



# UNICORN TALES

the official newsletter of the Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club

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**CLEANING**

## President's Report

G'day Fellow Unicorns,

This week we have turmoil in the VRU camp with clubs pulling out of the lightning comp, which has forced a complete re-think and re-alignment of the lightning comp draw. I understand that several major clubs have pulled out all together and others have reduced their number of teams.

We are doing very well to maintain our player numbers and our teams in both Pillar and Lightning comps, which is a credit to our coaches and managers.

This week we have the Pillar at home followed by the Greek night and the first Bledisloe on the big screen so it should be a great day. Our lightning Blue team is playing Quinns at Quinns at 1200 and I am sure they would appreciate all the support they can possibly get so please make the effort to go and cheer for them and then come home for the festivities.

We have started planning for next season and have lots of work to do in the areas of player recruitment, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and gear upgrades so if you have some spare time and the will to help, please get in touch with me and we will find you a job.

If anyone has any questions about the club or what is happening please give me a call on 0416126267 and I will try to explain it all.

I look forward to seeing you all for a souva and another Wallaby win on Saturday night.

Cheers,

*Jed Macartney*

## This Weekend

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**3:15PM: Pillar** - Melbourne Barbarians v Eastern Suburbs

Romanis Reserve, Orrong Rd, Prahran (between High St & Malvern Rd) (Melways 58 H6)

**Bye - Lightning** - Melbourne Green

**12:00pm Lightning** - Harlequins v Melbourne Blue

Ashwood Reserve, Power Av, Ashwood (Melways 60 H12)

**09:00AM: Under 12** - Southern Districts v Melbourne

Frog Hollow Reserve, James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills (Melways 91 H8)



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09:00AM **Under 10:** - Moorabbin v Melbourne

Keys Road Reserve, Keys Rd, Cheltenham Nth (Melways 78 B9)

09:00AM **Under 8:** - Harlequins v Melbourne Blue

09:00AM **Under 8:** - Boroondara v Melbourne Green

Ashwood Reserve, Power Av, Ashwood (Melways 60 H12)

## Social Calendar

### MRUFC Greek BBQ Night



It's that time again when Aka and George fire up the spit roast and serve us up a treat!!

Tri nations Australia v New Zealand Too!!

What more could you want?!

**When: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Where: MRUFC club rooms**

**Time: 5pm onwards**

**Cost: Souvalaki's \$7 - Drinks at bar prices.**



Partners, children and friends welcome!

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## Last Weekend

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**Pillar:** Melbourne Barbarians 13 Westgate Power 27

**Tries:** Simon Irving, Louis Wright

**Penalty:** Anton Pilli

**Lightning:** Melbourne Blue 0 Harlequins 59

**Under 12:** Melbourne 21 Box Hill 46

**Tries:** Henry Hutchison 3

**Goals:** Henry Hutchison 3

The boys showed the effects of a two week layoff against Box Hill. They definitely needed the run.

After a great start, the forwards won a scrum on the halfway, Will cleared to Henry and away he went, out pacing the defence to score under the posts. Henry duly converted to make the score 7 - nil to Melbourne. The good news stops there.

Apart from a great run by Felix from one of the many restarts, a standout tackle by Paddy in the last line of defence and some good kick returns from Sam there was little spirit shown from a team that was still in holiday mode.

Henry scored two more converted tries from some good individual work, but the team lacked commitment to the tackle, the forwards body height was way too high and the cleanout at the breakdown non existent.

The result was a fair reflection of the game with Box Hill running out 46 - 21 winners.



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### Under 8 Green

Melbourne Greens fronted up this week against Moorabin in yet another competitive game. As with the last game, Moorabin held onto the ball for long periods while solid defence kept them from scoring.



This game was another example of the good strong defence the Green boys have developed this year, keeping a good line and at times pushing the Moorabin team backwards down the field whilst running up to tag and closing down the Moorabin attacks. Chrissy, Angus and Hugo led the way with Rupert chiming in frequently, pushing up constantly and closing down opposition attacks.



With ball in hand, the Green boys also demonstrated their progression this season, at times using the whole width of the field and passing wide to create open space and to pass players to score tries. Hugo demonstrated his trademark aggressive running, whilst Jack and Ethan started several moves with straight running, drawing in the opposition and passing quickly to outside players to run in tries. Tom and Ben contributed through trademark outside runs whilst Hugh repeatedly injected his energy into the midfield taking the ball forward.



As the game drew to a close, Laughlin made an amazing dash down the sideline showing Campese style, turning his opposition man inside out with a deft swerve many senior players would be envious of.

Another great team effort this week resulting in a win.





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