



## NEWS

### BROCK JAMES SIGNS WITH QUEENSLAND REDS

Brock James recently signed with the Queensland Reds. This year Brock, 23, has excelled in NZ provincial side Taranaki, and had been touted as a possible new No.10 for the Waratahs, after being ruled out for selection by the Hurricanes by NZRU. Instead, Brock, a former Sydney Uni five-eighth, has agreed to a two-year deal with the Reds. Former All Black Grant Fox has said of Brock. "My gut feeling is that he has what it takes to step up to the next level. There are still some aspects of his game that need improvement, like his defence, but he is an outstanding kicker he's kicked some bloody good goals and he has played a significant role in Taranaki's success this season. He could do with a bit more size on him and I think he needs to do some more work in the gym, but he has gone really well here so far." Brock collected Taranaki's award for Best Player (voted on by Taranaki fans who text their nominations for player of the day) and the trophy for Best Back. Brock was Taranaki's top scorer (120) and broke the points scoring record (27 points against Northland).

### NEW SUPER 12 TEAM

Melbourne and Perth have been invited to submit their credentials to the Australian Rugby Union for a fourth Australian team in the Super 12 (to be known as the Super 14 from 2006, with South Africa gaining a fifth side). The two locations finished well ahead of others considered as potential sites, including Gosford, the Gold Coast, Townsville and Adelaide. An ARU Evaluation team has spent the past two months developing a scorecard on a range of locations, examining high performance, commercial and development criteria, including the impact an additional team may have on franchises that currently field Super 12 teams. After the submissions are lodged on November 19th, the ARU will conduct a detailed bid evaluation in order to reach a decision on the successful location in December. The WA government has thrown its support behind Perth's bid, announcing it will contribute \$25 million for a stadium upgrade. Meanwhile, NSW coach Ewen McKenzie has backed Melbourne as the location of Australia's fourth team and expressed interest in returning to Victoria to coach the team when his contract with the Waratahs expires. However, Wallabies captain George Gregan believes Perth would be the best place for the new team. Gregan told *ABC Sport* that he believes Perth's geography makes it the logical choice. "Perth's a big positive because it's on the way to South Africa and it'd break up the trip quite well," Gregan also believes that the fact Perth has such a strong South African presence will also work in its favour. "It's got a really good supporter base, a lot of expats over there." In South Africa, a new team in the rugby heartland of Bloemfontein is the most likely option.

### SARU 2005 DRAW

The draw has yet to be finalised, but current signs strongly suggest that the 2005 draw will have seven teams in Division 1 (Brighton, Onkaparinga, Old Collegians, Woodville, Burnside, Southern Suburbs and Port Adelaide) and eight teams in Division 2 (Brighton, Onkaparinga, Old Collegians, Woodville, Southern Suburbs, Port Adelaide, University and Elizabeth). As a result Division 1 will have an occasional bye, but Division 2 will not. Otherwise, it seems likely that Division 1 and Division 2 will play together, after the Colts and potentially the women. At this stage, Divisions 3 & 4 look like having six teams each. SARU's plan is that by 2007 University, Burnside and Elizabeth are all fielding both Division 1 and 2 teams, in competitions of nine teams each.

## SOCIAL DIARY

**Thurs 9 December – AGM from 6pm, happy hour before and FREE KEG after**

**Thurs 16 December – Christams Drinks from 6pm – carols, games etc**

**Sunday 6 February – Golf Day, Tanunda Golf Course – BOOK NOW**

**Sat 12 February – Chinese New Year Party – Lion Dance, Fireworks, food etc**

**Sat 5 March – Elizabeth Sevens**



## CLUB NOTES

# agm

Old Collegians Annual General Meeting - Thursday 9th December at 7.00 pm  
Come, chat, drink, vote - Happy Half-hour from 6.30 pm

The social members would like to announce that they will be donating their

***FREE KEG***

Starting directly *after* the AGM!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - COACHES & MANAGERS 2005**

Old Cols needs volunteers to be Coaches and Managers for all senior and junior teams in 2005. **Please do not be shy in putting your name forward.** We would like to have a Coach and Assistant Coach and a Manager and Assistant Manager for each team. For Club Members who would like to get into coaching, now is the time to make it known. The Club will provide access to SARU coaching courses and will place new coaches with experienced coaching staff.

