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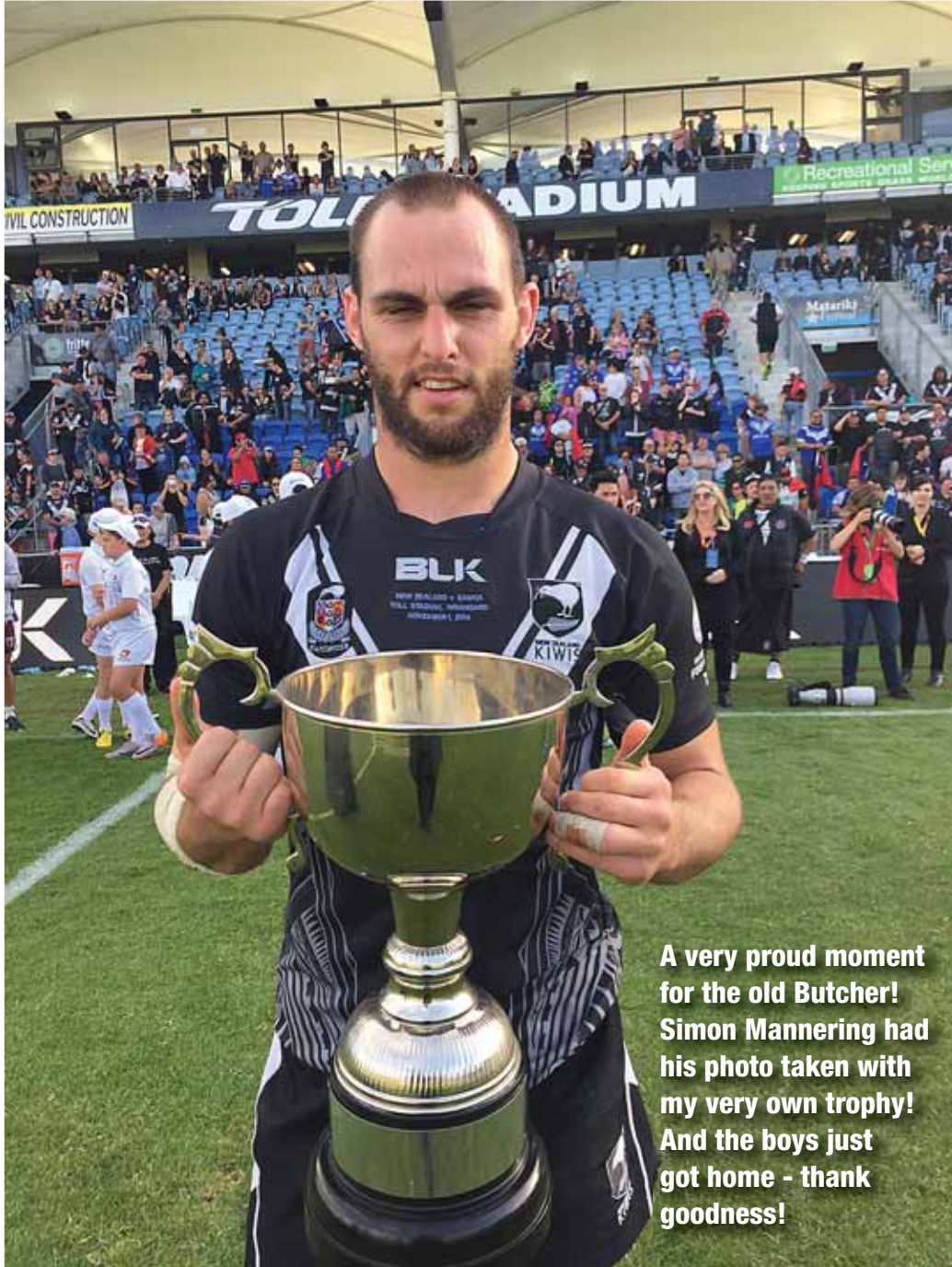
SAMOA



Issac Luke gets hit.

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# WHANGAREI TURNS IT ON. WHAT A GAME!



**A very proud moment for the old Butcher! Simon Mannering had his photo taken with my very own trophy! And the boys just got home - thank goodness!**

## **T**ake a bow Northland. A staggering 17,000-odd people turned up at Toll Stadium on Saturday to watch the Kiwis beat Toa Samoa in a cliff-hanger of a game.

Last time I looked Whangarei was nowhere near the size of Melbourne, and when you consider they only got 20,000 for Australia v England, you can see how well-supported the match was.

