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## McCaw's century is a statistic with plenty of significance

All Blacks' Richie McCaw after the Wales v All Blacks match, 22 November 2014. PHOTO: ©Photosport/Inpho/Billy Stickland [www.photosport.co.nz](http://www.photosport.co.nz)

**M**any insignificant sporting statistics get given more media coverage than they should. News last week that **Richie McCaw** was approaching his 100th test as an **All Black** captain provided a significant statistic that rightfully stopped many people in their tracks and received the type of exposure it deserved. A key measure of greatness in most sports is longevity. McCaw's lengthy career at the highest level is made even more remarkable due to the high-impact position he's played in for most of his career.

To give some perspective to McCaw's unique achievement of 100 tests as captain it's worth comparing him to the second on international rugby's list: the now-retired Irishman **Brian O'Driscoll**, who led his country 84 times. Not only is McCaw already way ahead of O'Driscoll's number of matches as captain but the Irishman's success with his team was nothing like the New Zealanders. Since McCaw first captained the **All Blacks** in 2004, they've won 88 per cent of their games with him in charge. His captaincy record reads: 100 games played, 88 won, 10 losses and 2 draws.

O'Driscoll managed 52 wins, 31 losses draws and 1 draw from his 84 matches as captain – leaving him with a 62.5% winning record.

McCaw's success rate has obviously been helped a lot by the fact he's led New Zealand's rugby team and not the national team in a weaker sport like cricket. The most successful **Black Caps** skipper New Zealand has produced was **Stephen Fleming**. Like McCaw, he was also only 23 when he was elevated from captaining the Canterbury province to fulfilling the same duty for the

National team.

Naturally, Fleming's winning percentage of 35% doesn't make nearly as flattering reading as that of McCaw's – though it does read better when broken down to the 28 wins, 27 losses and 25 draws that he had when in charge; for him to have won more tests than he lost is not only unprecedented but is astonishing when compared to most other New Zealand cricket captains.

Fleming was also fortunate in the same way McCaw has been to have had great players play under him. Players like **Dan Vettori**, **Chris Cairns** and **Nathan Astle** carved out records that see them remembered as some of our greatest ever players. In McCaw's case, a huge amount of his success has come when playing in the same team as **Dan Carter**, **Ma'a Nonu** and **Kieran Read** – 3 players that will also go down as all-time greats of New Zealand rugby.

One of the biggest compliments that can be paid to McCaw is how noticeable it is when he's not in the **All Blacks** – much like the **All Blacks** missed the experience and composure of Carter and Nonu in their backline against Wales at the weekend. It would remain one of the biggest concerns for the coaching staff of the **All Blacks** going in to next year's World Cup that a serious injury to McCaw could dramatically impact on the quality and confidence of their team.

One fascination post-2015 will be whether McCaw retires. He will probably wait till after the 2015 World Cup to make that evaluation in his own time. The result in the World Cup might influence his decision considering he'd ideally want to cap off such a successful international career with some sort of victory in the **All Black** jersey.

It appears likely that the **All Blacks** Head Coach, **Steve Hansen**, will stay on. Recent statements from both Hansen and the NZRU's CEO, **Steve Tew**, have indicated this. It would provide a different challenge for Hansen to carry on in the role should McCaw retire considering he'd have been fortunate enough to do all his 12 years with the **All Blacks** (as Assistant Coach and Head Coach ) with McCaw in his **All Blacks** teams.

The biggest reservation about allowing Hansen to continue as **All Blacks** coach going in to the "post-McCaw" era is that it creates a dangerous precedent; Allowing Hansen to continue in the job for a few more years is likely to see even more of our top coaches get impatient and head overseas – while also giving those already overseas like **Joe Schmidt** and **Warren Gatland** less reason to consider ever returning to New Zealand. While Hansen deserves credit for his very successful tenure with the **All Blacks**, he has had an embarrassment of player depth at his disposal compared to all other international coaches through this period.

The path that McCaw takes when he retires will be interesting to watch. He doesn't appear to be a player that will get into coaching – and there's sure to be no shortage of options available to him. Only one thing is certain: When McCaw does retire **John Key** won't mess around long giving him the Knighthood he already offered him after the 2011 World Cup – and very few people will have deserved the honour as much as "Sir Richie" will.



**M**y lovely wife **Janice** and I are away celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary with a little trip to Picton, where we had the most marvellous room. Next stop on our road trip is going over to Nelson for a little while and then it is on to Blenheim. It seems like yesterday that a nervous young man waited for his blushing bride to arrive. They say behind every good man is a good woman and I have had the best!

I am so keen that Janice has a good time I might even turn my phone off!

## Changes ahead

I have to announce that this week is possibly the last of the newsletters for this year, and all good things must come to an end.

There is to be a changing of the guard, and it would be remiss of me not to thank my good mates at Fairfax for all their efforts.

When the newsletter started we used to knock it off pretty quickly, but as it became more stylish and larger the folk at **Fairfax** were incredible, under the leadership of **David Jones**, producing many fine editions.

Then **David Penny** became the man in charge at **Fairfax**, and he still allowed my good friends **Sisima Ingles** and, more recently, **Rex Harrison**, to produce the newsletter. Of course, actually sending it to you would have been impossible without the hard work of the lovely **Amelia**.

