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# Newsletter

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## Some great moments but Oz success proves elusive!

David Fusitua scores a try during the NRL match between the Rabbitohs v Warriors, 7 June 2014 at Nib Stadium, Perth.  
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### Jake makes mate v mate

**G**reat to see **Vodafone Warriors** prop **Jacob Lillyman** back in the Queensland State of Origin 2 side.

Sure Queensland's injury woes run deep, but regardless of that, it is great reward for Jake, who toils away for us week after week and seldom gets the recognition he deserves.

**Josh Papalii** was ruled out shortly after being named after rolling his ankle late in Canberra's 28-4 loss to the **Broncos**.

He'll be forced to sit out three to four weeks, putting him in doubt for Origin III and opening the door for Lillyman.

I have had quite a bit to do with Jake and he is a top young man. He's quiet and unassuming and a terrific asset, in my opinion, for our club.

### Perth nightmare

I will put my hand up and say I was bitterly disappointed with the **Vodafone Warriors** result in Perth against **Souths**.

Losing 34-18 hurt, leaving us still in 12th, which is not where you want to be.

**Warriors** coach **Andrew McFadden** said they boys went away from the plan and "lost the way".

When **Souths** went on a 28-point scoring spree I know if I had a cat, I'd have kicked it.

It was like watching a giant step backwards, leading 14-6 in the second half after what I thought was a really poor

showing, the **Rabbitohs** finished much the better. It was too much like watching what happened last year for me. Remember that? We were leading 13-6 at halftime but conceded 24 points to lose 30-13.

This time the **Rabbitohs** got five tries and 28 points in the last 25 minutes or so, and you can dress it up all you like, but that is not good enough.

Our defence has been good over the last two months, with only an average of 16 points a game in our previous seven outings, so it was a really bitter pill to swallow

### Awful All Blacks

And I tell you what, I confess I will take winning ugly any day, but even I had to scratch my head watching the **All Blacks** beat England at Eden Park on Saturday.

Sure it was the boys first hit-out in some time, but it was hardly vintage rugby and I got thoroughly sick of watching the ball being kicked from this bloke to that bloke and back again.

It did not do a lot for my mood, which got considerably worse watching the **Warriors**.

### Juniors down too

For the second year running, the **Vodafone Junior Warriors** have come away from Redfern Oval with a two-point NYC loss to South Sydney.

We led 16-0 only to yield 14 points each side of halftime to trail 28-16 with 10 minutes to go.

The **Vodafone Junior Warriors** were able to stem the flow, cutting the margin to 28-22 with a converted try.

The winger **Metia Lisati** scored his second try of the match wide out and it was down to Mason Lino to salvage a draw with the conversion, but it missed, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The loss mirrored the result at Redfern last year, when we recovered . from a big deficit after 60 minutes only to lose 38-40, with **Tuimolala Lolohea** missing a conversion attempt from wide out that night.

Despite the defeat they'll remain in seventh spot at the end of the round.

### Ton up for Mason

**Mason Lino** might have been kicking himself for missing a late conversion but all the same, with his second goal of the match he had the distinction of reaching the 100-point mark for the third successive season in the NYC.

### NSW Cup side falls to Doggies

Lowly-placed Canterbury-Bankstown gave the **Vodafone Warriors** a forgettable trip to Sydney with a 28-0 shutout in the New South Wales Cup game.

**The Bulldogs** had just two wins going into the match and sat just one point off the bottom.

Coming off successive wins over Manly, North Sydney and Newcastle, we had a shot at four straight victories and a chance to climb into the top four. It was not to be.



# CAP'N SIMON MANNERING



The boys celebrate the captain's big day.



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Mum and Dad present their Son with his special jersey.

I shouted the boys to lunch to celebrate **Simon Mannering's** 200th game. Simon's Mum and Dad were there too, and presented him with his special **Warriors** jersey. Above, some of the boys in the changing rooms.



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**NSW Cup Vodafone Warriors vs Cronulla Sharks  
Saturday 14 June 2014, 3:00pm—4:30pm**

**Rugby Park, Gisborne, 840 Childer Road**

Did you know that *The Butcher*, aka **Sir Peter Leitch**, is coming to Gisborne with the NSW Cup teams, the **Vodafone Warriors** and **Cronulla Sharks**?

**Mayor Meng Foon**, who is also on the NZRL board, welcomes all league fans to come to Gisborne for this one, as this is the biggest international rugby league game played in Gisborne for over a century.

