



UNICORN TALES

the official newsletter of the Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club

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Welcome to Unicorn Tales Issue # 2 – 6th March 2008, the official newsletter of the Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club.

President's Report

G'day Fellow Unicorns,

This season's training is well underway and its now time to pay your subs. The Committee has agreed that the membership fees for 2008 will remain unchanged from 2007.

2008 Membership

Your membership is the backbone of the club, and to make it easier for you to join the club, we have an online system. Simply go to www.melbournrugby.com.au and follow the links to register and pay for membership subscriptions all on-line, in one easy step.

So get online and support your club!

2008 Club Captain's Dinner

All senior players are invited to the Club Captain's Dinner for a sit down meal after training at the Clubhouse on Thursday 13th March. Pasta & Pizza - \$10 each.

I am looking forward to great year for our club as we concentrate on doing things in the best possible way and enjoy winning games and sharing fellowship.

Cheers,

Jed Macartney

Season 2008 membership costs are below:

Senior Player	\$250
Colts Player - F/T student U23	\$180
Junior Player	\$140

Note: all player memberships include club socks and shorts

Clubhouse Member	\$60
Team Coach or Manager	\$60
President's Club Gold Membership	\$500
President's Club Silver Membership	\$250

Family Membership \$250
Includes both parents and plus all junior players

**Pay Online
Now!!!**



Be part of the Team

The participation of players, parents, supporters and friends is vital to the success of the Rugby club. Such participation could include coaching, managing, refereeing, helping with and supporting our social activities.

President	Jed Macartney OAM
Secretary	Trevor Hutchings
Assistant Secretary	Paul "Slug" Henning
Treasurer	Owain Stone
Assistant Treasurer	Robert "Gabba" Gash
Junior Co-ordinator	Kate Clampett
General Committee Members	Holly Aimes John Rosenhain

Merchandise Manager Colm Tarpey

Patron Jon Ramsden
Honorary Registrar John 'Harry' Harrison

Again this year we plan to keep you regularly up to date with all things club related via the Unicorn Tales, using both email and the website. If you haven't received any information from us in a while or your address (either home or email) has changed, please contact us.



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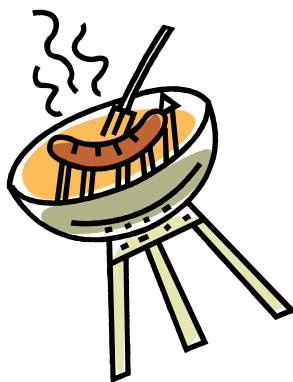
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Sponsor's BBQ



Red Mercury BBQ – this is our first major fun raising event of the season and will be proudly supported by one of our major sponsors – Red Mercury

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When: 5th April 12.30pm -2.45pm

Where: Club house

This is followed by the first home game of the season – Melbourne Vs Power House.

1st Fifteen Jersey Auction

We will be holding the 1st Fifteen Jersey Auction as during the Red Mercury BBQ.

The 1st Fifteen Jersey Auction offers you the opportunity to have your name embroidered on the sleeve of your favourite 1st Grade jersey (No's 1 – 15).



At seasons end, your jersey will be signed by the coaching staff and all 1st Grade players and presented to you.

To get your name on a 1st Fifteen Jersey you need to be the highest bidder at the 1st Fifteen Jersey auction.

What's Happening

Season Start Dates

Seniors – 29th March 2008

Juniors – 29th April 2006

Practice Match this Saturday

Colts: 12:45PM for 1:30 start:

Seniors: 1:30PM for 2:30 start

John Gardiner Reserve, Auburn Rd, Hawthorn East (Melways 59 F3).

2008 Training Schedule

When: **Tuesday at 6:30pm**

Where: Meet at the club

What: Speed Endurance Training

When: **Thursday at 6:30pm**

Where: Meares Oval, Scotch College, Morrison Street, Hawthorn (Melways 59 B1)

What: Core skills

No boots - runners only

When: Each **Sunday at 3:30pm**

Where: Duncan McKinnon Reserve Athletics Track (cnr North and Murrumbeena Rds Murrumbeena - Melways 68 K9)

What: Speed Training - Nothing over 100m



2008 Training Schedule

Junior Training Starts this Thursday 6th March

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Where: Geelong Grammar Prep School, 14 Douglas St Toorak (Melways 2M E5 or 58 H3).

Training will be in Trainers - NO RUGBY BOOTS

A special thankyou to Geelong Grammar Prep School for supporting community sport in Victoria.