And a big thumbs up to Toa Samoa fans too. They travelled in their thousands for the game, with the motorway full of buses, and their side did not let them down. They also contributed a lot to a terrific atmosphere, and to be fair, it looked for a long time like they were really going to have something to celebrate.

Some will say the boys in blue were unlucky not to win, but as one-eyed Kiwis fan I will satisfy myself with winning ugly, even though we left it very late.

I had said all week to anyone who would listen that I would not put my life-savings on the Kiwis, because the way Samoa played against England it was always going to be a lot closer than most people thought.

Samoa have come a long way, and after having watched Australia squeak home against England on Sunday, I am willing to give people the same advice. Do not expect Australia to run away with it when they go head to head. After narrow losses to England and the Kiwis, Samoa will feel they have one game left in them and a point to prove.

### **Bring on Dunedin**

On the other hand the Kiwis will be in Dunedin in the deep south, and the mainlanders are going to have to turn up in numbers after watching what Northland did.

My sources at the NRL tell me, amazingly, that all four sides are still in the running to qualify for the The Kiwis look favourites because of their for and against, but if they were to take a hammering that might all change.

But I have to admit I remain confident that we will beat England, especially after our performance on Saturday, which was far from ideal. The boys will be keen to get back on form and I know how committed they are.

on the Four Nations journey with the team too, so credit where it is due, outstanding.

I am as excited as a dog with two tails. Bring on Saturday and bring on another win, and let's all get ready to support the Mighty Kiwis in the Four Nations final. Go you good things.

### **Time for some R&R**

The Kiwis got a bit of relief after their tough encounter with Toa Samoa, spending a little time in Cromwell at the motor racing circuit there, and in Queenstown. The English elected to go direct to Dunedin after their game against Australia, so they are giving themselves plenty of time in the host city to acclimatise and prepare.

### **Time for a decent argument**

I do not know how I get myself into these things, but on Friday I am taking part in The Great Debate at 6.30pm, where we will be arguing Rugby League v Rugby Union. Can you guess what side I am on?

It is all taking place at the Glenroy Auditorium and to be fair, I am pretty nervous about it, but I have Tony Iro on my side, and Nigel Wood, who is the chairman of the Rugby league International Federation.

Lining up against us are former All Blacks John Timu and Scott McLeod, and former Scotland international John Leslie.

If you are heading to Dunedin for the match and want to come along, you can get tickets at the stadium, or you can call Jacob on 0274 372173.

### **Thompson signs on**

Great to see we have signed Kiwis back-rower Bodene Thompson to a three-year contract.

You may not have heard that Jayson Bukuya will head home to Sydney, so the signing comes at the end of a good few weeks for Thompson, who is with the Kiwis for the first time, in for Sam Moa. He was 18th man against Samoa.

Thompson, 26, plays mostly in the second row but can play centre. He's been at the Tigers since 2013 after three

### **Well done BLK**

And I wanted to give a plug to apparel sponsors BLK too.

They have really got behind the team, so much so that they even produced a Kiwis flag that fans can buy at Mad Butcher stores where the games are being played for only \$5.

You can get one, and see all the other gear that is for sale at [www.shop.nzrl.co.nz](http://www.shop.nzrl.co.nz), though you will have to pay a courier – which is still cheaper than hopping a flight to Wellington or Dunedin.

One guy in Wellington went into a store and bought 20 of the flags, because he reckoned it was the first time in more years than he could remember that there was something affordable to buy to give to the kids on game day.

I would not normally give a plug for something like this, but I know BLK are not making any money out of the flags, and just wanted to show they were

seasons with the Titans, and has made 85 NRL first-grade appearances.

His signing will go some way to filling the void left by Feleti Mateo, who was released from his contract to sign with Manly.

Warriors coach Andrew McFadden said Thompson had a great attitude. "From the moment I first saw him play, I've been impressed. He's an 80-minute back rower who's really going to add plenty to our squad."

Thompson played for NZ Maori against England at Mt Smart and was with the squad again when he was called into the Kiwis' Four Nations squad.

He said the opportunity to come home was something he always wanted.

"I've had an amazing few weeks, being called into the Kiwis and signing with the Warriors," he said.

While revealing Thompson's signing, the club also confirmed Bukuya had been granted a release on compassionate grounds.

"The past season was a challenging one for Jayson, but all we want is the best for him, and his family. While his form suffered during the season, we appreciate the effort he put in."

### **Off-season grind starts**

The off-season grind is under way in the lead-up to the Vodafone Warriors' landmark 20th anniversary campaign in 2015.

March 10 next year will mark 20 years since the Vodafone Warriors launched their existence with their first match against Brisbane at Ericsson.