Next year I'll be organising someone new to do it all for you, and as I said, I owe those people a huge vote of thanks, and especially my old mate, **David Kemeys**, who has been there from the start, and is always available to me 24/7.

The newsletter is not supposed to be about me, it is supposed to be a means for all us **Mad Butcher Club** members to communicate and stay connected. I have had a few people over the years tell me that it is a better read than half the newspapers, but I couldn't say that, especially with all the help **Fairfax** has given me.

## ABs give us another highlight

And now down to business. I was pretty chuffed after getting up early on Sunday to watch the **All Blacks** play

Wales to be rewarded with a cracking game.

How is having **Daniel Carter** as a water boy? He must be the most expensive water deliverer in the world.

But I was delighted for **Richie McCaw**. On the day, he brought up 100 games as captain, especially given how competitive Wales were, 3-3 at halftime and actually leading with 20 or so to go.

Of course the ABs showed why they are rated the world's best, putting their foot down and scoring a flurry of late to win comfortably. But at the end of the day they knew they had been in a game.

The other milestone was 362 first class games for one of the nicest guys in rugby, **Keven Mealamu**. I well recall doing a barbecue with **Sir Graham Henry** and Keven to raise funds for cyclone relief in the Pacific, and I was really impressed with our local South Auckland boy. He is a first class man and his record is well-deserved.

## Kiwis still a hot topic

And speaking of Sir Graham and barbecues, we did one on Waiheke at the weekend and I was amazed how many people wanted to talk about the **Kiwis Four Nations** triumph. I have never had feedback like it and I only hope the NZRL is able to kick on from the success, something we have not always been good at.

There is absolutely no question that it has given the league community a good buzz, so as I say, the challenge is what we do to capitalise on it.

## Good on you Shane

The other sportsman I want to salute is **Shane "The Mountain Warrior" Cameron**, who has announced his retirement after being beaten by **Keli Meehan** at the weekend. I was proud to be one of the first sponsors on board for Shane and he has always given 100% in whatever fight he took, and he has never been shy in helping the community.

He is a terrific man and I wish him well in whatever he tackles next.

## Good luck Monty

And on the boxing front, next weekend sees the **Fight for Life**, where my great friend, the former **Vodafone**

**Warriors** captain and **Kiwis** league player, **Monty Betham**, will face rugby's **Carlos Spencer**.

Chief **Ben Tameifuna** will face league's **Willie Mason**, admitting he loved the experience of facing **SamThaiday** at an earlier event, even though he lost.

And **Paul Holmes'** daughter **Millie**, will make her debut too, saying she was really keen to support the Hospice cause after the wonderful care the organisation provided her Dad in his final weeks.

And of course boxing fans will have the chance to see our heavyweight sensation **Joseph Parker** in action again too. The event is in Hamilton and I am looking forward to it very much.

## Maori Sports Awards

We have mentioned a lot of good people this newsletter, and there is one more I have to acknowledge.

The **Maori Sports Awards** are coming up and at them, the Little General, my very good friend and former **Kiwi**, **Vodafone Warriors** and all round exceptional bloke, **Stacey Jones** is to be inducted into the Maori Sports Hall of Fame.

It is no secret that Stacey and I go back a long way, and I can tell you we share a very special bond.

Sadly, once again, I will not be able to attend the event, which is a very great shame because Stacey deserves all the plaudits that come his way.

In my place I am sending my trusted lieutenant, **Dexter**, to represent us.

## Halfback makes me a bigger Blues fan!

As dyed in the wool a leagueie as I am, and don't choke on it, I am going to be a **Blues** season ticket holder next year because they have signed **Jimmy Cowan**.

I seem to have a thing about halves, what with Stacey and now Jimmy, but he is a great bloke too, and is always enormous fun to be around.

Let's face it, the **Blues** have struggled, and anything Jimmy can do to help restore a bit of rugby pride to our fair city is fine by me.



Well, it's BBQ time and I cranked up the barbie on Waiheke on Sunday and fed 300, courtesy of the Mad Butcher company, and the Mad Butcher BBQ patties went down a treat!



And my helper, Janet Whitfield, passed the Mad Butcher's BBQ Cooking MB Sausages exam with flying colours. Well done, Janet!



## Rotorua to host trial

Several players from the **Kiwis'** champion Four Nations squad will feature when the Vodafone Warriors take on Penrith in an NRL trial at Rotorua on Saturday, February 14 (3pm kick-off).

Between them the two sides have nine Four Nations winners, including Vodafone Warriors Simon Mannering, Manu Vatuvei and Shaun Johnson plus Penrith's Dean Whare and ex-Vodafone Warrior Lewis Brown.

The Vodafone Warriors' second trial ahead of their 20th anniversary season in 2015 will be their first in Rotorua for four years. In 2011 they beat Parramatta 24-4, while in 2010 they accounted for the Roosters 26-8.

The 2015 Valentine's Day match will be the central focus of a 'Festival of Rugby League'.

Vodafone Warriors head coach Andrew McFadden has welcomed the chance to have the team on show in Rotorua. "It's always good to get around the country and give members and fans the chance to see the boys up close. It's a while since the team has been to Rotorua, and the players are looking forward to it."

Apart from Mannering, Vatuvei and Johnson the Vodafone Warriors had Thomas Leuluai, Suaia Matagi, Siliva Havili and new signing Bodene Thompson in the Kiwis' 24-man Four Nations squad, while Penrith winger Dallin Watene-Zelezniak was originally selected before being ruled out with injury.

