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Newsletter

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The Vodafone Warriors are back home at Mt Smart Stadium for their big game against the Penrith Panthers this Sunday!

Let's pack it out!

Warriors v Broncos



David Stagg of the Broncos is driven back in the tackle of Ben Henry, Sebastine Ikaiahifo and Charles Gubb of the Warriors. New Zealand Warriors v Brisbane Broncos, Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland. Saturday 21 June 2014.
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Once again, the fans turned out in force for a great game and goodtimes!

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On Saturday I was at Mt Smart to see the **Vodafone Warriors** take on the **Brisbane Broncos**, and take them on they did.

It was a tremendous game and at one point I thought our defence must break, but young **Charlie Gubb** thought differently, and he made a stunning tryline tackle that I thought got us home. It was one of those moments when you just thought no one is going to cross the line after that hit.

Anyway I won't go on about the game because you will have heard all about it by now, but you missed a ripper if you stayed home to watch the **All Blacks**.

For Highlights and Plays of the Week go to:

<http://www.warriors.co.nz/video.html>



NewsFlash!
Welcome to the world, Riley Joseph Hohaia. He was born on 23rd of June at 10.30pm, weighing 9 lb 8 oz. Mum and baby are doing well and Dad – former Warrior – Lance, is hanging in there too.

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Jacob Lillyman of the Warriors attempts to push off Ben Barba of the Broncos.

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What a few weeks I have had. I told you all about getting around the place and going to Gisborne, but it hasn't stopped.

On Tuesday I flew to Taranaki to talk about men's health and the next day I flew to Sydney to take in the State of Origin game, and where I was lucky enough to be invited to a VIP area where all sorts of famous league and indeed sports stars were hanging out

One bloke I met told me he was visiting from America, where he plays in the NFL for the **Detroit Lions** as a running back.

His name was **Reggie Bush** and you can check him out on **google**, where it will say he has 2.9 million twitter followers and earned \$4.5million in 2013.

What it won't tell you is that he is a super bloke, very humble and down to earth.

A Knight with two Warriors and a Tiger

On Thursday it was back on to an **Air New Zealand** – the greatest airline I have flown with – flight back home in time for the big **Mad Butcher and Suburban Newspapers Community Trust** lunch at the Ellerslie Events Centre on the Friday, **A Knight with two Warriors and a Tiger**.

We heard **Dane** and **Kurt Sorenson**, **Gary Freeman**, **Stephen Kearney** and **Simon Mannering** talk about the great game of league.

They were all interviewed by **Richie Barnett**, **Awen Guttenbeil** and **Monty Betham**, so it was people who know all about what it is to wear the **Kiwis** jersey questioning people who had gone before them, and in Simon's case, after.

A big heads up has to go to our sponsors **Glengarry Wines** and **Lion**. They have been right behind the Trust since day one and I can not thank them enough.

And especially to **Chris Smith** and the **Sentra Print** team, who went well beyond the call of duty, and made the Trust look really good with their efforts. So if you need some printing call Chris and tell them the Butcher sent you.

The **Ellerslie Events Centre** people were as great as they always are. What a good venue it is, free parking and plenty of it, great staff and terrific food.

Mark Watson of **Radio Sport** did an incredible job

broadcasting live from the venue, so much so I even had an email from a bloke in Queensland who obviously couldn't come to the lunch but listened to the whole thing. The **Radio Network**, marshalled by good mate **Sam Walsh**, were brilliant one again.

Without all their efforts we would fall flat on our faces, so to all of those who help us, a huge thank you from the Butcher.

Bring on the Panthers

Don't make the same mistake and miss the game live when the **Panthers** come to town this weekend. There are three games at Mt Smart, so it's going to be another ripper event on Sunday.

Of course Penrith are coached by our old friend and former coach **Ivan Cleary**, and they have been going really well this season.

We need another big crowd to cheer the boys on, having completed the first win of our three game Mt Smart stint.