Head coach Andrew 'Cappy' McFadden as in his first full season in control after taking over in the sixth round of the 2014 campaign.

Alongside him is new assistant coach Andrew Webster, while Tony Iro has commitments with the Kiwis in the Four Nations.

Ex-Canberra centre-winger Matt Allwood has started life as a Warrior but Ryan Hoffman and Bodene Thompson are still on Four Nations duty with the Kangaroos and Kiwis and won't join the squad for several weeks.

Other players also committed to the Four Nations are Kiwis Simon Mannering, Manu Vatuvei, Thomas Leuluai, Shaun Johnson, Suaia Matagi and Siliva Havili, plus England's Sam Tomkins and Toa Samoa's Dominique Peyroux.

Veteran prop Jacob Lillyman has another two weeks off before resuming training, while Konrad Hurrell (wrist), Ben Henry (knee), Glen Fisiiahi (shoulder), Ben Matulino (knee) and David Fusitu'a (shoulder) are all coming off surgery - Hurrell just last Thursday.



**PHOTOSPORT**

### **Kiwis 14**

**(K. Foran S. Kenny-Dowall J Nightingale tries S. Johnson goal)**

### **Samoa 12**

**(J Leilua T Moga D Vidot tries)**

**Halftime: Samoa 8-6**

# PICTURES from the **FANTASTIC** day in **Whangarei**



Great day for rugby league up north.



Let the HAKA begin!





**Manu, the beast, on attack.**



**Jason Taumalolo in full flight.**



**Shaun Johnstone shows his class.**



**Issac Luke leads the haka for the Kiwis.**



**Kevin Proctor on the burst.**



**Captain Mannering leads the Kiwis on to Toll Stadium.**



**Shaun Kenny Dowall scores the winning try.**



**Happy time for the Kiwis - its hugs all round.**



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Was nice to catch up with the Samoa Rugby League officials at the game.

BELOW: Our captain, Simon Mannering holds the Sir Peter Charles Leitch KNZM, QSM Trophy that the Kiwis won on Saturday in Whangarei.



The brothers share the love after the win.



Ruben Wiki with Kieran Foran.



Jason Taumalolo



Suaia Matagi

On Friday night in Whangarie at the Kiwis test dinner rugby league legend, Ruben Wiki presented the players with their jerseys. To give you some idea what it means for an ex-player to present the jerseys, Ruben Wiki (he played 55 tests for the kiwis and was captain of the Kiwis that beat Australia in a final in 2005 - 24-0) drove up from Auckland on the Friday and presented the jersys and drove straight back to Auckland that night as on the Saturday he had something on with his daughter. Now, that's dedication! You just have love to the guy.



Martin Taupau shares a moment with the CEO of NZRL Phil Holden.



Greg Eastwood with his 2 year old son Praize after the game in the changing room.



As this photo shows, there is a real brotherhood with this Kiwis team. I see it all the time when I'm around the team.



The Holdens were one very happy family after the game. Evie (youngest) and Lila Holden, were our two youngest supporters at the game looked great in their Kiwis jerseys.



Shaun-Kenny-Dowall was stoked to have his dad at the game, who flew over from Sydney.



Four former Kiwis at the game tony Iro, Dean Bell, Lynsey Proctor and Duane Mann. Great to see our ex-Kiwis supporting the game.



The two Tonys caught up at the game: Tony Iro, former Kiwi, and Tony Vietch, famous broadcaster, who's mc-ing the great debate in Dunedin - LEAGUE V UNION - Want to know more? Go to [jacob@nzrl.co.nz](mailto:jacob@nzrl.co.nz)



Tohu Harris was pleased to have his dad, Paul, at the game. He drove up from Hamilton. Well done, Paul!



Kevin Proctor presents his second cousin former Kiwi Lyndsey Proctor with a BLK Kiwis polo shirt. Trouble was, it was a 2XL and Lyndsey is at lest 3XL!