Our first trial is against the Titans on the Gold Coast, so the Rotorua trial is set to give fans their first chance to see new signings Ryan Hoffman, Matt Allwood and Thompson. Hoffman was in Australia's Four Nations squad, along with Penrith's Josh Mansour and Matt Moylan.

The quota of Four Nations players in contention to feature in Rotorua doesn't end there either with the Vodafone Warriors also boasting England fullback Sam Tomkins and Toa Samoa utility Dominique Peyroux.

The 'Festival of Rugby League' will feature community activities across the weekend, plus a nines tournament and age group fixtures on game day.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster. They can be bought at Ticketmaster outlets nationwide (including the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre in Rotorua),

on line at [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz) or by calling 0800 111 999. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$7.50 for kids, \$45 for a family pass (two adults and three kids) and \$70 per person for the corporate lounge including food service and own cash bar.

## Tooks gets hard!

I had an email from former Vodafone Warrior Mark Tookey the other day. Now you will remember he was not exactly the smallest bloke around, and was not famous for his slim physique. But

He is looking at doing his first 70.3 (Half Ironman). He is thinking about coming over and doing the Auckland 70.3 on January 18 and is looking for some sponsorships to cover his flights and accommodation. Of course he'll do interviews, appearances or whatever it takes to make it happen. Tooks wants to come over on 14th or 15th and return on the Monday or Tuesday. Any assistance would be great. For further correspondence you can email him on [bigtooks10@gmail.com](mailto:bigtooks10@gmail.com).

# Thais tackle the great game!



**A Lat Phrao Bangkok Bulldogs player finds plenty of attention from the Pattaya Sharks defensive line in last weekends double header in the Thailand Rugby League domestic competition.**



**An Asoke Bangkok Eels player is taken down with a bootlace tackle by a Samut Prakan Roosters defender in Saturday's match in Bangkok.**

**W**hen you think of the Kingdom of Thailand thoughts of a gracious, smiling people, gold laden Buddha statues in magnificent temples and a backpackers party paradise in Bangkok come to mind. Add to that great tasting food and you wouldn't be far wrong. When thinking of Thailand in terms of sport, a growing rugby league competition is probably not first and foremost for most sports fans. But the great game is here and it is finding its feet with Asia's first domestic competition being run in Bangkok.

A week after the Four Nations final in New Zealand the **Thailand Rugby League** played its final round of club footy in the nation's capital to decide its grand finalists. This rugby league traveller got to catch up with the man who has made a lot of personal sacrifices to make it all happen in a foreign land.

Aussie ex-pat and Thailand Rugby League Chairman and founder, **Shannon Crane** has had the mammoth task of making it all come together. Crane has also been working to cater for the increased interest in Rugby League in

Thailand with planned expansion for next season.

"We have Chiang Mai and Phuket entering the league in 2015 and if the interest levels are as expected in the Thai capital a further two sides will be added, one in Greater Bangkok and a second Pattaya based team for 2015."

Crane explains how important the new domestic league is to the game in Thailand. "The domestic league is the final piece of the puzzle when it comes to developing the game in the Kingdom. We have been running coaching clinics for school boy aged kids in Central Thailand in Bangkok and Pattaya, Chiang Mai in the north and Phuket in the south since 2012."

"We had to postpone our 5 week University League due to the political instability affecting mostly the Bangkok area but the domestic league is where we get 17-35 year old Thai players working under rugby league coaches with some Australian, New Zealand and European based players helping to bring the Thai player's skill levels along. The TRL domestic competition will culminate with their grand final at Boonyachinda Stadium, Bangkok 13

December kicking off at 7pm.

The Thai national team have already played international fixtures facing Greece last year and recording a victory over Norway at home last month whilst Serbia have committed to a test match in Thailand 2015.

Administratively, TRL are currently working towards meeting the Rugby League International Federation (RLIF) accreditation. The RLIF accreditation starts with Observer, Affiliated and then Full Member status. It takes many years of stable local competition and growth amongst other things before full member status is granted by the RLIF.

It was an inspiration to meet the Shannon and witness his determination and passion for our game. If you wish you can follow TRL progress on [www.trlrugby13.com](http://www.trlrugby13.com) or their facebook page **TRL Rugby 13- Thailand Rugby League**.

From **Duane Fyfe** in conjunction with **Rugby League Planet**.



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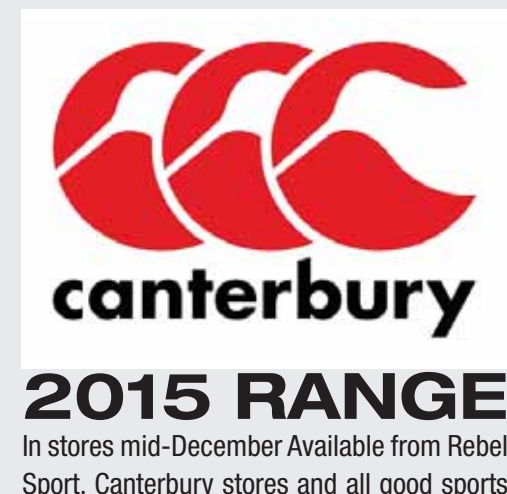
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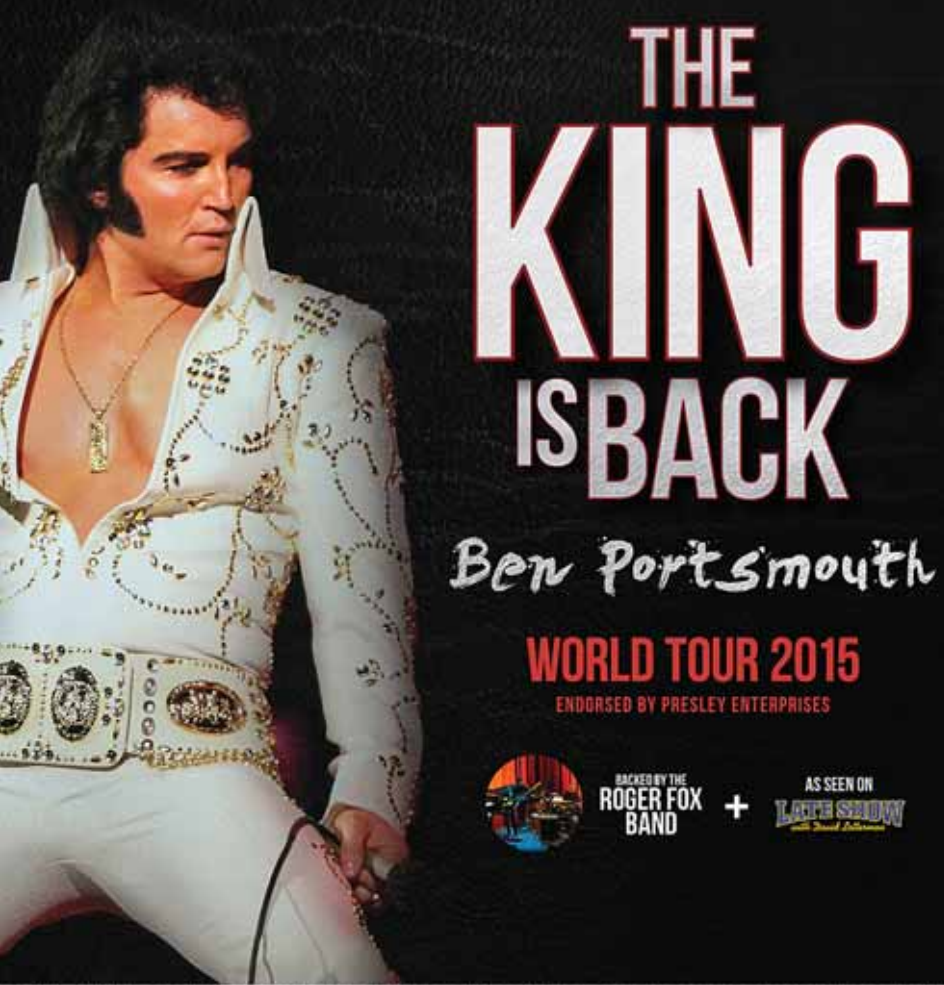
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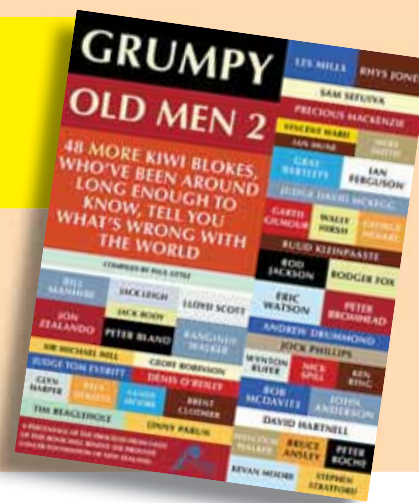
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## GRUMPY OLD MEN 2

In the follow up to the bestselling Grumpy Old Men, John Anderson, Bruce Ansley, Gray Bartlett, Tim Beaglehole, Peter Bland, Jack Body, Peter Bromhead, Brent Clothier, Andrew Drummond, Paul Dykzeul, Tom Everitt, Ian Ferguson, Rodger Fox, Garth Gilmour, Glyn Harper, David Hartnell, George Henare, Sir Michael Hill, Wally Hirsh, Rod Jackson, Rhys Jones, Ruud Kleinpaste, Jack Leigh, Bob McDavitt, David McKegg, Precious Mackenzie, Bill Manhire, Les Mills, Kevan Moore, Sandy Moore, Ian Mune, Denis O'Reilly, Onny Parun, Jock Phillips, Ken Ring, Geoff Robinson, Peter Roche, Wynton Rufer, Lloyd Scott, Sam Sefuiva, Merv Smith, Nick Spill, Stephen Stratford, Malcolm Walker, Ranginui Walker, Vincent Ward, Eric Watson, and Jon Zealando all sound off about what drives them crazy. It's a great read and, even better, the authors' royalty goes to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Available for **\$34.99** at all good bookshops.



### Grassroots Rugby League Fight Night in support of Ronald McDonald House Auckland.

Ronald McDonald House Auckland (RMHA) is excited to be the charity of choice for Grassroots Rugby League Fight Night 2014, organised by Allan Tonkin Director of New Flava Barbers and L.T.D Entertainment.