There has been excellent support from the community and it is going to be a big day. 2 kids go for free with every paying ticket. You can buy tickets at [www.dashtickets.co.nz](http://www.dashtickets.co.nz)

Gisborne expects to "Pack the Park" and their rugby league support will be coming from close neighbours, Opotiki, Wairoa and the East Coast

There will be a mass Powhiri to visitors, and there will be lots of food and fun. This is a Smoke Free and Alcohol Free event, so come on everyone, let's see you in Gizzy!

Tickets will be available in a week's time at the Opotiki and Wairoa i-sites

Get your tickets early as the park has limited seating and standing room.

The day will have a curtain raiser with 2 local clubs **Stallions vs. Falcons** starting at 10.00am followed by kids' rugby league games.

2 Kids go for free with each paying ticket. However for all seats, all shall pay the full seating price regardless of age.

In the evening the Board will host a dinner event for all and tickets will be for sale on Dash Tickets and other outlets.

**A raffle** with a prize for 2 going to a **Warriors** game in the Coporate Box in Auckland, return airfares anywhere in NZ, dinner, taxis, a signed **Warriors** jersey and a chance to meet your favourite **Warrior** in the dressing room - \$5.00 per ticket at various outlets and on the day

All enquiries to [mayer@gdc.govt.nz](mailto:mayer@gdc.govt.nz)



## Leadership Through League

For the 2nd year running the Otaki College LTL programme was a huge success. Over 120 kids turned out on a sunny Friday on the Coast to play in the **Otaki College flag league festival**. The organisers (Otaki College students) took the Mini/Mod principal of making the game for these kids all about having FUN to a whole new level.

This was a festival that had all the Mini/Mod principles of FUN, ENJOYMENT, SAFETY and PARTICIPATION. It was a very well organised festival thanks to the students at Otaki College and to their teacher and P.E. HOD Marcia Ohlson. The primary school kids and teachers all commented on how well it was run and how much fun they had. One teacher said that it was awesome to see some of his kids who have never played sport or been in a team, get involved and enjoy it.

Another highlight of the day was an all-in dance off, with some of the parents getting involved too!

Congratulations to Otaki College and to the amazing primary schools up there!!

*"Thanks again for the flags programme and for a really successful day on Friday. Our kids loved it! The College kids were fantastic and it was a great end to the programme"*

*- Craig Vidulich - Principal of Te Horo Primary School, Otaki*

*"Fantastic feedback re the day yesterday. My thanks to you and please pass on a big thanks to the students who were taking the teams. Nga mihi"*

*- Maine Curtis - Principal of Waitohu Primary School, Otaki*

*"Cheers for the awesome programme. Looking forward to next year!"*

*- Marcia Ohlson - HOD - Otaki College*



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SHOWGROUNDS No. 1, 2.30 p.m.

Res. Referees and Line Umpires: P. YAXLEY and A. DRAKE  
Timekeeper: Mr P. ARTMAN

## FRANCE

(White with Blue and Red V)

Full-back:  
1 F. TRANIER

Three-quarters:

2 B. CURT  
5 E. BONAL  
14 A. RUIZ

18 A. DUMAS  
4 M. MOLINIER  
3 A. TERRATS

Halves: 6 J. M. BONAL

16 J. CALLE  
7 J. M. IMBERT

Forwards:

8 F. DE NADAI (Captain) 9 K. FAMINSKY  
10 C. ZALDUENDO  
11 D. HERMET 12 S. GLEZYES

13 M. ANGLADE  
15 M. MAIQUE 17 M. CASSIN  
10 A. GONZALEZ

Coach: Mr A. Jimenez. Manager: Mr R. Forges.  
Liaison Officer: W. A. Whitehead.

Supporters Club Award \_\_\_\_\_ (donated by Mahar E. O'Keefe)

## NEW ZEALAND

(Black with White V)

Full-back:  
1 J. A. WHITTAKER

Three-quarters:

2 P. C. ORCHARD  
3 J. C. O'SULLIVAN

5 D. W. MUNRO  
4 D. A. WILLIAMS

Halves:

7 K. L. STIRLING (Captain)  
6 R. J. JARVIS

Forwards:

8 J. GREENGRASS 9 T. H. CONROY  
10 D. SORENSEN  
11 A. P. COLL 12 R. F. BAXENDALE  
13 M. K. EADE (Vice-Captain)

Reserves—backs: 14 W. R. COLLIcoat 16 K. A. BARRY  
15 L. J. PROCTOR 17 K. SORENSEN