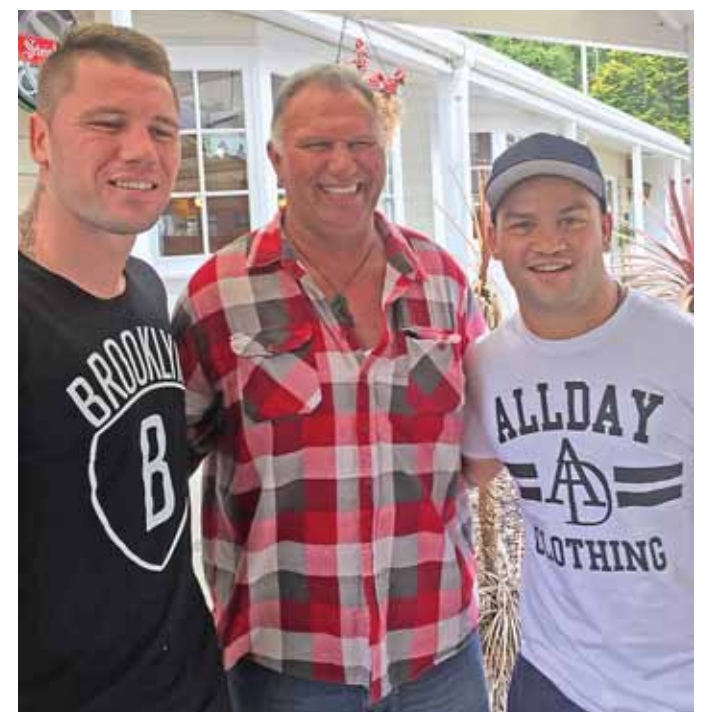
Lynsey was rapt to catch up with Thomas Leuluai as he played with his dad, James, another former Kiwi.



Adam Blair was very happy to be at home up north catching up with family and getting a hard fought win.



Two very keen *Kiwis* supporters.



My good mate, former Kiwi, Lynsey, was all smiles catching up with some of the Kiwis.



# PICTURES from DUNEDIN MAD BUTCHER



The team at the Mad Butcher's in Dunedin are right behind the Kiwis - England game this Saturday as the photos show. Pop in and get your \$5 Kiwis flags.

Thinking of heading to the **FOUR NATIONS FINAL** in Wellington next weekend? Then check this out!



## Four Nations Final

Westpac Stadium, Wellington - Saturday November 15th

The Four Nations returns to New Zealand in 2014, the first time down under since the Kiwis won 16 - 12 with an exciting last minute try against Australia in 2010. This year's competition features New Zealand, Australia, England and the Pacific Island representatives Samoa.

The Experience Group has official hospitality on offer for matches at Westpac Stadium in Wellington.

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- Access to the exclusive onsite venue in a seated table environment;
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- Cash Bar;
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- Lounge will open 1 hour prior to kick off and will close at the match conclusion.

**\$149**+GST per person



RUGBY LEAGUE  
FOUR NATIONS



# What's happening in Dunedin this week!



## WED

England Training at Tahuna Park, 5-8pm approx - open for fans to attend. Autographs etc afterwards.

## THURS

Dunedin Community Carnival - at Kaikorai Valley College from 11-12pm.

Kiwis attend as a team. Public invited. Local primary schools participating in a Kiwi League Tag carnival.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

The Great Debate 6.30pm  
kick of doors open 6pm  
RUGBY LEAGUE V RUGBY UNION- Glenroy Auditorium - tickets from the stadium or ring [Jacob on 0274 372173](tel:0274372173).

The league team Sir Peter Charles Leitch (Mad Butcher) Tony Iro (former Kiwi) Nigel Wood Chairman Rugby League International Federation.

Rugby Union team ex-All Blacks John Timu, and Scott Mcleod and Otago & Scotland International John Leslie.

## SAT

### FESTIVAL OF RUGBY LEAGUE AT LOGAN PARK

At 12-4 pm

South Island Intermediate Schools Tournament - Logan Park.

At 3pm

Otago University vs Kia Toa - clubs in a 9 a side game - both clubs are celebrating 60 years of Rugby League.

At 3.30pm

Otago University vs Kia Toa - Past and Present players have a game - celebration 60 years both clubs.

**TICKETS FOR THE GAME  
on Saturday  
Kiwis V England  
GO TO [ticketdirect.co.nz](http://ticketdirect.co.nz)**

### Tickets prices for the Dunedin test:

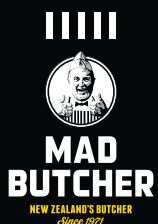
Category A - Speight's and Ticketdirect stands - SOLD OUT

Category B - Speight's and Ticketdirect stands - Adult \$35 / Child \$15

Category C - Mitre 10 Stand - Adult \$25 / Child \$15

Family Pass - 2A / 2C = \$90

Book online at [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz) or phone 0800 224 224 or at Forsyth Barr Stadium.



Mad Butcher shop has  
Kiwi League flags

for **\$5** each (selling fast)

# Greymouth Marist 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Proud Marist men descended on Greymouth from all parts of Australasia to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their old club over Labour weekend.**

**MARIST RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB**  
90th JUBILEE 1924 - 2014



NIMMO PHOTOGRAPHY



The anniversary cake.

Greymouth Marist men came from all over Australasia for the 90th anniversary dinner at Shantytown.