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, twenty of the toughest rugby league players from the Fox Memorial Shield competition and four women rugby league players will go up against each other to raise money and support Ronald McDonald House Auckland (RMHA). It will be mate vs. mate, club vs. club, not only putting their fists up for RMHA but for the club pride.

CEO of Ronald McDonald House Auckland has said "It's great to see the local community getting out there and supporting fellow Auckland families in need. RMHA's family room is located in the National Children's Hospital, providing accommodation and support for over 500 Auckland families a year, enabling them to stay close to their sick child in hospital. Its events like this that help create awareness for the House and assist us in providing a warm supportive environment and a 'home away from home' for these families".

So come along for a great night of corporate boxing in support of a great cause. Tickets can be purchased through Eventfinda, costing \$25 for general admission, \$1200 for a Silver Table which includes a buffet dinner and beverages, \$1500 for a Gold Table- located ring side and includes a buffet dinner and beverages and children under five get in free.

Doors open at five thirty with the first fight getting under way at six thirty, so come on down and support our local sports stars and Ronald McDonald House Auckland.

#### About Ronald McDonald House Auckland

RMHA takes care of families from all over the country whose children require medical treatment. RMHA not only provides accommodation, but also a wider support programme that seeks to alleviate some of the financial, emotional and practical burdens that our families may face during what is already a highly stressful time. In 2013, more than 2,000 families from all around the country made RMHA their home away from home when a child in their family required medical treatment.

#### Media Contacts

For further enquiries about Ronald McDonald House please call Claire Cooper on 09 365 8315.

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

# FIGHT NIGHT

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# Champions compete for Maori awards

A total of 26 world champions – as individuals or team members – are among the recipients and finalists who will vie for top honours at the 2014 Maori Sports Awards this week.

The 24th awards ceremony will be hosted by Te Tohu Taakaro o Aotearoa Charitable Trust at Manukau's Vodafone Events Centre on Saturday from 5pm.

The late Albie Pryor established the black-tie extravaganza in 1991 to promote and encourage Maori in the pursuit of sporting excellence.

He later expanded that brief to identify and support young Maori talent so they could achieve at international competitions.

All recipients and finalists are in contention for the supreme Maori Sports person of the Year award in honour of Pryor.

Tickets for the gala awards presentation are still available and \$150 + GST each. Contact Dick Garratt on 278 6591 or 0274 901 237.

## Recipients and finalists:

### Maori Sports

#### Hall of Fame:

Stacey William Jones, Auckland – rugby league

Philip Mikaera Taurangi, Auckland – golf

#### Individual

#### Maori World Champions:

Adam Tuwhitu Lowe, Invercargill – wood chopping, power sawing

Alannah Rihari, Kerikeri – crossfit

Jason Wynyard, Waitakere – wood chopping, power sawing

Lisa Carrington, Ohope – canoeing

Sonia Manaena, Invercargill – powerlifting

#### Maori In World Champion Teams:

NZ Rowing: Caleb Shepherd, Fiona Bourke; Fin Howard

NZ Under-23 Rafting: Dale Thomas, Taylor Taute-Hohepa, Toni White-Waerea, Kayla Pene

NZ Para-cycling: Emma Foy

NZ Women's Sevens: Gayle Broughton, Sarah Goss, Carla Hohepa, Huriana Manuel, Kayla McAlister, Tyla Nathan-Wong, Alexis Tapsell, Portia Woodman, Katrina Whata-Simpkins, Alley Chelsea, Jordan Weber, Shiray Tane

NZ Power Sawing: Jason Wynyard, Adam Tuwhitu Lowe

#### Maori Sports Awards Scholarships:

Manukau Institute of Technology: Clayton Strickland, Mangere College; Maihi Barbarich of Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

Skills Active Aotearoa: Koroheke Moana-Taniwha – waka ama, ki-orahi, rugby league

#### Administrator of the Year:

Trina Tamati, Auckland – rugby league nines

Heather Skipworth, Napier – Iron Maori

Willie Taurima, Wellington – basketball

#### Disabled Sports Person of the Year:

Cameron Leslie, Whangarei – wheelchair rugby

Holly Robinson, Dunedin – shot put and javelin

Emma Foy, Cambridge – para-



**Top coach:** Rugby league legend Stacey Jones is a finalist in the Coach of the Year award and is being inducted into the Maori Sports Hall of Fame. Photos: FAIRFAX MEDIA



**Honoured:** Golfer Philip Taurangi will take his place in the Maori Sports Hall of Fame.

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#### Umpire/Referee of the Year:

Glen Warrick Jackson, Tauranga – rugby

Amber Church, Gisborne – hockey

Henry Perenara, Sydney – rugby league

#### Team of the Year:

Maori All Blacks

NZ Maori Women's kabaddi team

NZ Maori Women's hockey team

#### Coach of the Year:

Stacey William Jones, Auckland – rugby league

Colin Cooper – rugby

David Kosoo, Red Beach – hockey

#### Junior Sportswoman of the Year:

Maia Wilson, Blockhouse Bay – basketball, netball, field athletics

Martine Puketapu, Auckland – football

Tyla Nathan-Wong, Auckland – rugby sevens

#### Junior Sportsman of the Year:

Tai Hikuroa Wynyard, Waitakere – basketball

Connah Pamatatau, Wellington – touch

Damian McKenzie, Invercargill – rugby

#### Sportswoman of the Year:

Lisa Carrington, Ohope – canoeing

Fiona Bourke, Cambridge – rowing

Krystal Forgeson, Auckland – hockey

#### Sportsman of the Year:

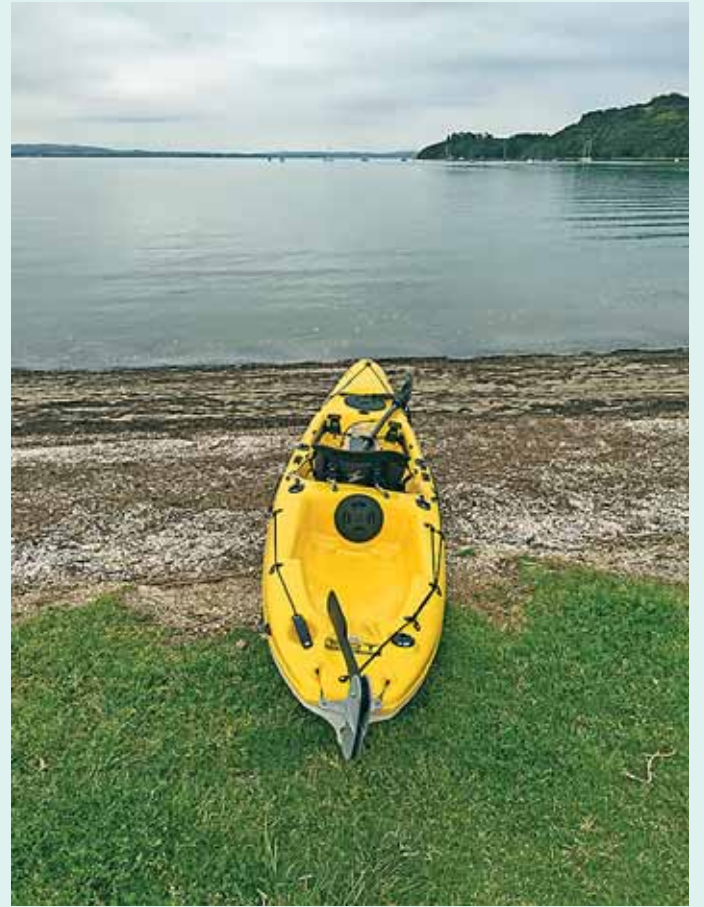
Jason Wynyard, Waitakere, Auckland – wood chopping, power sawing

Winston Reid, England – football

Aaron Smith, Manawatu – rugby

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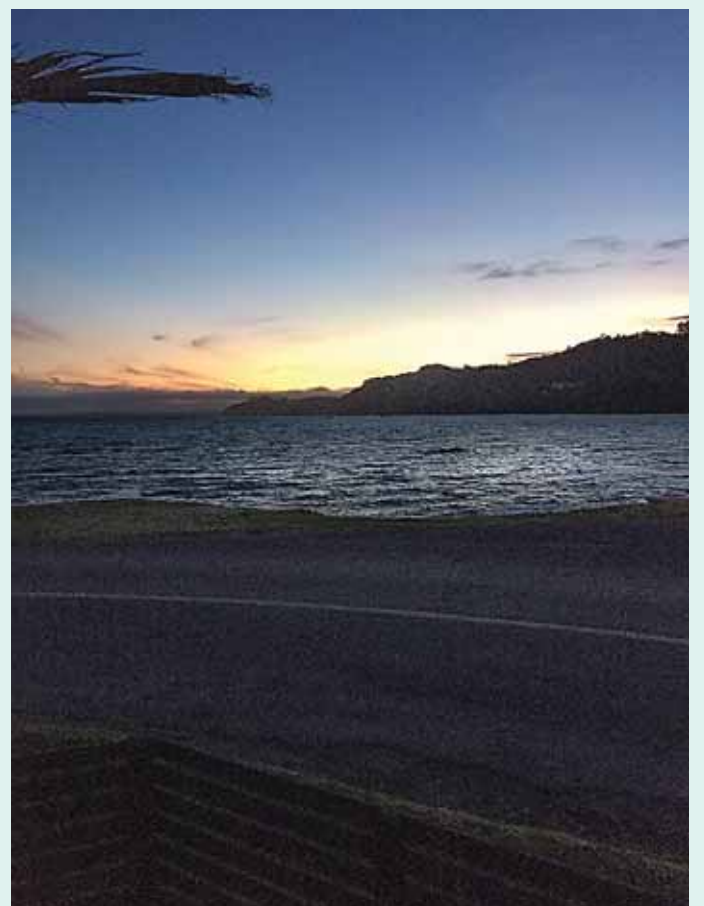
# Enjoying the peace and quiet on Waiheke Island.



My favourite place – Waiheke. Just about to head out for a spot of kayaking.



I had my first row in my kayak in a long time over the weekend. The water was as smooth as glass!



Sunset on Waiheke.





We are selling memberships for 2015 and have a special offer for our readers. Check it out below.

Who thinks I can sell Sir Graham a membership?