Coach: M. G. Menzies. Manager: Mr D. Jenkinson.  
Physiotherapist: Mr M. Oram

Supporters Club Award \_\_\_\_\_



# AIR NEW ZEALAND International Series

## Rugby League at it's best!

Centrefold of the Programme for the 1975 Kiwis v France game, which the Kiwis won 27 to 0. The charity Kiwis reunion lunch, "A Knight with Two Warriors and a Tiger" kicks off on Friday 20th June, 2014, at the Ellerslie Convention Centre from 12.00pm. Tickets are \$100 per person and includes a 2-course meal and complimentary drinks (cash bar after 3.00pm)  
Plus there is a BONUS OFFER of FREE ENTRY to the Vodafone Warriors v Brisbane Broncos match at Mt Smart Stadium on Saturday, June 21st - and that kicks off at 7.30pm.  
The Luncheon is a fantastic opportunity to catch up and mix and mingle with some of the great star players of the Seventies and listen to some fascinating tales!  
If you haven't got a ticket to this event, be in now to guarantee a seat or group booking for a table.  
Email to: [diana.broomfield@fairfaxmedia.co.nz](mailto:diana.broomfield@fairfaxmedia.co.nz) or phone 09 925 9942

This reunion lunch is in support of the SPECIAL OLYMPICS

# A KNIGHT WITH TWO WARRIORS AND A TIGER

And the day we got the 1975 Kiwis Team together again, 39 years later!

Join Sir Peter in celebrating three local lads from Auckland who went on to become legends of rugby league at home and abroad: Kurt & Dane Sorensen (Mt Wellington Warriors) and Gary "Whiz" Freeman (Northcote Tigers). Joining them from the South Island will be Tony Coll, Ray Bexendale, Logan Edwards; and... all the way from Australia! Graeme Farrer - Kiwi #398.



# Lunch looms as biggest yet!

The **Mad Butcher Suburban Newspapers Community Trust** lunch on June 20 – billed as a **Knight with two Warriors and a Tiger** – is shaping as the biggest league lunch yet. Not only are **Kurt and Dane Sorensen** back from Australia with **Gary Freeman**, but **Kiwis** coach **Stephen Kearney**, and skipper **Simon Mannering** are appearing. Dane's as excited as anything and I don't think Dane would mind me sharing part of the email he sent me with you:

Mad Butcher,

I could not be more excited to come home knowing that Tony Coll and Ray Baxendale will be there at the function. My brother, Kurt and I debuted for the Kiwis with them in Christchurch in 1975 and I have not seen them since then. I am more excited than I was for my 21st birthday.

To have had the opportunity to represent New Zealand and be successful in the sporting field for your country is an honour bestowed only to a few.