### **SENIOR PRE-SEASON TRAINING STARTS TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2005**

We will be putting four men's teams and a women's team onto the field in 2005. So if you see someone who might like to play or who has not played for a while, get them to come along.

**ADVANCE WARNING!**  
**ELIZABETH SEVENS 2005**  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2005, Womma Oval (Elizabeth RFC)

**PLEASE NOTE: CLUB BAR CLOSED FROM  
17 DEC 2004 UNTIL 12 FEB 2005**

# HISTORY OF THE JUNIOR AWARDS



**Best Tackler U10: Rod Hauser Trophy** - a framed Australian jersey, worn & presented by Rod Hauser who was in OC's 1971 Premiership team and went played half back for Australia in 15 tests

**Best Tackler U12: Bob Burgess Trophy** - a framed OC jersey worn from the 1940s to the 1960s and presented by Bob Burgess. Bob joined OCs in 1953 & played more than 700 games.

**Best Tackler U14: Denis Hayden Trophy** - an OCS 1982 Premiership jersey worn when Collegians defeated Brighton 9-3 preventing 11 successive premierships. It was worn & presented by Denis Hayden. Denis represented SA from 1968 to 1990. He captained SA side to its 10-7 victory over Fiji. In 1990 Denis won the President's Trophy for best State forward & was selected to trial with the Wallabies in 1973

**Best Tackler U16: Michael Raymond Trophy** - an Australian Schools Jersey presented to OCs by Michael Raymond. Michael was a 1<sup>st</sup> XV OCRFC player, SAJRU Rep U12-U16, Australian Schoolboys 1981-83, SA Rep 1984-85

**Best Tackler U18: Ken Grayling Trophy** - an All Blacks Jersey, presented by the Kenneth P. Grayling MBE Collection. Ken Grayling was a player, administrator and referee in SA, and managed the Australian U21s on tours to NZ in 1982, 83 & 85. The stand at Bailey is the Kenneth Grayling Stand.

**John & Judy Brady Trophy** - a dual trophy for Most Improved Junior & Junior Clubman. It is a SA Schools RU Jersey presented to OCs by Neil Charter in recognition for the Club's contribution to the development of Schoolboy rugby in SA. John and Judy were among the people who helped establish the modern junior club in 1985 together with the Kerr-Grants & the Turners.

**Meryl & Hugh Kerr-Grant Trophy: U10 Coach's Award** - The Kerr Grants were among the people who helped establish the modern junior club in 1985. Club stalwarts.

**Peter "Doc" Douglas Trophy: U 12 Coach's Award** - Doc Douglas was a 1<sup>st</sup> XV player and coach to his son, Stewart's, team right through the juniors.

**Julie & David Turner Trophy: U14 Coach's Award** - Julie and David Turner made a massive contribution to the club over the years as well as being the parents of Luke Turner, who together with Stewart Douglas, started in juniors



together and proceeded to play 1<sup>st</sup> grade and being in the 2001 premiership side.

**Maxine & Ian Walker Trophy: Under 16 Coaches Award** - Maxine and Ian Walker, 2nd Junior Coordinator after Howard Clay has served in nearly all posts on the senior committee bar President He has also been SAJRU secretary and made a massive contribution to Schools rugby.

**Helen & Howard Clay Trophy: U18 Coach's Award & Helen & Howard Clay Trophy**

Helen & Howard Clay founded the modern Junior club in 1985, Howard was Junior Coordinator for the first 4 to 5 years and a past senior President. He was made a life member in 1975.