**MARIST RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB**  
90th JUBILEE 1924 - 2014



**Senior Kiwis**

They wore the Kiwis jersey. Back row, Tony Coll (1972-82), Wayne Dwyer (1982), Kevin Dixon (1965-70), Barry Gardiner (Test reserve 1958-60). Front row, Brent Stuart (1992-95), Neville Tiller (1961), John Hibbs (1969-75), Mocky Brereton (1969-75).



Club president Barry Sweetman (centre) and life members Danny Spark and Colin Spark cut the anniversary cake.



**MARIST RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB**  
90th JUBILEE 1924 - 2014



**Kiwis**

New Zealand representatives (all grades) – back row, Tony Costello (19s), John Greaney (17s), Mark Pfeifer (17s), Wayne Dwyer (senior), Kerry Calder (Juniors and 19s). Middle row, Barry Gardiner (Test reserve), Tony Reiha (15s), Peter Mason (15s), Tony Coll (senior), Chris Winstanley (19s), Kevin Dixon (senior). Front row, Neville Tiller (senior), Peter Sinnott (17s), David Soster (15s), John Hibbs (senior), Mocky Brereton (senior), Brent Stuart (senior).

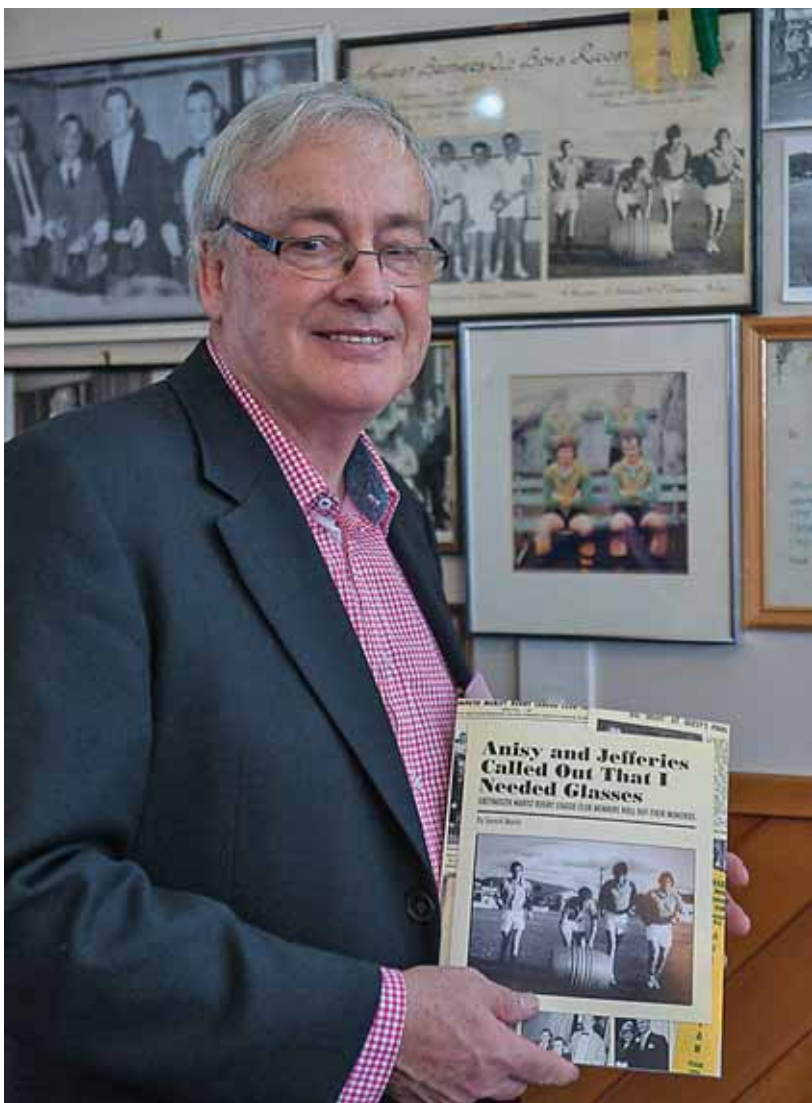


**MARIST RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB**  
90th JUBILEE 1924 - 2014



**Protestants!**

The "Protestants". While the Marist school supplied most of the club's players, some valuable members came from other sources. Notable in the front row is former Kiwi John Hibbs (centre) and Thacker Shield winning captain Peter Crawford (far right).



**Article by: John Coffey**

West Coast raised and Christchurch-based, John Coffey has been writing about rugby league for over 50 years. He has covered more than 100 Test matches for New Zealand newspapers and overseas magazines, and authored nine books. He was awarded a QSM in the 2014 Queen's Birthday honours for services to sports reporting and history.

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**FAR LEFT: Wellington-based Gerry Morris with the book he produced from the memories of 20 former Marist players.**

**LEFT: Paul McBride, son of great 1946-52 Kiwis forward Charlie, looks on as Gerry Morris signs one of his books.**

It is sadly true the West Coast's greatest exports are its young people, who leave to further their education and establish their working careers. **Marist** has not fielded a senior team since its 1998 championship victory, which preceded yet another migration across the Tasman, but it still has a buoyant schoolboys' (and girls') section.

Of course, you can take the kid out of the West Coast, but you can never diminish his West Coast heritage as the kid becomes an adult. People who had not seen each other since the club's 75<sup>th</sup> celebration in 1999 or the Marist School's centenary in 1992 just resumed past conversations as if they had never been apart. They had plenty of happy memories to recall.

Among the club's achievements are:

- Three NZRL Legends of League, Charlie McBride, Tony Coll, Mocky Brereton;
- Three New Zealand Players of the Year, Graham

- Kennedy, John Hibbs, Tony Coll;
- Two Kiwis Test captains, Graham Kennedy, Tony Coll;
- Sixteen Kiwis, Neil Mouat, Jack Wright, Mick O'Brien, Jim Calder, Bill McNeight, Charlie McBride, Bob Neilson, Bob Hawes, Graham Kennedy, Neville Tiller, Kevin Dixon, Leo Brown, Mocky Brereton, John Hibbs, Tony Coll, Mocky Brereton. In addition, Barry Gardiner was twice a Test reserve as well as a multiple world squash masters champion;
- International referee, Jim Griffin, who controlled the infamous 1951 Test against France at Carlaw Park;
- Three Greymouth mayors, including current mayor Tony Kokshoorn, who is a former club president and life member;
- Three All Blacks, brothers Bill and Kevin Meates and Ray O'Callaghan;
- Two NZRL board members, Bernie Wood MNZM and Peter Kerridge MNZM JP;
- Rugby league historians John Coffey QSM and Bernie

- Wood MNZM, who researched and wrote the Kiwis, NZ Maori and Auckland RL centenary books;
- Long-serving West Coast Member of Parliament, Paddy Blanchfield (1960 to 1978).
- The club was South Island champion (Thacker Shield winner) nine times, won seven New Zealand Marist tournaments and more than 40 West Coast senior trophies.

Two publications were produced to mark the celebrations. **Peter Kerridge** wrote a second volume to his 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, and Wellington-based **Gerry Morris** put together a book from the memories of 20 Marist men of their days growing up in that unique location which is the West Coast. Roll on 2024, when we will reassemble again in Greymouth to celebrate Marist's centenary.

- John Coffey

**NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE**  
**GILLETTE TRI NATIONS 2005**

Gillette Tri Nations Grand Final  
 Elland Road, Leeds, England  
 New Zealand 24 Australia 0

Special Achievements:  
 • Won the Sydney 38 - 26, for the first time in 46 years  
 • Beat the Aussies twice in a year - for the first time in 52 years  
 • Ruben Wiki - the most capped test player of all time, being up his 100 cap in the final  
 • First time the Aussies have lost a series in 27 years  
 • First time the Aussies have been held in series since 1955, when they were beaten 19 - 0 by the Kiwis at Carlaw Park  
 • The Kiwis became Tri Nations Champions, beating the Aussies 24 - 0 (and 19 - 0 at half time)  
 • In 12 months the Kiwis went from 'second sponsors' to Tri Nations Champions  
 • Many Kiwis travelled around the world to be a part of history!

Left to Right:  
 Craig Lewis, Marcus Forbes (Media Manager), Willy Halligan (Gear Manager), Pat Carthy (Business Manager), Peter Litch (Manager), Dayne Norton (Trainer), Brent Webb, David Kidwell, Bronson Harrison, Clinton Toop, Louis Anderson, Paul Rauhihi, Tony Puletu, Awin Guttenbok, Stacy Jones, Brian McCannan (Coach), Selwyn Pawson (Chairman NZRL), Ruben Wiki (Captain), Frank Pritchard, Manu Vatuvei, David Solomona, Jafeta Pakeiaesina, Nigel Vagana, Paul Whaturu, Roy Ascotas, Jake Webster, David Fakumu, Motu Tony, Lance Hohua, Phil Bonner (Masseur), Graeme Norton (Technical Advisor), Harris Fuard (Doctor), Michelle Booth (Physio), Selwyn Bennett (Vice Chairman NZRL & Tour Director)

Absent:  
 AJ Laubi  
 Norman Cayless  
 Shortayne Hope

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Yes, we do know how to best Australia in a final! Just have a look at this photo. I had the privilege of being the manager of the team; it was a fantastic journey. **Kiwis 24 Australia 0.**

# Paul Lasike's story could provide the impetus for an All Black to do a "Hayne change".

By John Deaker

**T**he All Blacks match against USA in Chicago at the weekend gave New Zealand's top rugby players a rare opportunity to showcase their athletic ability on American soil. People with links to NFL teams will have watched the All Blacks play and taken more interest in the talented New Zealand athletes than they do during a "normal" rugby calendar year. Powerful, skilful athletes like Julian Savea, Charles Piutau and Sonny Bill Williams could become subjects of interest for NFL teams for the first time. The experience of being in the US might also open these player's eyes to the size of the American market – and get them curious the same way Jarryd Hayne became about how they would perform in a bigger, stronger, faster (and richer!) code like American Football. In the build up to the test against USA, Savea expressed genuine interest in playing in the NFL and shared the sentiments of many sports fans down under when he said "Hopefully Jarryd Hayne is successful in the area and can create an avenue for us." Hayne's decision to have a crack at the NFL

last month attracted so much attention from Australasian sports fans because of the unknown element. Examples of people going from the NRL to the NFL are unheard of and there also appears to be no examples where players from any sport have sacrificed the safety (that Hayne has done) of a million-dollar-a-year salary to try their hand at American Football. There is a few precedents that could give both rugby union players and NFL teams some faith that rugby players are capable of making a successful code switch to American Football. Former Church College (Hamilton) Student Paul Lasike is one of the most prominent ones. Lasike adapted so quickly to playing American Football during his first year with BYU's College Football team that when his rugby sponsorship with BYU ended in 2012 it simply rolled on to becoming a College Football scholarship with BYU for 2013. Lasike has been able to continue playing both codes since then due to BYU's close links between their rugby and College Football programs. This has been allowed despite the fact that some of the conditioning requirements from code to

code differ a lot. Another unique element of Lasike's journey has been that he went on a 2 year Mormon mission (like Will Hopoate did from the NRL in recent years) which delayed any chance he had to try his hand at American Football. BYU's American Football coach had him on his radar back in 2009 when he starred in the college's National Championship victory. However, his LDS mission meant they didn't get a chance to introduce him to American Football till 2012. Similar to the way that rugby league players struggle more picking up rugby union when they try to be a rugby forward (Brad Thorn being debatably the most successful forward to convert), there is a general consensus that attacking positions in American Football are the tougher ones for players to adjust to if they haven't played the sport before. This has made Lasike's smooth transition from a rugby midfielder to an American Football running back even more remarkable. It seems surprising that more of the magnificent Polynesian athletes in Australasian sport aren't specifically

targeted by American Football teams – especially at College level. Lasike had enough natural ability back at school in New Zealand to keep the Blues' current Super Rugby player George Moala out of the Northern Region A rugby team in 2007. Yet it took Lasike's barnstorming runs on the rugby field at BYU to get their College Football system to take genuine interest in him. A successful move by Jarryd Hayne would encourage scouts to look more closely at our great athletes in oval ball codes down under. Hayne has initially given himself 12 months to see how much progress he can make towards joining the NFL ranks. Since his shock announcement less than a month ago there has been widespread pessimism from American "experts" about his chances of breaking in to the NFL. Paul Lasike's success-story is one that should give Jarryd Hayne confidence that he can do it and therefore be a trail-blazer for more rugby and league players from down under to make the switch in the future.



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It's our 20th anniversary celebration and we want you to be a part of it. Be there, like so many were for our first game back in 1995, and show your support for the Vodafone Warriors in another exciting season of NRL footy.

# Steps on the Green 2014



## Teams are filling fast!

Teams are filling fast and we don't want you to miss out. Register your team today to secure your place at this great event.

Sign up, enter a team and find out on the day which celebrity will join you as the 4th player OR pledge for the celebrity of your choice as 4th player.