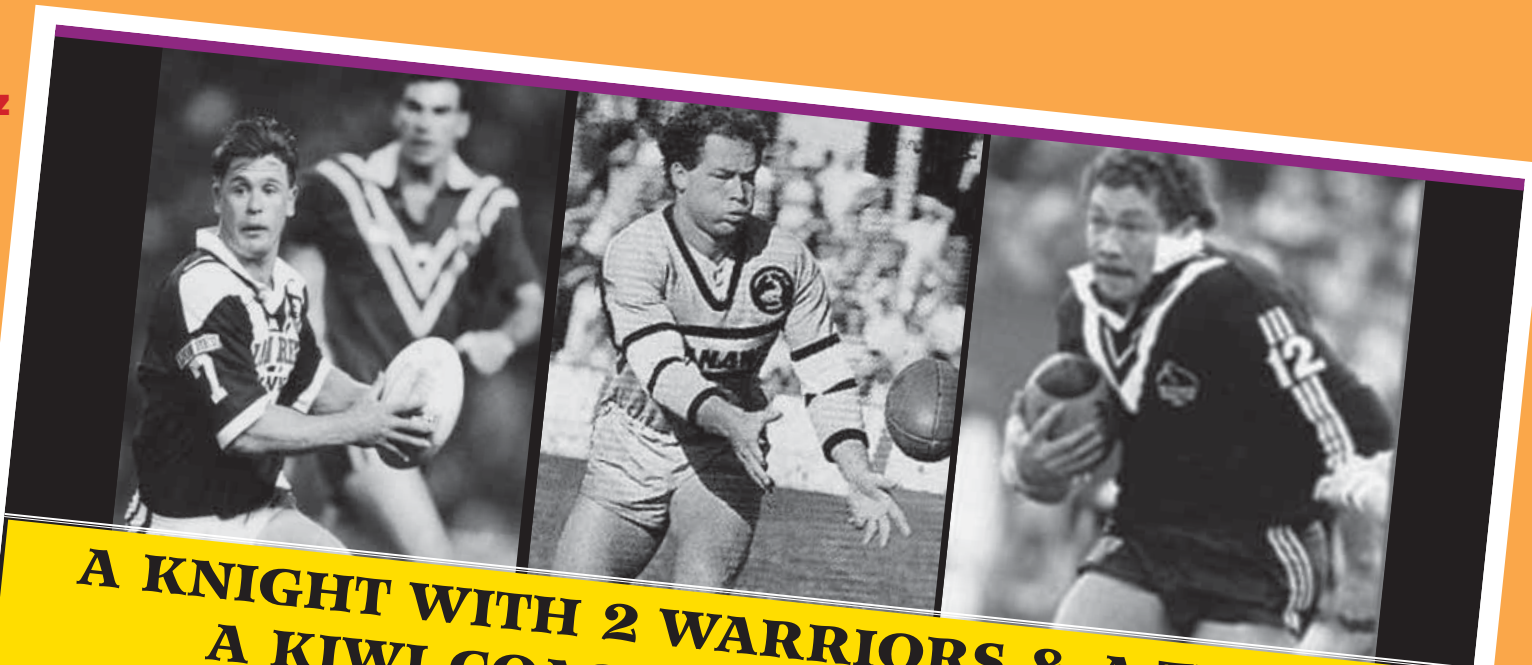
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To buy a ticket contact

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or call her on **09 925 9942**.

Check out the information above and opposite for more detail.



**A KNIGHT WITH 2 WARRIORS & A TIGER,  
A KIWI COACH, A KIWI CAPTAIN  
& A KIWI TEAM FROM 1975**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014 | 12 Noon**  
**Ellerslie Convention Centre**

Join **Sir Peter Charles Leitch KNZM, QSM** at a luncheon to celebrate 3 local lads from Auckland who went on to become legends of Rugby League International Stars **Kurt Sorensen & Dane Sorensen** – (Mt Wellington Warriors) and **Gary "Whiz" Freeman** – (Northcote Tigers) PLUS **Stephen Kearney** Kiwi Coach, **Simon Mannering** Kiwi Captain.

We will also be joined by the **1975 Kiwi team** that played France in Christchurch. These players have confirmed they will be at the luncheon: **J.A. Whittaker, P.C. Orchard, J.C. O'Sullivan, D.A. Williams, K.L. Stirling, T.H. Conroy, J. Greengrass, D. Sorensen, A. P. Coll, R. F. Baxendale, M. K. Eade, W.R. Collicoat, L. J Proctor, K. Sorensen**

They will share stories and re-live past glories celebrating the Kiwi Rugby League Jersey.

Also joining us on the day will be more Kiwi greats such as former Kiwi **Shane "Charlie" Varley, Awen Guttenbeil, Duane Mann, Monty Betham, Richie Barnnet, Stacey Jones.**

\*Radio Sport will be broadcast LIVE at the luncheon

**This day MUST NOT be missed .....and will be a long luncheon!...**

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**Maori Television** has a great line up of rugby league games for fans to enjoy including the **Vodafone Warriors**, the NRL Telstra Premiership, the UK Super League and the Appliance Shed Fox Memorial Premiership.

**Starting on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2014**, there will be two Fox Memorial games each week from rounds 10-18, two play-off games and LIVE coverage of the final, shown on **Maori TV**.

**Games being broadcast for round 10 are:**

- **Pt Chev Pirates vs Glenora Bears on Saturday 14th June at 3.30pm**
- **Howick Hornets vs Otahuhu Leopards on Sunday 15th June at 1.30pm**

These games will also be available to view on the **Maori TV** website at <http://www.maoritelevision.com/tv/shows/fox-memorial-shield> and on the **Te Reo** channel, commentated in Maori.

