



Old Collegians March Newsletter 2015

A Message from the President

Welcome to the 2015 rugby year.

First let me say what an honour and privilege it is to have taken on this role for the club.

Secondly, I must thank Kim Evans and the various committees for their tireless and productive efforts over the past ten years. They left the club in good shape.

A new organisational structure has been introduced this year through the formation of sub-committees reporting to the general committee. The sub-committees cover catering, events, house & grounds, rugby, communications, sponsorship, merchandise and first aid.

One of the first tasks this year was to understand the full impact of the new ARU / SARU participation, development and insurance fees. These fees have increased substantially and will make this year a challenging one from a financial perspective. The new fee structures are in place and the committee has kept the necessary increases to a minimum.

The club has installed Wi-Fi for use by members for online registration and for use throughout the year by financial members. A defibrillator has been kindly donated by the Glenside Lions.

House and Grounds have commenced on improvements to the balcony area. Lights will be added to the western side of the oval shortly and later in the year the eastern lights will be upgraded. The club and council are working closely together continually striving for improvement to the playing surface.

Membership cards will be provided this year to enable our sponsors to deliver benefits to our members and business to our sponsors. I would like all supporters to become social club members. Funds from social membership assists in the provision of facilities for the playing group as well as improvements to the clubhouse and general surrounds.

The rugby committee is working hard toward another successful year on the pitch with pre-season training well underway.

Play hard and play to win but play fairly and be respectful of all opponents and officials.

I wish you all a successful and enjoyable 2015 season.

Yours in Rugby,

John Denley



Junior Gold Cup News



On Thursday the U15s and U17s Junior Gold Cup squads will be travelling to NSW and ACT for their next 3 games of a 5 game competition. The boys have been training hard since November in preparation for the competition against interstate teams as part of the ARUs National Talent Development Program.

After Sydney North West recently beat both teams on a scorching 40 degree day at Brighton RUFC (3-62 (U15s) and 0-26 (U17s)) both teams are keen to make amends.

They leave from Adelaide Bus Station at 12.30pm arriving in Armidale, NSW on Friday late morning, playing Northern Inland in the early evening.

The teams leave Armidale driving overnight to Sydney arriving the next morning. After a day's break they then play Sydney South Harbour on Sunday evening.

On Tuesday the teams drive to Canberra to play their final game of the tour against an anticipated strong ACT side, before heading back to Adelaide arriving just in time for school on Wednesday.

Those travelling as part of the squad from Old Collegians are:

U17s – Kyle Fleetwood–Pieper, Rory Illman, Joel Pepper, Ben Viljoen

U15s – Nick Barry, Tom Copson, Edwin Dodd, Matt Green, Magnus Illman, Brad Killick, Alfie Malcolm.

Head Coach/Junior Gold Coordinator – Steve Pepper

Assistant Coach – Graham Copson

We wish all the boys well!

Working Bee – Your Club Needs You!



The season is fast approaching and there are many things that need attention around the club. If you can spare a few hours we would love to see you. If you can help in a particular way or have amazing skills please let us know. Volunteers are the backbone of our club and we rely on your generosity. The more people we have at the working bee the greater the outcome.

Pre-Working Bee:

Clean up day on **Friday 6th March**, concentrating on the kitchen/arrangement of our new storage shed/general clubroom tidy/lost property and boot bag storage.

Working Bee:

Come and support the club by helping at the working bee this **Saturday, 7th March**, 9:30am – 4:30pm, BBQ provided. Bring your paintbrushes, ladder and toolbox.

Coaching and Manager Positions

Team	Coach	Assistant Coach	Team Manager
1 st XV	Peet Arnold	David Nolan	Tom Secker
2 nd XV	Stewart Douglas	James Irving	Doug Mein
3 rd XV	Rene Munch	Barry Hickman	Ian Walker
4 th XV	TBC	TBC	Alex Walwyn
Women's XV	David Linder-Patton		Michael Barratt
U/18	Ben Suttell	Chris Killick & Sandy Taylor	Harry Clark & Hamish Cranna
U/16	Graham Copson	Jason Hyam	Chris Barry
U/14	Richie Pardoe	Steve Hewitt & Nic Porter	David Linton
U/12	Nic Robertson	Mitch Sallis & George Mocatta & Tim Rogers	TBC
U/10	Craig Barlow	Russell Gordon & Juan Aguiar	Craig Branson
U/8	Jarrod Deakin	Charles List Taylor & