

Wanderers Whisper

Feb 2012



Welcome to 2012

This is the first edition of the Wanderers Whisper for 2012 and probably the most important of the year. There has been some considerable planning in the off season with a revamped committee appointed, new direction with coaching and playing styles, social committee having functions planned and the new web-

site up and running. Please take your time to read and record some important dates.



Presidents Report

Welcome to season 2012! This year promises to be another great one for the club with a lot of plans for the season.

For those of you who don't know, many of last years Executive and Committee were returned at the November AGM with a couple of notable exceptions. Firstly Craig Parker has taken over the reins as Vice President, Juniors from Scott Phillips who worked tirelessly over a number of years. I would like to thank Scooter for all his efforts. Whilst Craig takes over the mantle we haven't

let Scooter go entirely, he has agreed to take on the role of Gear Steward for the club. I would also like to welcome new committee members Mark Bowman, Daniel Browne, Linda Douglas, Ivan Gage, Dave Maher, Graham Thornton and Bruce Waining. All have proven invaluable already taking up various roles to get the club off to a good start for the year. It is fantastic to have so many people give up their time which puts the great hands! Cont.....

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Presidents report cont....

I am happy to announce that your committee has already been busy at work in a number of areas which you will see in this newsletter. One of the most exciting areas is the new club website www.kariongrugby.com which will be our main form of communication throughout the coming season. Player Luke Hossary has done a sterling job in developing the site and continues to make improvements. The idea is to make the website interactive where regular stories and information will keep everyone informed of what is going on. Go and have a look and give Anthony Lumby or I some feedback. Gary Clay (Vice President, Seniors) and I are currently in talks with former and potential sponsors so if you would like to sponsor the club or know someone who does get in contact with either one of us.

For the first time in several seasons the club now has a Junior sub-committee which is working hard to build our junior player base. It is great to have a lady involved in Linda Douglas, Junior

Secretary, who has given us fresh ideas and a great deal of enthusiasm.

Todd Wills has returned as 1st grade coach with the expanded role this year as Club Coach. Todd has the job of aligning all the coaches and teams and is already getting ready for the season ahead. Chris Woutersz, Shannon Bevan and Sione Offenuague are also on the coaching team with Ewen Williams looking after thirds. It's also great to have Mark Tasi officially take over the under 14s and other senior players (past and present) give something back by mentoring junior teams.

Finally Scott Phillips, in his capacity as Gear Steward, is looking to outfit us all in new club shirts and other apparel. Wear them with pride, we want to make our club the smartest on the Coast!

Enjoy this first edition of the Whisper for 2012, my thanks go to Chris Woutersz and his team for putting it together.

Tim Larke, Club President

Kariong Long Lunch

9th March 2012 , Everglades Country Club

Guest Speaker Matt Burke, Murray Hartin (comedian/poet)

Hosted by Peter Fenton

\$120 per head Includes 3 course meal, beer, wine, champagne

see website for further details

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Junior Report

Welcome to what promises to be an exciting 2012 season. I am pleased to report that our Junior sub-committee of Linda Douglas (Junior Secretary), Ivan Gage (Junior Registrar) and Bruce Waining (CCJRU Delegate) have been hard at work to make this the most successful season ever. Junior numbers are looking very promising. So far the teams we will be fielding this year are U11s, U14s, U16s and U17s with work being done to field U7s, U9s and U13s as well. So if you know anyone that might like to play in these age groups please let me know.

We are also on the look out for coaches and managers for various teams. Already Mark Tasi, Sione Ofahengaue, Pete Downey and some of the Baxter Boys have put up their hand up but we need more. It would be great to have a couple of Grade players volunteer – it is very rewarding so let me know if you can help out.

Training has already started over at Mt Penang with fantastic numbers turning up, I encourage all juniors to keep at it, the rewards will be great once the season starts!

I also encourage parents to get involved with the family club through canteen, training, first aid, ground set up or anything else they think they can help with.

Craig Parker
Vice President, Juniors



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Important Dates

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| Tuesday 7th Feb | - Training Starts (seniors) .. Continues Tuesday and Thursdays |
| Saturday 25th Feb | - Lake Maquarie 10's tournament |
| Friday 9th March | - Long Lunch Everglades Country Club (see flyer) |
| Saturday 31st March | - Country Championships Morry Breen Oval Kanwal |
| Wednesday 4th April | - Smart Rugby Course at Kariong |
| Saturday 14th April | - Season Commences (Seniors) |
| Saturday 21st April | - Gosford Shelter Collection |
| Saturday 5th May | - First home game (Kariong Oval) |
| Saturday 12th May | - Trivia Night |
| Saturday 19th May | - Bendigo Bank Cup |
| Saturday 28th July | - Sponsor's Day and Bendigo Bank Cup |

NEW WEBSITE

WWW.KARIONGRUGBY.COM

(go there now and set it as your favourite)

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Club Coach

Welcome to another great season of rugby with much anticipation both at our local level and Internationally after the Wallaby's meek surrender at last year's Rugby World Cup!

Central Coast division will host the country championships in March and this should give local rugby a shot in the arm early in our season.