### When, Where and What time?

Friday 21st November, 2014 at The Grange Golf Club,  
2 Grange Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland

- 10.30am Registration • 12pm Shotgun start
- 5pm Reception, Awards and Auction

<http://www.stepsforlife.co.nz/sites/default/files/SOTG%20registration%202014.pdf>



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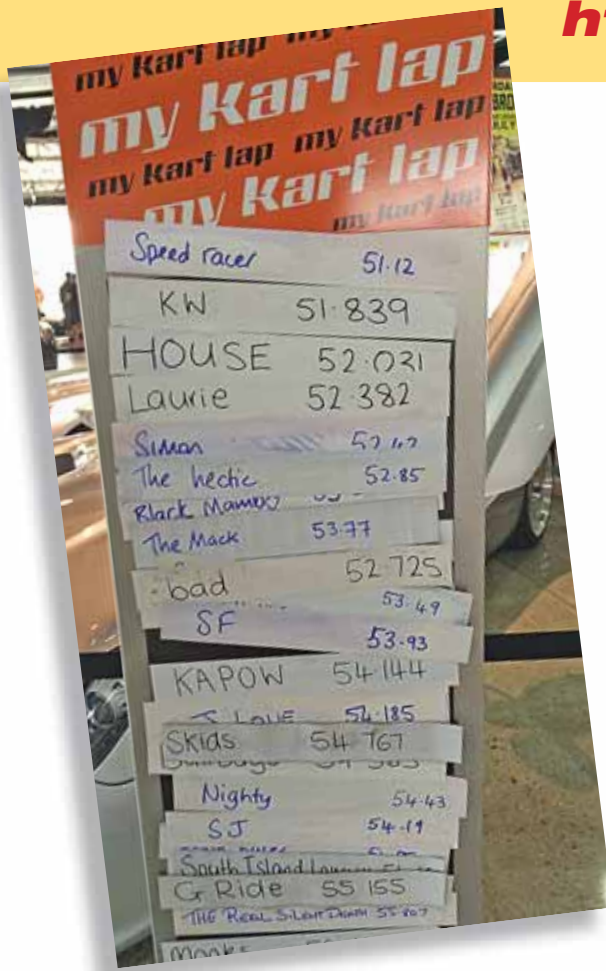


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We want to spread the word about our great  
game of rugby league!***

# A morning at Highlands Motorsport Park, Dunedin

Fastest go kart time of the day was Speed Racer (aka Bodene Thompson). Simon Mannering, Suaia Matagi & Tohu Harris all did hot laps in the owner's one-of-a-kind Lamborghini. Petrolhead heaven!

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



Name	Time
Speed racer	51.12
KW	51.839
HOUSE	52.021
Laurie	52.382
Simon	52.117
The hectic	52.85
Black Mamon	
The Mack	53.77
oad	52.725
SF	53.49
	53.93
KAPOW	54.144
LOVE	54.185
SKIDS	54.767
Nightly	54.43
SJ	54.19
South Island	
Gr Ride	55.155
THE REAL SILENT DASH	55.607



## Canterbury Rugby League Annual Awards

Canterbury Rugby League held its annual awards night at Twiggers, with the major award winners as follows:

**CRL Club of the Year**  
Shirley Hawks

**CRL Sportsman of the Year**  
Ken Tofilau (*Halswell Hornets*)

**Canterbury Bulls Awards**  
MVP – Chris Bamford  
Players player – Ken Tofilau  
Rookies of the Year – Ken Tofilau and Cyrus Timo-Latu  
Development Player – Izic Placid  
Sportsman of the Year – Agaese Fiso

**CRL Women**  
Sportswoman of the Year – Renee Puru  
(*Woolston Rugby League*)

An enjoyable evening to cap off what has been a successful year for CRL.

[www.canterburyrugbyleague.co.nz](http://www.canterburyrugbyleague.co.nz)

# Win tickets to the VNZMAs and other awesome prizes with the Vodafone Fantastic Fridays game.



**Fridays are great – and for the next 4 weeks we're celebrating NZ music!**



In the lead up to the exciting Vodafone New Zealand Music Awards (VNZMAs) we are giving you the chance to win tickets to the main event on the 20th November and other awesome prizes worth \$50,000.

Every Friday until 14th November, for 6 hours straight, play for your chance to win VNZMA tickets, Prepay Credit, Movie Vouchers, Smartphones, iTunes vouchers, Westfield vouchers and more.

Plus, every time you play you can enter the draw to win our main prize, a Fantastic Friday VIP experience for you and a friend at the VNZMAs.

**Vodafone Fantastic Fridays On Facebook:**  
20 prizes every hour, from 10am - 4pm every Friday until 14th November. Don't miss out!

**Play from 10am - 4pm every Friday! [www.fantasticfridays.co.nz](http://www.fantasticfridays.co.nz)  
Vodafone has \$50,000 in prizes to give away. 20 Prizes every hour.**



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Was nice to catch up with Rita in the Mad Butcher's in Whangarei. Big fan of mine, possibly the only one!



Look who my daughter, Julie, met in Brisbane over the weekend: the great Billy Slater! And what a nice guy he was, she told me, but I already knew that one.

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