# JUNIOR AWARDS 2004



## TACKLING TROPHIES

Rod Hauser Tackling Trophy U10/11 - Patrick Macklin  
Bob Burgess Tackling Trophy U13 - Liam Gill  
Denis Hayden Tackling Trophy U15 - James Foster  
Michael Raymond Tackling Trophy U17 - Simon Kenny

## COACHES AWARDS

Meryl & Hugh Kerr-Grant Trophy U10/11 - Stewart Nutt  
Peter "Doc" Douglas Trophy U13 - James Wagstaff  
Julie & David Turner Trophy U15 - Tom Northcott  
Maxine & Ian Walker Trophy U17 - Rory Sheppard

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Under 10/11 - Terry Wilkinson  
Under 13 - Harry Burnett  
Under 15 - Jack Campion  
Under 17 - Tom Collett

## MOST IMPROVED 2004

John & Judy Brady Trophy - Jack Macklin

**JUNIOR CLUBMAN - Will Sadler**

**CLUB CAPTAIN 2004 - Henry Nutt**



## HOWARD CLAY SCHOLARSHIP 2004

UNDER 13 - Hugh Barrett

## JOYCE SPRY SCHOLARSHIP 2004

UNDER 15 - James Marshall



## SPECIAL PRIZES

**Vincent Donohue**

Recruitment of new players

**D'arcy Sadler**

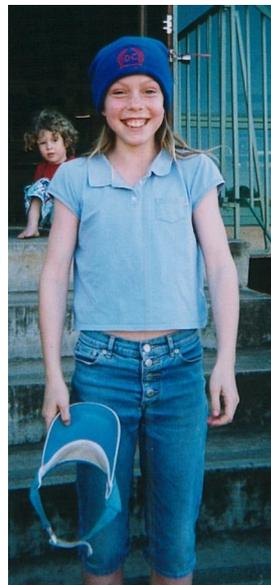
Highly Commended Junior player

**Alex Rokobaro**

Long term player, moving interstate

**Jack Biggs**

Long term player moving interstate



# JUNIOR REPORTS



## UNDER 13S GRAND FINAL REPORT

It's hard to know what to say about this game. Having been beaten, but only just, in each of the minor round games against Onkaparinga we knew it would be tough but we knew we had a chance....more than a chance. From the kick-off it the team played at a level above Onkaparinga. Their normal physical advantage just disappeared in the face of our superior mobility and passion. They were clearly in a state of panic from the whistle. When we ran the ball we retained possession time and time again. When Onkaparinga had the ball at the breakdown we would invariably get it back. And so it went for a first half punctuated only by Harley scoring out wide on the western side of the field. The first half ended with our team having had some 80-90% of the ball and the score at 5-0....a unique experience for Onkaparinga. So with victory in their eyes the team started the second half in exactly the same unrelenting fashion. Onkaparinga simply couldn't get their hands on the ball for longer than a couple of plays. We simply continued to out tackle, and out retain them. With 7 minutes to go we looked set for our first grand final win when "tragedy" struck. Through some complete stroke of luck the ball ended up in their outside centre's hands and he managed to run wide and score. The kick was from reasonably wide out and into a pretty tricky wind.....so everyone was "praying". To no avail. The ball sailed cleanly between the uprights to make the score 5-7 Onkaparinga's way. With only 5 minutes left we continued to dominate but were unable to ground the ball over their line. On at least a couple of occasions we crossed for disallowed tries which, when the final whistle went, only made the loss harder to bear.....for players and spectators (and even the referee). We won the game but lost the match...as they say.



# SCRUMBAG

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our love and warm wishes to Kathy (nee Giddy) & Andrew Bear, who were recently married.



Candice Daniel and Christian Tedge would like to thank everyone for the flowers, support, presents etc. At seven weeks, young Ryan is healthy, sleeping for eight hours, growing fast and eating solids because he just can't get enough food! Who's de cutest widdle pwop?

Congratulations to Steve and Nicky on the birth of Emelia Rae Boyd, a sister for Zach and Anna. Milly arrived safely on 2nd November weighing 7 pounds.