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**THE WINNERS OF THE TWO BLK KIWIS PACKS ARE ROSA & PETER** from Timaru and **TALUM SINCLAIR-HARRIS** from Botany, NSW



**I was pleasantly surprised to find myself appearing in the Wellington Rugby League Newsletter. Thanks, lads!**

**WRL Golf Classic with the Melbourne Storm**

The Wainioma Golf Club hosted the 2014 Equip Recruitment Golf Classic. The competition was fierce and our friends from the Melbourne Storm were our guests for the day. Once again the winners, NSW & Australia, Andrew Bowersley All Matt Adamson, Steven Walters & David Kidwell were on hand to join the WRL. The Melbourne Storm team had the likes of Craig Bellamy, Greg Bennett, Steve Walters & David Kidwell. It was a fantastic day for the WRL. The Melbourne Storm team had the likes of Craig Bellamy, Greg Bennett, Steve Walters & David Kidwell. It was a fantastic day for the WRL. The Melbourne Storm team had the likes of Craig Bellamy, Greg Bennett, Steve Walters & David Kidwell. It was a fantastic day for the WRL.

**Storm Camp**

Over 80 of the best 14-16 year old players from Wellington, Mid Central and even Waikato attended the Melbourne Storm camp held at Petone Rugby League and McEwan Park on the 8th November. Storm Academy coach Matt Adamson really challenged and pushed the boys to be the best they could be during the weekend and some were left with no doubt that if they want to make the big time they need to work hard both on and off the field. Matt Adamson set up for them before taking the various Saturday game preparation like in the day. A big thank you to all the teams that once again turned out and the major sponsor Equip Recruitment.

**Wellington Rugby League Newsletter - Pass It On!**  
2014 Edition 36 Thursday 20th November

**Congratulations -2014 Four Nations Champion Kiwis**

What a day for local rugby league. Back on the hallowed turf of Rugby League Park for the first time since the 2012 Centenary match, Wellington's Kiwi Rugby League team won the 2014 Four Nations. The Kiwis were first time winners in a match up between two of the heavyweights in an exciting first half. The smaller Wainioma team looked on the verge of a victory but the Kiwis had many surprised but the second half and soon the lead from Col. The Kiwis showed dogged determination and led by live wire. The game but it fell short and with fulltime blown in the 3rd try of the match to win the game for the Upper Hutt defeat. Taha 60-8. (Score 30-28) Saw Poruru College 1-10. 14-12 defeat Wainioma College 5-10.

**College Finals**

Upper Hutt defeat Taha 60-8. (Score 30-28) Saw Poruru College 1-10. 14-12 defeat Wainioma College 5-10.

**Seeking Coaches for 2015**

**RANDWICK RUGBY LEAGUE - SEASON 2015**  
SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR COACHES FOR THE FOLLOWING TEAMS:  
Reserves, Senior Firsts, Womens and Under 17s

Please contact secretary@randwick.net.nz for an application form. Submission of Coaching CV also required. Closing date Monday, 8 December 2014.

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**Wellington Rugby League Awards Dinner**

**Four Nations Images**



- Congratulations to all the 2014 Award winners**
- Top Try Scorer**  
**Ray Lesoa (Randwick)**
  - Top Points Scorer**  
**Bronson Marino (Randwick)**
  - Women's Player Of The Year**  
**Acacia Claridge (Wainuiomata)**
  - Administrator Of The Year**  
**Mike Hall (Titahi Bay Marlins)**
  - Manager Of The Year**  
**Tina Marino (Randwick)**
  - Volunteer Of The Year**  
**Kyrstian Baker**
  - Team Of The Year**  
**Jugglers (Wainuiomata)**
  - Coach Of The Year**  
**Daniel McEwen (Randwick)**
  - Junior Orcas Player Of The Year**  
**Tarquinn Alatipi**
  - Orcas Premier Player Of The Year**  
**Anthony Utanga**
  - Colin O'Neil Best & Fairest Senior Player**  
**Ray Lesoa (Randwick)**
  - Sports Person Of The Year**  
**Ray Lesoa (Randwick)**

**The Warriors Shirt Vacation – O'Hare International Airport, Chicago.**



**Darren Shand, the All Blacks manager, with John the Welsh man, and a big Vodafone Warriors supporter.**



**Olwen and John showing of their Vodafone Warriors jersey.**





John and All Blacks forward, Charlie Faumuina, displaying the Vodafone Warriors jersey.



Olwen, John and the Vodafone Warriors jersey. Welcome to Chicago!

## GOT A SMALL TEAM BUT WANT A BIG PARTY?

Join other like-minded businesses for a Christmas event that will make the bulletin board!

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### \$110 PER PERSON INCLUDES

- Christmas buffet dinner and carvery
- Beverage package from 7pm-11pm including selected beer, wine and non-alcoholic options
- Cash bar\*
- Green-screen photo booth (photos with Santa)
- Live entertainment
- Prize draws and giveaways



A minimum of 10 people is required for each Join-a-party booking. Bookings are essential and subject to availability. All prices include GST. Deposit required at confirmation of booking. R18 for the service of alcohol. Host Responsibility limits apply.

\*A cash bar will be available for the duration of the event for other beverage choices if when package concludes.