And don't forget to stay tuned to **Maori TV** on Sundays to watch the **UK Super League games at 3.30pm and delayed coverage of the Vodafone Warriors games at 7.30pm.**

For more information and game schedules on **Maori TV**, please go to their website: [www.maoritelevision.com](http://www.maoritelevision.com)

## **Continued support on Maori Television for local rugby league**

Over the next 12 weeks, host **Te Arahī Maipi**, commentator **Dale Husband** and **Rusty Matua** will cover two games from rounds 10 to 18 of the Fox Memorial Shield premiership, followed by play-off games and LIVE coverage of the grand final game.

Auckland Rugby League Operations Manager, **Troy Hardy**, says they are pleased to once again have **Maori Television** broadcasting the Appliance Shed Fox Memorial Shield premiership matches.

"With Maori Television we are taking the Auckland game to a national audience, and we look forward to the coverage in 2014," he said.

Each weekend there will be one game broadcast on Maori Television on Saturday at 3.30pm and the other on Sunday at 1.30pm.

**Wairangi Koopu** and **Hemana Waaka** are also part of the team providing Maori commentary of the same games for **Te Reo** channel. These will be broadcast on Sundays at 9.00pm and Tuesdays at 8.30pm.

Teams in the 2014 Appliance Shed Fox Memorial premiership include: **Glenora Bears, Howick Hornets, Mangere East Hawks, Marist Saints, Mt Albert Lions, Northcote Tigers, Otahuhu Leopards, Papakura Sea-Eagles, Point Chevalier Pirates** and **Richmond Bulldogs**.

Tune in for coverage of the Fox Memorial Shield premiership on **Maori Television** on Saturday, June 14 at 3.30pm and on **Te Reo** channel on Sunday, June 15 at 9.00pm.

## **Maori Television Broadcast Schedule of Round 10-18 games**

### **Round 10**

Saturday 14 June at 3.30pm - Pt Chevalier Pirates vs Glenora Bears  
Sunday 15 June at 1.30pm - Howick Hornets vs Otahuhu Leopards

### **Round 11**

Saturday 21 June at 3.30pm - Mt Albert Lions vs Northcote Tigers  
Sunday 22 June at 1.30pm - Otahuhu Leopards vs Papakura Sea-Eagles

### **Round 12**

Saturday 28 June at 3.30pm - Howick Hornets vs Papakura Sea-Eagles  
Sunday 29 June at 1.30pm - Mangere East Hawks vs Mt Albert Lions

### **Round 13**

Saturday 5 July at 3.30pm - Mangere East Hawks vs Pt Chevalier Pirates  
Sunday 6 July at 1.30pm - Northcote Tigers vs Marist Saints

### **Round 14**

Saturday 12 July at 3.30pm - Marist Saints vs Mangere East Hawks  
Sunday 13 July at 1.30pm - Papakura Sea-Eagles vs Richmond Bulldogs

### **Round 15**

Saturday 19 July at 3.30pm - Richmond Bulldogs vs Glenora Bears  
Sunday 20 July at 1.30pm - Pt Chevalier Pirates vs Howick Hornets

### **Round 16**

Saturday 26 July at 3.30pm - Northcote Tigers vs Otahuhu Leopards  
Sunday 27 July at 1.30pm - Glenora Bears vs Mangere East Hawks

### **Round 17**

Saturday 2 August at 3.30pm - Mt Albert Lions vs Glenora Bears  
Sunday 3 August at 1.30pm - Marist Saints vs Papakura Sea-Eagles

### **Round 18**

Saturday 9 August at 3.30pm - Richmond Bulldogs vs Marist Saints  
Sunday 10 August at 1.30pm - Mt Albert Lions vs Pt Chevalier Pirates

Details of play-off games still to be confirmed. Live coverage of the grand final game will be on Saturday 30 August at 3.30pm.

# **Five young Kiwi baseballers get trip of a lifetime to attend World Children's Baseball Fair in Japan**

**F**ive young Kiwi Baseballers have been selected to attend the World Children's Baseball Fair (WCBF) and will meet legends of the sport, participate in a cultural exchange and soak up baseball for nearly two weeks in an all-expenses-paid trip to Ehime, Japan next month.

The World Children's Baseball Fair was founded in 1989 by home-run-kings Sadaharu Oh and Hank Aaron, along with Dr Akiko Agishi. The mission of the organization is, "to share the dream of friendship and teamwork with the children of the world and to sow the seeds of that dream through an international baseball fair."

The WCBF provides the tools and encouragement for children to grow and become citizens of the world and build international bridges that connect and unite people through a common love of baseball, according to the founding organization. This year's event will be held from 30 July – 7 August, and will include children from 15 nations from across the world participating in baseball clinics, cultural events and tourist trips.

