

VIKINGS RFC

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Fish's Corner

It is with great sadness that I write this stirrer. Paul Miller our long time club member and Treasurer passed away suddenly on Sunday the 17th of January. Paul's involvement with the club has spanned over 10 years and has seen him take on many rolls both as a supporter and committeeman. His funeral was held in Kiama on Thursday, 21st January and was a fitting farewell for one of life's genuinely nice guys. I am sure we all wish Julie, Ben, Katie, Phil and Archie and Paul's family our sincerest sympathy during this difficult time.

I have just heard the sad news that long time supporter of the club Ted "Tuck" Tobin passed away last night after a heart attack. Ted was a wonderful bloke and did many things for sport in the Illawarra. The blueys were a huge part of his life with both his sons playing for the club. His interest and contacts within the Illawarra community saw our club benefit significantly and his passing will be a huge loss to our club. I am sure we all would like to give his family our best wishes. A truly wonderful bloke.

If you are wishing to attend Tuck's funeral it will be held this Friday at 10:30am at Hanson and Cole in Port Kembla.

Cheers
Fish

Latest news...

This year's coaches have asked me to pass on their numbers to ensure their accessibility throughout the year.

If you can't make training....call them. If you are going to be late...text them. If you're feeling lazy and want to make an excuse not to train.... Get off your lazy arse Adam Tregonning and get there...

Anyway, here they are:

Phil Green 0416258397

Jay Tregonning 0417672646

Dan O'Hara 0402214679

We are proud to announce the signing of a new major sponsor for season 2010.

Towradgi Beach Hotel has come on board this year and will be a huge bonus for our club. I encourage all players and supporters to get

down to the Beach Hotel and support the club that supports us!

Pre season training has now been running for 4 weeks. With 8 sessions under our belts things are coming together nicely for both players and coaches, however much hard work still needs to be done. Numbers have been fantastic, with over 60 players having attended training already. Of course it is only early stages in our 2010 campaign and much more work needs to be done to ensure we have a successful season. So if you are contemplating having a run get yourself down to training. If you know someone who might be interested get in their ear. You have nothing to lose by asking.

On the topic of pre season training, there sure have been some tough sessions. **Simon Muul** on his return to training was overheard saying "Well that's the first time I have had to do 1500 metre sprints", while **Mitch Wakeford** decided to show all trainers the contents of his stomach after completing his millionth shuttle run. Devon and sauce sandwich.... The last time I had one of those I was about 12... And they say Mitch is a kid!!!

Along with improving numbers at training we can also add to our list of committed managers for the season. **Dave Cavanaugh**, an old legend of the club has committed to co-managing 1st grade for this season with Hector Frigo. Meanwhile both **Ben Delaney** and **Marcus Claridge** have taken on the role of managing 2nd grade under the co – coaching of Phil Valentine and Dan O'Hara.

Unfortunately Alan Arnott has had to pull out of coaching 3rd grade for this season, leaving a vacancy. Coaching staff are currently talking to interested people and will be looking to make an announcement shortly. However if you are interested in playing a roll in assisting 3rds whether that be coaching or managing please contact Phil Green with your thoughts.

Chris Nanasi our leading try scorer in season 2009 has unfortunately torn his ACL and requires a full knee reconstruction putting him out for what looks like the season. He was playing touch football in the team Adam Tucker created. Tucker had apparently been teaching Chris how to step "Tucker

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style". On Chris's first attempt he buckled and, well the rest is history. We wish Chris all the best with his operation and recovery.

I guy who is able to interpret the hidden message...



Players, coaches and managers wanted

We are constantly on the lookout for players, supporters, coaches and managers for 2010, so if you know of anyone who might be interested... Talk to them... There is no harm in asking!

Coaches and Managers for our juniors for 2010 (see contact details for Merrick Mildenhall below).

Joke of the week

It is near the Christmas break of the school year. The students have turned in all their work and there is really nothing more to do. All the children are restless and the teacher decides to have an early dismissal...

Teacher: "Whoever answers the questions I ask, first and correctly can leave early today." Little Johnny says to himself "Good, I want to get outta here.

I'm smart and will answer the question."
Teacher: "Who said 'Four Score and Seven Years Ago'?"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Susie says, "Abraham Lincoln."

Teacher: "That's right Susie, you can go home."

Johnny is mad that Susie answered the question first.

Teacher: "Who said 'I Have a Dream'?"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Mary says, "Martin Luther King."

Teacher: "That's right Mary, you can go."

Johnny is even madder than before.

Teacher: "Who said 'Ask not, what your country can do for you'?"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Nancy says, "John F. Kennedy."

Teacher: "That's right Nancy, you may also leave."

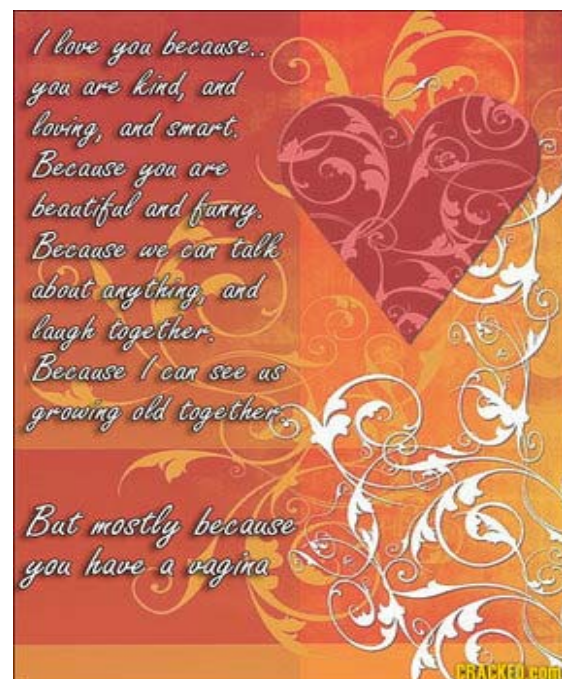
Johnny is boiling mad that he has not been able to answer to any of the questions.

When the teacher turns her back Johnny says, "I wish these bitches would keep their mouths shut!"

The teacher turns around: "NOW WHO SAID THAT?"

Johnny: "TIGER WOODS. CAN I GO NOW?"

I like this...



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Club website

A new club website is in the process of being developed, so if the current one seems a bit behind then it is because we eagerly await the new, improved version. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Vikings Juniors 2010

Junior Registrations commence this Friday at Vikings for 4 weeks on Friday evenings at 4.30PM to 6.00PM – we are anticipating another strong year!

In 2009 we qualified every eligible team for Finals (U/12A, U/12B, U/14,U/16 & U/18) and won the U/12A Premiership!

For more details on how to become involved with the Juniors contact **Merrick Mildenhall** on **0412 522442**

Upcoming events

What: Pre Season Training
When: Monday and Thursday
Where: Vikings RFC (the dog track)
Info: Kick off 6:30pm sharp.

What: Trial vs Gordon
When: Saturday 26th February
Where: Vikings Oval or JJ Kelly Park
Info: On the same day that Illawarriors play Gordon 1st grade in a trial we will play Gordon 3rd grade.

What: Valkyrie Reunion
When: 6:30pm Saturday 10th April
Where: North Gong Pub
Info: All past players and supporters are encouraged to attend currently there are 20 confirmed starters. Anyone wishing to find out further details contact Jess Cooney on jesscoon@gmail.com

Thought of the week.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

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Fact of Life:

After Monday and Tuesday even the calendar says W T F.

Catch ya around...

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