ron Ackland (left) and Tommy Baxter supporting a sideline run by left wing Vern Bakalich

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THIS WEEK, IN THE ROUND 12 ISSUE OF BIG LEAGUE... ON SALE THURS, MAY 29

TWO MORE OF OUR ONLINE STATE OF ORIGIN SPECIAL VIDEO SERIES HAVE GONE UP! GORDEN TALLIS'S UNTOLD STORY PLUS THE GUYS ON WHAT ORIGIN MEANS TO THEM.

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FEATURES

- **WEST IS BEST!** After a lacklustre season 2013 the teams from Western Sydney are giving the premiership a push this year. It's an area set for massive growth and needs to be thriving for the NRL to be at its best.
- **Josh Hoffman** may have been a makeshift five-eighth at first, but he's settling into the role and answering all questions asked of him;
- Where to now for the **Newcastle Knights**? Nathan Tinkler's ownership is over and former player Adam MacDougall says it's now up to the fans to reclaim their club;
- Souths winger **Nathan Merritt** has experienced the highs and lows of professional sport this year but is determined to play out this season to the best of his ability;
- **BIG READ:** NRL CEO Dave Smith sat down with Big League to answer plenty of questions about where the code is headed and what he wants to achieve during his time;

PLUS

Shaun Johnson *By Numbers*; *Who's That Kid?* Souths' Wallace Tangiiti; *Big Clash:* Panthers v Eels match preview by Warren Smith; Adam MacDougall analyses private ownership in Australian sport; Top 8 Bad Haircuts; South Sydney and Greg Inglis posters.
GAME DAY: Official team lists for Telstra Premiership, Holden Cup, VB NSW Cup, Intrust Super Cup, Ron Massey Cup lower grade reviews; Little League; and Warriors cheerleaders.

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To watch Gordie's Untold Story!

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Hi Everyone,

Our video series continues this week on YouTube with Gorden Tallis talking about Locky taking the team bus for a spin and what makes Origin so special.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/bigleaguestv1>

Big issue this week too – the rise of Western Sydney, a chat with Dave Smith and what's happening in Newcastle, plus heaps more.

Happy Origin!

Fiona Rollin

Managing Editor, big League

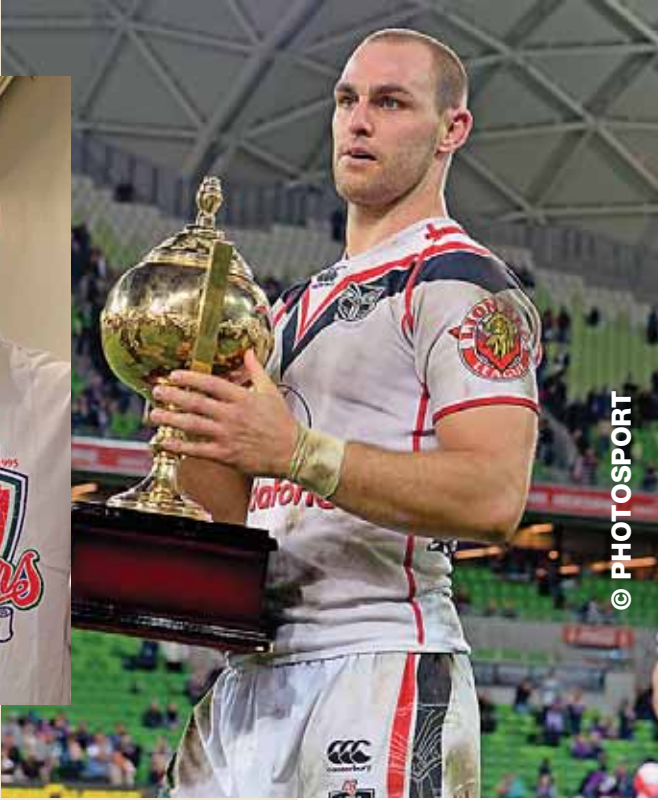
CAPTAIN MANNERING

A lot of water has flowed under the Matai Bridge in Nelson since **Simon Mannering** was spotted by **Paul**, plus **John Bergman**, as a Rugby League player for future, when playing for Nelson College Rugby Union's 1st XV. He was soon playing for Bergman's *Tasman and Wellington Orcas*, before being snapped up by the *Vodafone Warriors* scouts.

Next Sunday, we hope, he plays his 200th game as a born leader of the mighty *Vodafone Warriors* against the *Newcastle Knights*, and scores a try..

All in **Te Wai Pounamu** (South Island) including **Wharekauri** (Chathams), and **Te Ika a Maui** (North), congratulate Simon on his wonderful achievement and wish him well for the future.

Bill Whitehead QSM DSM Sec-Mgr SI RL Kiwis Assn
Life Member Canterbury and West Coast (schoolboys and seniors), club Marist RL and NZ Marist RLA, NZRL Schoolboys Council and NZ Rugby League, and Rangitira Cant Maori.



Sam and Charlotte Gillan

My special guests at the game this Sunday

Hi Sir Peter,
Here is a photo of Sam and Charlotte with their *Warriors* gear.
Thank you very much, see you in the weekend.

The Gillan Family



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