North Shore baseball player Harrison Lough is one of the five selected and his father Adam has heard from others that the experience is priceless. "Both Harrison and myself feel very privileged for him to be selected to represent New Zealand at the World Children's Baseball Fair," said the North Shore City Baseball Club board member. "We realise what a fantastic opportunity he has to develop his skills and indulge his passion for baseball."

Harrison is very excited at the prospect of the trip, and he and his father have been doing some research on the fair. "Together we have been viewing the website and looking at the photos from previous fairs and participants comments," said the diehard Yankees fan. "I think Harrison and the other boys will learn about how global the game of baseball is and will be able to meet children from lots of different countries and backgrounds who are equally as keen about the game," added Lough. "Hopefully he will be able to make friends and stay in contact with these children and, of course, their skills will also improve given the calibre of coaching they will receive over there."

Baseball New Zealand would like to congratulate the following participants on their selection to attend the World Children's Baseball Fair:

**Bayside Westhaven Baseball Club**

**Travis Murdoch**

**William Keil**

**Central City Baseball Club**

**Aidan Roe**

**Howick Pakuranga Baseball Club**

**Dominic Spinnler**

**North Shore City Baseball Club**

**Harrison Lough**

**Orewa Sharks Baseball Club**

**Blair Heeney, Chaperone**





The team behind our game supporting Cheryl while she receives the Award. From left to right: Karl McDonald – kiwi’s physio, Lee Greig – last years SDRL Administrator, Jeremy Borland – Ram, Cheryl Officer – SDRL Chairperson, Angela Dixon – SDRL Administrator, Daniel Low – Ram, Steve Martin – NZRL Southern Zone GM.



RIGHT: Cheryl receiving the administrator of the year award. The award was presented by Southland Times reporter Mark Hotton to Cheryl Officer – SDRL Chairperson.

## Good on you, Cheryl!

I heard from my good mate and top South Islander **Greg Dawson** from **Roadrunner Panel and Paint** in Southland the other day. And he is as proud as punch. He sent me a lovely picture of **Cheryl Officer**, the chairwomen of Southland Rugby

League, who picked up the prestige Administrator of the Year award at the Southland Sports Awards.

“We are very proud of her here in Southland. I’m sure a lot of the other districts would appreciate, we are always up against ongoing challenges from other codes, so this is a major achievement for league down here, and we are very grateful to have someone like Cheryl (in an unpaid position) who works so hard for our game.”

## All Four Nations tickets now on pre-sale

**How is this? Grab the first tickets to this year’s Four Nations.** If you’re after seats at the **Kiwis v England** game at **Dunedin on November 8**, they are available through **Ticket Direct**. Visit [www.ticketdirect.co.nz/event/details/100436/nz-kiwis-vs-england](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz/event/details/100436/nz-kiwis-vs-england) and use the promo code **kiwis2014**.

For tickets to the **Kiwis v Samoa (Whangarei, Nov. 1)**, and **Final (Wellington, Nov 15)**  
<http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?pp=QMEMB&sh=FOURNATI14>

Get in quick, before tickets go on public sale next week.

Follow the **Kiwis** on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/nzkiwis](http://www.facebook.com/nzkiwis)) and on Twitter ([@NZRL\\_Kiwis](https://twitter.com/NZRL_Kiwis)).



Me and my Princess! My granddaughter, Kristin and I sporting a couple of Vodafone Warriors’ Beanies.

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## First bye of the year so I’m on the road

The **Vodafone Warriors** go into their first bye of the season before they prepare for their last 11 games of the regular season, seven of them at Mt Smart, starting with the **Broncos** on June 21.

That means I could have the weekend off, but instead I am flying to Wellington on Friday night in my position as patron of **New Zealand Rugby League** to support the fundraising game being played to back the **Child Cancer Foundation**.

Good on you boys, I’m sure the Randwick and University sides will put on a stellar show.

Then on Saturday I am off to Gisborne, where the **Vodafone Warriors NSW Cup side** will create history. Their game against **Cronulla** - a home game away from home – will be the first NSW Cup game ever played there.

The local council has got right behind it, and it is a smoke-free and alcohol-free venue, so bang on for a terrific family event.

I’m looking forward to seeing our great game being played at a local level, and in a unique setting.