Vossie gees us up

League commentator **Andrew Voss** was in the Mad Butcher's lounge before the **Broncos** game and he had a stern warning for us. He said, sure, it was the first game of three we have at Mt Smart in a row, but nothing was achieved.

We had a tough road ahead, with the **Broncos**, Penrith and then **Souths**, and we could not take it for granted that the points were in the bag.

He's dead right of course, but we still told him he was a negative sort of a chap, and the fans let him know they were right behind the boys. Good stuff.

Women in League

Sunday's game is the **Women in League** round. I love it and don't have any time for those who say it is just a gimmick.

It's brilliant to acknowledge how important women are to our great game. There's the mums on the sidelines cheering the kids on, doing all the work in the clubrooms, and washing the jerseys, and all of that goes largely unrewarded.

Then just stop and think a moment about all those players' wives who have stood behind their partners during really tough times. I could name names but I won't, but I know



Is this you?

To find out if you've been snapped in your Onesie, go to www.photosport.co.nz to see some great photos during the Warriors v Broncos game.

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many players who have told me they would never have managed to sustain their careers without the backing of their partners, particularly when they have had to deal with injuries.

Then the most obvious one. Take a look around you at Mt Smart on Sunday. There are thousands upon thousands of women fans turning up to see our team every week. Just brilliant. Ladies, I salute you.

Pyjama thanks

Our hard-working editor in chief, **David**, was in the lounge on Saturday collecting for the **Middlemore Foundation** and **Kidz First Children's Hospital**, with the money going to buy pyjamas for families in South Auckland.

We gave him a bit of a hard time on stage, but you all dug deep and he was pretty impressed with your generosity. He told me he visited the corporate lounge too, where he also got good support, but likes it far better with us ordinary fans!

He had to get my permission for this bit, because this is my newsletter, but he really only wanted to say thank you to everyone who chipped in.

Pictures on line

If you want to see pictures from the league lunch visit www.sirpeterleitch.co.nz, where you will also see lots of action from Mt Smart, most of it in our lounge, where everyone had a blast. That'll happen when you tip over the **Broncos!**

So thanks to you all for making it such a good night. Have a good week, because I'm certainly going to, and see you on Sunday!

I can guarantee you, the Ladies are going to be spoiled in the Stacey Jones Lounge Mad Butcher Club this Sunday! You can take my word for it! So bring your wives, partners, sisters, daughters and friends to the Lounge for a blast!

In the Lounge last weekend



Ex-KIWI Logan Edwards.



Ex-KIWI Kurt Sorensen.



Elwyn with Vossie.



Ex-KIWI Garry Freeman.



Ex-KIWI Tom Conroy.



David Kemeys.



James and Marcy won a trip to the Luncheon and game through the Newsletter and had a blast.



Ex-KIWI Graham West.



Ex-KIWI Donn Mann.



Southland Rugby Doctor, Peter Finlayson.



This young man from Christchurch was a very special guest of mine in the Lounge.



Ex-KIWI Dane Sorrenson.



Ex-KIWI Lindsay Proctor.



The ONESIE winners.



Ex-KIWI Monty Betham.



Howie Tamati and Kurt Sorrenson discuss the game.



Garry Freeman digests the game.



Peter Taylor holds up Steve.



Adam, Peter, Steve, Lee, Adam and Neil.



Steve Kearney's father.



Tony Flatley who had a birthday – his 70th.



Gary Freeman.



Ex-KIWI (Bill) D. W. Munroe.

*Dear Sir Peter,
please accept this e-mail as a heartfelt and sincere thank you for your generosity at hosting us in your lounge on Saturday night, it was a great night and certainly made my 70th birthday a memorable one, especially when you led the 'Happy Birthday' singing.
With all our best wishes
Tony and Margaret Flatley*

*To the "amazing" Sir Peter
Thank you so much for making our Dad's 70th birthday celebrations extra special
To show our appreciation, please donate the enclosed money to one of your worthy charities on our behalf.
Thank you + God bless
Elaine Casey + Ian Flatley + families xxx*

I was very humbled to receive this card for doing what I love doing. It just goes to show what lovely people are out there in our community. The donation will go to a worthy charity.