# A big thanks to *Sunday News* that had this in last Sunday's paper. Well done for supporting the **PIRTEK KIWIS**

## KIWIS: IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN — SOUVENIR WALL POSTER

#goodstuff

KIWIS  
**22**

KANGAROOS  
**18**

**Four Nations Final**  
Westpac Stadium, Wellington  
November 16, 2014

**KIWIS TEAM**

1. .... Peta Hiku
  2. .... Jason Nightingale
  3. .... Dean Whare
  4. .... Shaun Kenny-Dowall
  5. .... Manu Vatuvei
  6. .... Kieran Foran
  7. .... Shaun Johnson
  8. .... Jesse Bromwich
  9. .... Isaac Luke
  10. .... Adam Blair
  11. .... Simon Mannering (c)
  12. .... Kevin Proctor
  13. .... Jason Taumalolo
  14. .... Lewis Brown
  15. .... Greg Eastwood
  16. .... Martin Taupau
  17. .... Tohu Harris
- Coach: ..... Stephen Kearney

**KIWIS FOUR NATIONS SQUAD**

Gerard Beale (St George Illawarra Dragons), Adam Blair (Wests Tigers), Jesse Bromwich (Melbourne Storm), Lewis Brown (Penrith Panthers), Greg Eastwood (Canterbury Bulldogs), Sosaia Feki (Cronulla Sharks), Kieran Foran (Manly Sea Eagles), Tohu Harris (Melbourne Storm), Siliva Havili (NZ Warriors), Peta Hiku (Manly Sea Eagles), Shaun Johnson (NZ Warriors), Shaun Kenny-Dowall (Sydney Roosters), Thomas Leuluai (NZ Warriors), Issac Luke (South Sydney Rabbitohs), Simon Mannering (NZ Warriors), Suaia Mataqi (NZ Warriors), Jason Nightingale (St George Illawarra Dragons), Kevin Proctor (Melbourne Storm), Jason Taumalolo (North Queensland Cowboys), Martin Taupau (Wests Tigers), Bodene Thompson (Wests Tigers), Manu Vatuvei (NZ Warriors), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Penrith Panthers), Dean Whare (Penrith Panthers).

# FOUR NATIONS - ONE WINNER



Unbeaten run: Shaun Kenny-Dowall scores late to beat a valiant Samoa, above; the Kiwis rip into a rousing haka before another two-point victory a week later against England, below.



**MATCH BY MATCH**

- Oct 25 (Brisbane): ..... England 32 / Samoa 26
- ..... Australia 12 / **New Zealand 30**
- Nov 1 (Whangarei): ..... **New Zealand 14** / Samoa 12
- Nov 2 (Melbourne): ..... Australia 16 / England 12
- Nov 8 (Dunedin): ..... **New Zealand 16** / England 14
- Nov 9 (Wollongong): ..... Australia 44 / Samoa 18

**FOUR NATIONS FINAL**

- Nov 15 (Wellington): ..... **New Zealand 22** / Australia 18

We are the champions: The Kiwis are crowned Four Nations champions after their epic 22-18 win. Photos: Getty Images



Holy grail: Manu Vatuvei and Greg Eastwood.



Try time: Celebrating Manu Vatuvei's victory-clinching try.



Captain fantastic: Simon Mannering.



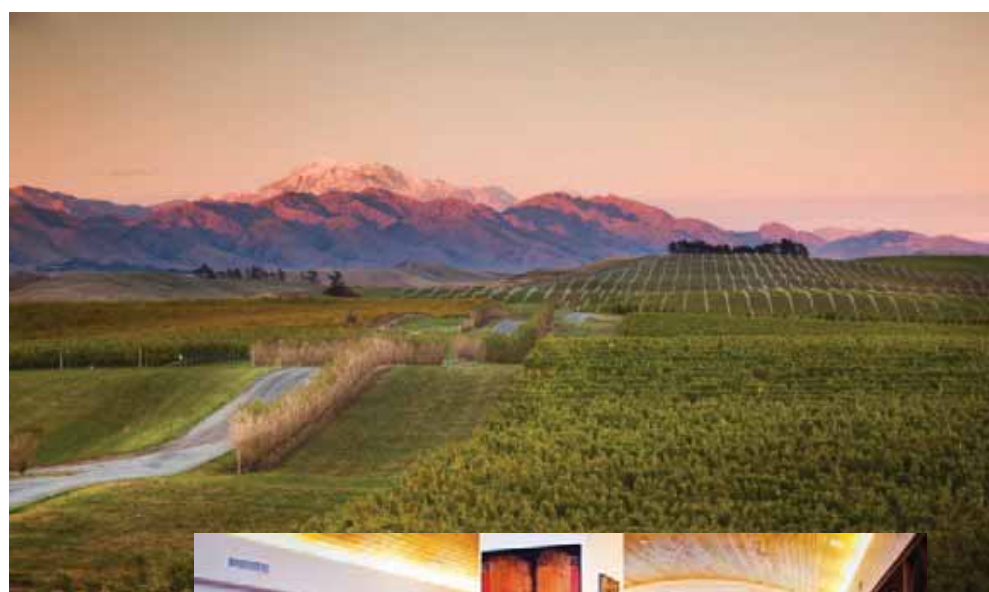
Pain barrier: Martin Taupau rips into Cooper Cronk.



Man of the match: Shaun Johnson.



Victory spoils: Issac Luke.



Meet a legend in the wine industry; Peter Yealands. Google him - he's a bloody Kiwi icon!

<http://www.yealands.co.nz/people/peter-yealands>

<http://www.yealands.co.nz/pages/yealands-estate/petes-story>





The mayor of Marlborough, Alistair Sowman, heard I was in town and had to get a photo with me!



Janice loved the tour of Brancott Estate Winery.

<http://www.brancottestate.com/agepage>

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