## LEAGUE WITH A CAUSE

### Charity Shield Match

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**FRIDAY 13TH JUNE**  
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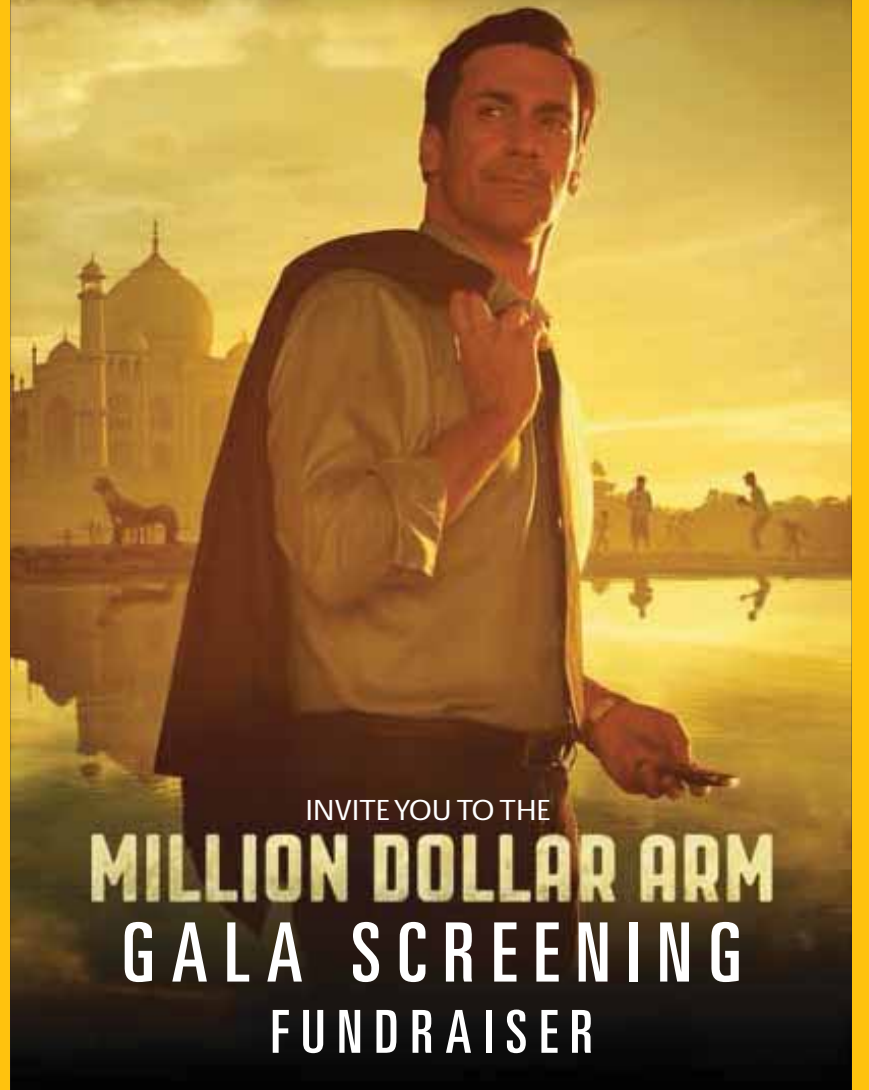
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ADMIT TWO

**DON'T MISS THIS BIG MOVIE NIGHT, TOMORROW, FRIDAY 13 at Hoyt's Sylvia Park. roceedsP will benefit efforts to get a national stadium built in Auckland as well as highlight the fact that we have three national teams participating in World Championship events this year. To put this into perspective, we've never been in one baseball world championship event in our entire history.**

## Caught up with some British legends

**managed to catch up with the England rugby team** this week and there were two faces I recognised straight away. And I have to confess I was a bit taken aback that they recognised me too. **Andy Farrell** and **Joe Lydon** were both outstanding league players in their own right, clocking up many milestones.

It was terrific to see them again, and they were chuffed to get some **Vodafone Warriors** scarves and Canterbury hats, and to tell me how they remember being taken out for tea by me.

They were with young **Ed Slater**, who is a player with a big future in rugby, and a good guy too.

Joe played in the 1980s-90s with Widnes, Wigan, and Great Britain. He could slot in at fullback, wing, centre, and stand-off, and of course went on to coach England at rugby . He made history when he joined Wigan in 1986, becoming league's first £100,000 transfer. After an outstanding career that included 30 caps, he actually played one more international - for Ireland in their first ever test, a 24-22 win over USA in 1995.