Sir Peter



I caught up with Mike Hosking's daughter, Bella Hosking. Mike's from TV and radio. His daughter is so beautiful she could be a film star.



The King wanted a photo with Dexter! And who wouldn't ?!



Onesies on display!

TOP LEFT: A whole squad of people looking very chic in their Vodafone Warriors' Onesies. A winning choice, guys and gals!

TOP RIGHT: It's Super Girl - adding a dash of bright colour to the evening!

CENTRE LEFT: Three attractive young women looking even more attractive in their Vodafone Warriors Onesies - good on yer, girls!



FAR LEFT: Me and my girls. Julie and Angela, my daughters and Kristin my granddaughter.

LEFT: Me in my Onesie.

The Luncheon Show...



Kiwis coach Steven, gets interviewed by Mark.



My moment of glory live on Radio Sport, who came to the party - literally!



Clayton Friend gets interviewed by his biggest fan, Mark Watson.



Grant and Jeanette Davidson from Wellington thinking they are Vodafone Warriors royalty at the game in the corporate lounge that they sneaked into!



Gary Freeman is interviewed by Mark Watson on Radio Sport who broadcast live from the luncheon.



The Sorensen brothers, Kurt and Dane, being interviewed on Radio Sport.



On behalf of all the ex-Kiwis, I would like to thank Radio Sport for broadcasting LIVE from the Luncheon (all afternoon). You did a sterling job and it was great to see our boys back in the public arena

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

Sir Peter Charles Leitch KNZM, QSM

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Taranaki boys turn up for breakfast

Waitara Bears' breakfast at Sir Peter's home before the Vodafone Warriors' winning game against the Broncos.

John Niwa – Photographer

On Saturday morning, Janice and I had the great pleasure of hosting 10 of the Taranaki crew who had come to the lunch, for breakfast. Howie Tamati and his brother were the leaders of the crew, and I can tell you it was a real pleasure to have them in our home.

They even brought some Taranaki sausages for me to try, and I have to say they were pretty damn good too, though not a touch on the Mad Butcher variety.

I have had the great good fortune to meet many people through the wonderful game of league, and it is something I still enjoy after all these years, so it was a great way to chew through a few hours before the big game.



An explanation from Butch about his Elvis collection.



Kiwi No 550, Howie Tamati, reads from one of the books in the library.



The lads getting their "game on" prior to leaving for the game.



Waitara Bears supporters, Steve Abraham and Joe Rauner, admire part of the Butcher's collection.



The Butcher is 'Live on Air' to Te Korimako Radio 94.8FM as he is each week. Flanked by The Waitara Bears. From left Joe Rauner, Mike Kapo, (Co-cook) Terri Tamati, Howie Tamati, Butch, Jeff Niwa, Chris Abraham, Morgan Watson, (with a gift for the Leitch's) and Steve Abraham.



The presentation to Janice and Peter.



The Butcher presents Terri Tatami, an avid Manley supporter, with a cap and carry pack.



Jan and Peter respond to the group after receiving their gift.

And a SPECIAL THANKS to this bloke, who took over Chef duties and did an outstanding job!



"Nothing like a GOOD sausage for breakfast is there, Butch?"

THANK YOU BUTCH and JAN for your hospitality and manaakitanga...

A warm social visit (and opportunity to see your Elvis collection!),

Waitara Bears

Breast Cancer needs our help

On Sunday the **Vodafone Warriors** will be supporting the **Breast Cancer Research Trust** as part of their commitment to the Women in League round.

As most of you will know, my lovely wife Janice, had to battle this terrible disease, and because of that I met many women in the same boat.

Without exception they were brave, determined and courageous, and absolutely committed to getting on with it.

So there will be all sorts of products for sale at the ground, and the Warriors are giving \$5 from their own gear sales too. If you can spare a few bucks, we might give this terrible disease a kick in the backside. I will certainly be right behind this one.