Old Colls is fielding at least four teams (known as the Bozos and Norfolk Chance, both playing in open and mixed competitions) in this Summer's Oztag Competition. Come and watch – from 6pm every Wednesday at Glenunga Oval, Conyngham St, Glenunga. Contact Kim for more details – [kevans@normans.com.au](mailto:kevans@normans.com.au) or 0438 704 415



While some of us play Oztag over summer, David "Elvis" King and Ryan "Boo Boo" Neilson (shown left) are playing gridiron for the Razorbacks. Kingy has played before but Boo Boo is a rookie. Don't get too used to the padding, boys! Or the tights, for that matter. Always supportive, the Frocs are happily trying to arrange a "charity" match with the cheerleaders, but somehow it seems unlikely.

Ben, Alex and Merridy Rokobaro are moving to Queensland so Alex can better pursue his rugby career. Our best wishes go to all of them, and our thanks for the enormous amount of work they (particularly Ben) have done for the club over the years. Stay in touch!



The recent First Grade "barbecue" resulted in typical antics. The host passed out. Someone set fire to Andre's chest hair. When bets were laid in who could skull fastest, a certain halfback ensured no-one else tried to claim his winnings - he urinated on the pot. Someone else was collected by his understanding partner, who found him sleeping in a bus shelter at Burnside Village. At home he started rolling around the floor calling out for Henry. Two of the usual suspects were later routed from the casino by a pack of bouncers, in a protracted game of chasey - Keystone Cops style.

Graham Raymond is considering coaching the Frocs next year, depending on whether he's playing and in what grade. He says he will let them know after Christmas. Bec wants to know, is he hoping Santa will bring him a new hamstring?

# SCRUMBAG

Stew Douglas is leaving London to head north to Edinburgh, after spending some time seeing Paris (and fooling around with a statue in the Louvre that can only have a prop forward in mind). Stew hasn't had a game of rugby for a while, but he's hoping to find a club in Scotland. He sends everyone his best regards.

*Is there any truth to the rumours we might be seeing Gus Elliott back in Old Colls colours in 2005?*



On the topic of retirements, there is absolutely *no* truth to the rumour that Kim is retiring from the Frocs. While happy to take on the presidency and to sacrifice time, money, physical wellbeing, adequate sleep and mental health, under no circumstances will she even consider retirement from the game. As Boo Boo says, she still has a premiership to win.

*An email from Roger and Leonie McDaniel:* I would like to extend my very best wishes to all at the club for what sounds like it was a successful season both on and off the field. To win the Club Championship is really a feather in OC's cap as I firmly believe that it is the holistic approach that OCs takes to the game that makes it the fine club it is. I well remember the early days of our juniors, with the guiding hands of such people as Howard Clay and a great team of then players, who assisted in kicking off what has turned out to be the base on which OCs has continually built. I have to say I was particularly pleased to be able to revisit the club late last year and pre season this year. My only regret about that was that I could not get back to see the troops in action. Unfortunately, it may be some time before I get another chance to visit as things have conspired such that I am returning to Qld. to live again in the next week or so. However, I will always continue to follow the fortunes and the personalities of the club which became so dear to Leonie and me and which will always remain the focal point of Adelaide for us. To all at the club, I can only wish that you get the same amount of pleasure from your association with OCs that I did. If you do that I know you will have a most beneficial experience. To those I played and served with on the various committees, you all know we wish you personally all the very best. You also know that Old Colls finding their way to Brisbane will always receive a warm welcome at chez McDaniel. To the club itself, I believe that it continues to be in good hands and I hope that it remains a bastion for the Game They Play in Heaven amongst the heathen aerial ping-pong hordes. Yours in Rugby, Roger and Leonie McDaniel

The Frocs website ([www.thefrocs.com](http://www.thefrocs.com)) has been blocked for a few weeks, but is now back on air. For reasons unknown, the Frocs' US server was blocked by the Australian High Tech Crime Centre, a branch of the Federal Police (concentrating, among other things, on catching cyber-paedophiles). The Frocs site is quite obviously criminal and possibly even seditious, so we can see why they closed it down. Why did they allow it back up? That's the real question ...

## PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR MEMBERS

All members of Old Collegians are urged if they have any physiotherapy needs to consult with our sponsor Physio Direct as a matter of preference. **Physio Direct offers special rates to ALL Old Collegian members** with particularly attractive rates for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade players.