I am pleased to announce and welcome some new faces to our Senior Coaching Squad with a mix of current playing experience and maybe some who should consider hanging their boots up for good. Chris Woutersz, Shannon Bevan, Sionne Offenuague, Ewen Williams and Josh Handley will assist me with some fresh and new ideas to ensure your rugby experience is both successful and enjoyable. Phil Burgess is also likely to assist us with some strongman specific training over the next few months.

I write this article shortly after our first training session and am pleased to report excellent numbers across all age groups with special mention to some old boys returning to form our under sixteens.

I am also pleased to see many new faces who have been introduced by current players and I encourage everyone to bring along a mate to boost our numbers and ensure we are the force we threaten to be.

Not only will we be looking for success on the field, we want to make sure our Club is fun socially and anyone who would like to assist with organising these events please let me know.

We currently have two trials arranged for March and will probably have a third by the time this goes to print. I look forward to seeing everyone at training on Tuesdays and Thursdays during February and March at the main oval Mt Penang.

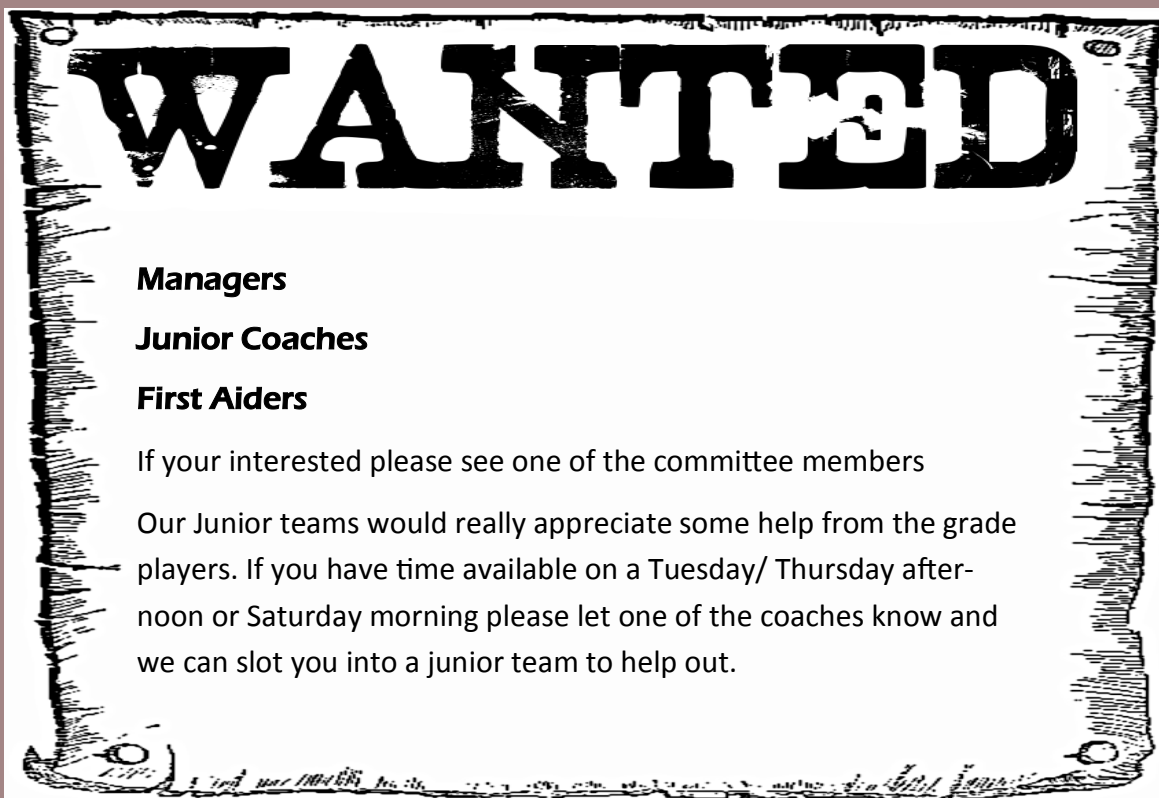
Yours in rugby

Tod Wills

Club Coach

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Ettalong Beach
Community Bank® Branch



Training has started

Tuesdays and Thursdays Mt Penang Oval



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Fees

Seniors:

\$220 includes socks, shorts & club shirt.

Students \$190 includes socks, shorts & club shirt

Full payment by March 31 receives \$20 discount.

\$100 to be paid by April 10 for selection Round 1.

Balance by Round 5 or risk non-selection.

Juniors

7s to 9s - Free.

10s to 12s - \$85

13s to 17s - \$135.



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KARLONG WANDERERS RUGBY CLUB



INVITES YOU TO OUR

LONG LUNCH

Where:



When:

9TH MARCH

What Time:

12:00 NOON

MC:

Peter "Fab" Fenton

Guest Speakers:

Matt Burke and Murray Hartin

How Much:

\$120.00 per head or \$1,100.00 Table of 10

Includes:

3 course meal, beer, wine, champagne & soft drink

RSVP:

13th February 2012

Please email you table numbers to:
treasurer@karlongrugby.com

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