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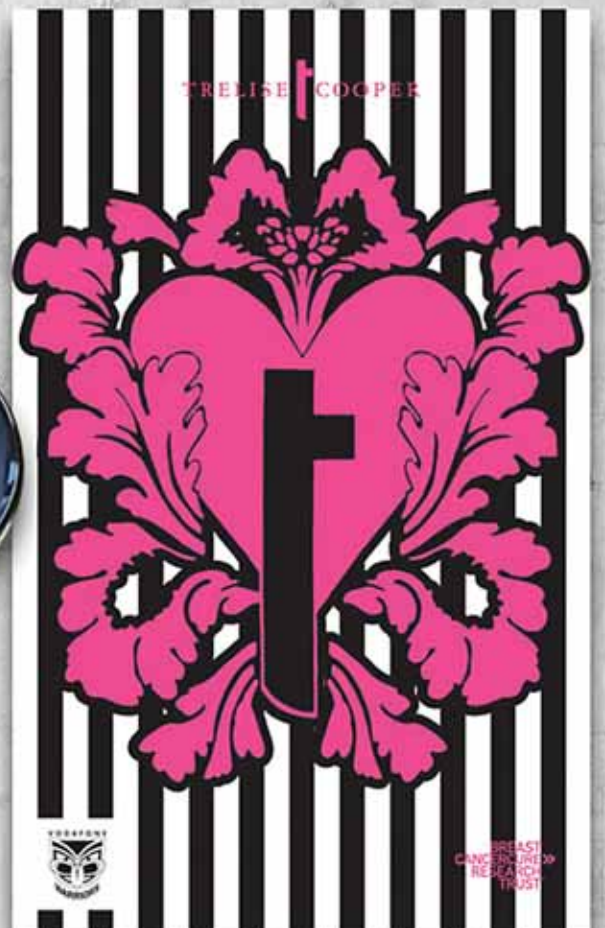
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CHEF'S CANDLE & TEA TOWELS

Hi Sir Peter,

Here's a photo of myself and my son, Riley, standing next to the fridge we won in your recent prize draw. As you can see, it fits in our kitchen perfectly and looks great! We'd like to take the opportunity to thank you and **Panasonic** very much – we love our new fridge!

Thanks once again and **“GO THE MIGHTY WARRIORS!”**

Ross MacAskill



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Dear Sir Peter,

*I would just like to thank you so very much for the wonderful Kiwis Reunion luncheon you hosted on Friday: “A Knight with 2 Warriors and a Tiger, the Kiwis Coach and the Warriors Captain”. There were so many players and staff from back in my time as physio to the **Kiwis** and **Warriors** (mid-late ‘90’s), and many others, from all the eras. I came up from the South Island for the day and felt very fortunate to not only catch up with so many old friends, but also to celebrate the Kiwi Greats, past and present. Sir Peter, you have such a gift for bringing people together and I was so grateful to be part of that on Friday.*

With thanks again and my very best wishes,

Gillian (Gil) Dunn

Former physio to the Kiwis, Warriors and North Sydney Bears.



THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 29!

Mt Smart Stadium

Yes, the **Vodafone Warriors** are at home again this Sunday after their win last Saturday, beating the **Broncos** 19 – 10, and **we need your support this Sunday to pack Mt Smart out** as we take on the top of the table **Panthers**, coached by ex-**Warriors** coach, **Ivan Cleary**. We need to show the **Panthers** Mt Smart is our fortress, so spread the word and rally our troops. The **Vodafone Warriors** are *Doing it for the Ladies* this

weekend as they take on the **Penrith Panthers** in their **Women in League** round. Since former **Vodafone Warriors** coach, Ivan Cleary, made the move back to Australia to join the **Panthers**, the two teams have had quite the rivalry. It's easy to understand why; the **Panthers** now have four ex-**Vodafone** players: **Elijah Taylor, Lewis Brown, Jeremy Latimore, and Isaac John, so let's show them Mt Smart is our home!!**