Physio Direct has six clinics in Adelaide, at Morphettville, Edwardstown, Wayville, Prospect, Salisbury and Gawler. Physio Direct provides treatment for all sports and work injury as well as general physiotherapy and rehabilitation for muscle and joint injuries, headaches, neck and back pains. They use manipulative physiotherapy, Swiss balls, Pilates, aquatic physiotherapy, Feldenkrais and gym rehabilitation.

Call 8373 1324 to arrange an appointment to a clinic near you.



## SOCIAL DIARY



# WORLD CUP SEVENS 2005

## LAST CHANCE - BOOK NOW

Join other Collegians in Hong Kong for the World Cup Sevens in March 2005. Less than \$2000 includes all airfares, taxes, 4 nights' accommodation and tickets for 3 days at the Sevens. Some hotels are already booked out, so contact Max Moran at Dependable Travel *immediately* if you're thinking of joining us:  
[dependabletravel@yp-connect.net](mailto:dependabletravel@yp-connect.net)



## OLD COLLEGIANS CHRISTMAS DRINKS

From 6pm at the clubrooms,  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2004  
Everyone welcome  
Games – Carols – Happy hour

## HAPPY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

The Club is open every Thursday Night until Christmas, with happy hour from 6.30-7.30pm

**\$3 pints**

## ***THE OLD COLLEGIANS OPEN***

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

**Tanunda Pines Golf Club**

next to the Novotel Barossa near Jacobs Creek

4 Ball Ambrose

Dress Rules Apply (Collared Shirt)  
Registration 11:30 am - Tee-off from 12:00 Noon  
Clubs, buggies available for hire  
Motorised carts (bookings essential)  
Arrange your own team or be placed on the day

**\$50 entry includes:**

Prizes - 18 Holes of Golf - On-course Drinks - Gourmet BBQ  
Dinner (5:30 pm)  
Raffle Ticket for Magnum of Rockford Wine



**Non Golfers** - \$25 for the BBQ and Raffle Ticket (tour the wineries & join us for dinner)

Bus may be provided if sufficient interest shown (additional cost involved)

**Bookings essential for catering - phone the Denleys 8332-2735**

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Payment on the Day of \$50 per person    Confirmation by Friday 21st January

**This is a fund raiser for Old Collegians - please support your club**

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

**SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2005**

***Come to the club and welcome in  
the Year of the Rooster and  
the 2005 season.***

***Fireworks, Chinese food  
Happy hour, Lion dancing***



# OBITUARY



## Angus Luke Crawford

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1983 – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004

It is with great sadness that Old Collegians farewell Angus Crawford, who played his first year with Old Collegians in this 2004 season, in the first and second grades. Angus was a close friend of a number of our players, who had been to school with him at Pembroke.

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the day after his 21st birthday, Angus Crawford was driving with his sister Madeleine on Arkaroola Rd, about 150km northeast of Peterborough, when his car rolled. Angus died before the emergency crew could reach them, and Madeleine survived only thanks to the actions of her brothers and friend (travelling in the car behind) and the work of the Royal Flying Doctors and other medical teams. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Crawford family, and particularly to Madeleine, who we got to know as she stood on the sidelines watching Angus play this year.

Rugby ranked alongside Angus' love of the bush, trucks (there is nothing he loved more than backing a B-double with absolute precision! - preferably a Kenworth), his "shortie" (short wheel base landcruiser), his dog, his family, his mates (of both gender) and, last but not least, Pale Ale! Angus was a member of the Stirling CFS and interested in anything associated with the bush environment.

We will always remember Angus for his enthusiasm, his charm, his humour, his laugh and his very, very blue eyes.



Angus on the bench for the first grade in 2004.

*For the looks may change, and the heart may range  
And the love be no longer fond;  
Will you love with truth in the years of youth  
And away to the years beyond?*

*Oh I love you, sweet, for your locks of brown  
And the blush on your cheek that lies –  
But I love you most for the kindly heart  
That I see in your sweet blue eyes.*

*A. B. Paterson*