President's Club

The President's Club is a sub organization of the Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club and is heavily patronised by the club stalwarts. The President's Club holds three (3) luncheons each season to coincide with Club home games. The luncheons are the ideal corporate hospitality events with notable guest speakers, plenty of good conversation and a good time is had by everyone. Past speakers have included sporting personalities, as well as government and business leaders.



- **April 19th** – 1st President's Club Lunch before Melbourne Vs Moorabbin game
- **May 31st** – 2nd President's Club Lunch before Melbourne Vs Boroondara game
- **September 6th** – 3rd President's Club Lunch before Melbourne Barbarians Vs Harlequin Souths game



Social Calendar 2008

- **March 13th: Club Captain's Dinner** – Sit down meal at Clubhouse after training. Pasta & Pizza. \$10 each.
- **April 26th: Junior Night** – A night dedicated to our juniors and their families, full details to be advised.
- **May 10th: Trivia Night** - 7pm at the clubhouse. Not just your average trivia night, highly entertaining and great fun!
- **June 15th: Irish BBQ**-1pm Following the Wallabies v Ireland game, hopefully we will be celebrating!
- **July 26th: 10 year Premiers Reunion.** Sit down lunch for the players and supporters of the winning team 10 yrs ago. 12.30pm
- **August 9th: Ladies Side Line Picnic** – Champagne, deck chairs, nibbles and gossip! Perfect way to watch rugby!
- **August 16th: Junior Night** – End of season celebrations, details tba.
- **November 16th: Golf Day**, details to be advised.
- **December 6th: Christmas BBQ** 1pm at clubhouse



Also remember the club is open most weekends following the last game, so please come down for a cold beer and a hot pie.



Coaching Appointments

Junior Coaching Team

Under 8s

Greg Fergus Mobile: 0418 996 942
Simon Webster Mobile: 0407 833 308
Caitlan Hayman Mobile: 0400 272 420

Under 10s

Kerry Russell Mobile: 0420 908 102

Under 12s

Tim Jack Mobile: 0423 778 376

Under 14 coach to be advised



Rowzy Touch Premiership Summer 07/08

The first Premiership for 2008 was won last month with "The Rowzy's defeating Powerhouse Barbarians" in the Wednesday night Fawkner Park Men's Touch Competition.

Final score was 7-5 in a close affair with Rob Weaver scoring a hat trick to get the guys home with "Goalie Rob" giving a memorable celebration after scoring one in the corner also. Fiji Lee picked up Player of the Final & Gibbo was awarded the oppositions best on ground after a number of intercepts.

The Barbarians were Minor Premiers but were smacked by the Rowzy's in the 1st semi 16-3 and

then stacked the GF squad with PH 1st grade ring-ins backs. But it was all to no avail as the Rowzy spirit prevailed & the lads came away with another Premiership and a heap of hangovers the next morning after celebrating at the The Max hotel until the wee hours.

The touch season was a real eye opener with a number of positional changes looking likely after a "big" offseason for some of the lads with the likes of Kaz, Timmy2bums & Brownly looking at times like they were part of this years potential forward pack and the Silky skills & elusive side stepping on show from the Fatboys like the TtttttttTrain, Olly Garside, Ferg & Jim Roy may keep the backs on their toes although we highly doubt it.....but needless to say it was a great season and a lot of fun well done lads.

Squad was (in photo order) **Back:** Olly, JT, Kaz, T-Train, Brownly, Goalie Rob, Weaver & Gibbo.

Front: Fiji Lee, Benny, RickyBro, Gilly, TwobumsAustin, Rimjoy & Bales.

Absent: WombleFergus & LeprachaunQuinn

3rd Grade 2008

Could this be the elusive year where the smell of a Premiership may already be in the air for the Thirsty's with the Elite Coaching Panel the Rowzy's have locked in place and it is rumoured that there may be a dusting off of some old pairs of boots smuggled away in the garages of some of the Clubs recognised superstars of years gone by.

It remains to be seen, however it would be a magic sight to have some of the old boys back on the paddock. Having the Grand Poobah Luke "Shloop" Daley at the reins working with the brains trust of Boyes, Thomas & Gillard should ensure the likes of Webster, Yakkattack, Whittington & Ward are doing what they do best - running over the top of people & showing good old fashion rugby skills & flair.

So when the season starts remember the action isn't just with the 1's & 2's - it starts earlier in the day when the "Quality" is on show on the field (before moving to Rowzy Hill where the "Quantity", usually beer takes over).

If you're keen for a run then get in touch with any of the lads as it would be great to see you down at the Club.

Let's Get Rowzy you Unicorns!!!!



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