VODAFONE WARRIORS V PENRITH PANTHERS

THIS SUNDAY JUNE 29, 2014

Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose, Auckland, NZ
NRL kick-off 4.00pm
Gates open: 11.30pm

Our **NSW Cup team**, coached by Rohan Smith, take on **Penrith Panthers**. Kick off 11:40pm
Our **NYC team**, coached by club legend, Stacey Jones, take on **Penrith Panthers**. Kick off 1:45pm

NRL Vodafone Warriors v Penrith Panthers. Kick off 4:00pm

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Match Day Hashtag: #womeninleague #warriorsforever

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Tickets are available from Ticketek. www.ticketek.co.nz 0800 842 538

Kevin Locke tries his luck in England



Kevin brought his handsome son Louie along to lunch. Is he a future Vodafone Warrior in the making ?

Fullback **Kevin Locke** leaves this weekend for the UK to join the **Salford Red Devils** in the English Super League. I put on a farewell shout for him and the boys at Hansan Vietnamese restaurant in Panmure on Wednesday.

Kevin is a great young man and we all wish him well in his new club. And who knows? Maybe he'll find himself squaring off against the **Kiwis** one day!

Auckland, New Zealand, June 26, 2014

Fullback Kevin Locke has been granted an early release from his Vodafone Warriors contract to join the Salford Red Devils in the English Super League.

The 25-year-old Locke, off contract at the end of this season, recently signed a three-year contract with Salford.

Vodafone Warriors general manager football operations Dean Bell said Salford was keen for Locke to link up with the club for the rest of this season.

"We're happy for Kevin to be released now," he said.

"It will enable him to settle into life in England and establish himself with his new club."

Locke has made 89 NRL appearances since his Vodafone Warriors debut in 2009.

"I'm obviously sad to be leaving the Vodafone Warriors but I'm also really excited about the future I have at Salford," he said.

"I've got plenty of great memories from my time here and I want to thank the club for all the support."

Locke scored 152 points from 26 tries and 24 goals in his 89 NRL games. He also played for the Vodafone Junior Warriors in 2008 and 2009.



You can read the Warriors' official press release here:

http://www.warriors.co.nz/news/2014/06/26/locke_released_from_contract.html



THIS WEEK, IN THE ROUND 16 ISSUE OF BIG LEAGUE... ON SALE THURS, JUNE 26

THE BLUES HIERARCHY ISN'T SATISFIED WITH THEIR RECORD-BREAKING SERIES WIN OVER QUEENSLAND – THEY KNOW NOW IS THE TIME TO POUNCE AND CREATE THEIR OWN DYNASTY.

FEATURES

- **Johnathan Thurston** talks about the moment he finally became a man – after the birth of his daughter. He is now much more comfortable with his role both on and off the field and is prepared to leave the game with a great legacy.
- **The Eels'** new breed of forwards don't come much bigger than Pauli Pauli and Junior Paulo. Coach Brad Arthur is stoked he scored the stars in the making.
- **Steve Matai** has been called a lot of things in his life, but that doesn't faze the veteran. He's nearing the peak of his decorated career and has been one of Manly's best so far in 2014.
- **David Nofoluma** can score a try – but he's been working hard to correct all facets of his game, starting with forming a great combination with his centre partner Tim Simona.
- **BIG READ:** 'State of Mind' is a campaign that has resonated with footy players and fans alike. Many in rugby league suffer mental demons and are encouraged to seek help. Dragon Dan Hunt is one and he is doing his best to help others too.

PLUS

Ben Barba By Numbers; Who's That Kid? Warrior Kouma Samson; Big Clash: Sea Eagles v Roosters; Adam MacDougall looks at the complex topic of players speaking their mind; Top 8 Best Grand Final Rematches; Anthony Minichiello says the Roosters are facing their biggest test against Manly; New South Wales victory poster.

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 Broncos cheerleaders.



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