Joe also spent two English off-seasons playing in Australia for Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. On 24 May 2013, Joe was named RFU Head of International Player Development And Andy Farrell played league and rugby, captaining Gt Britain and Wigan, where he won a wheelbarrow full of titles, cups and awards before doing exactly the same thing in rugby, going on to play for England.

He was so bloody good he got the OBE for services to the game in the New Year's list of 2004, the same year he was named the best player in the world.

He's been involved with the England rugby set-up for quite a while, and I reckon that hard-nosed edge they have is a lot to do with Joe and Andy.

See Joe Lydon's Drop Goal - Challenge Cup Semi Final  
Wigan v Warrington 1989:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLRy1S42nFQ>



**SCARFIES! Asst Coach Andy Farrell, me, Joe Lydon and Mike Brown from the English rugby touring team.**



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This won't be a BBQ event, however, you'll be pleased to know that your good Mate, **Wayne the Mad Butcher on Kahikatea Drive Hamilton** supported us with discounted meat for a lunch event recently too!

Good on ya mate,

Paul Tierney, Crime Prevention Constable, Hamilton



Guess who? Ex-Warrior...





# Your Big League Read...



THIS WEEK, IN THE ROUND 14 ISSUE OF BIG LEAGUE... ON SALE THURS, JUNE 12

OUR FINAL STATE OF ORIGIN VIDEOS GO UP THIS WEEK AND THE GUYS TALK THE KING AND WE HEAR ABOUT HIS EXPERTISE BEHIND THE WHEEL DURING CAMP. GO TO BIG LEAGUE TV ON YOUTUBE TO WATCH.

## FEATURES

- **The Mid-Year Report** casts the magnifying glass over each club and their performance to date. Plus, Ben Ikin gives his verdict for their chances come September.
- **The Gold Coast Titans** club is proving a last-chance saloon for many players who have ventured down the wrong path and are looking to redeem their careers;
- **Willie Mason** says the off-field dramas the Knights have experienced this season are no excuse for their position on the ladder and it's up to the players to focus and turn it around;
- **BIG READ:** NRL One Community continue to expand the programs they deliver across the country. We speak to those working hard behind the scenes and the former players helping make the connection with those who need it most;

## PLUS

Gareth Widdop *By Numbers*; *Who's That Kid?* Melbourne's Dean Britt; *Big Clash:* Souths v Wests Tigers match preview; Adam MacDougall thinks there needs to be greater care for injured and retired players in the NRL; *Top 8 2014 Surprise Packets*; Greg Alexander says Penrith's success is the result of top recruitment, hard work and commitment.

**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 Dragons cheerleaders.

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# The Vodafone Warriors are going for a World Record when they take on the Brisbane Broncos on June 21, and it's off the field!

## “Largest gathering of people wearing one-piece pyjamas!”

Yes, that's right, we are having a onesie party, the largest onesie party in the world – well that's the aim!

Come along and be apart of the experience to support Charity Partner Kidz First Children's Hospital 'Jammies in June' along with Match Day Partner Flava. Come out and support the boys in this heritage clash and see if they can repeat their efforts from last year at Mt Smart Stadium in Round 15!

**Vodafone Warriors v Brisbane Broncos**  
**Saturday, June 21, 7.30pm kick-off Mt Smart Stadium**

**Gates: 3pm NSW: 3:10pm NYC: 5:10pm NRL: 7:30pm**

**Theme: Onesie Party Match Day Sponsor: FLAVA**

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As part of 'Jammie's in June' there will be collection points around the grounds for Children's Jammie donations and at all gates for coin donations.



### Ticket Offer:

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Fill the bank! We sold out the bank at our match day against the **Knights**, lets do it again! It's the most valued ticket on offer, Adults from \$20, Children from \$10. There's no excuse to enjoy a full evening of

Rugby League up close at Mt Smart Stadium.

**Half-time:** it's that time of year again for the annual **Flava "Socks, Jocks and Belly Flops"** aka the **Undie Run**. 20 fans will be selected from the crowd to participate in this onesie/undie relay. Have a laugh and get involved!

**Red Zone/Warriors Tent:** There's fun for everyone. The passing wall is here to stay, the kids

love it, come work on your passing skills. There's also face painting, **Warriors Forever** tattoos and more!

Feeling generous? This will be our collection point for all Children PJ donations as part of our Onesie theme supporting our charity partner **Kidz First Children's Hospital "Jammies In June"** campaign, keeping children warm in winter!

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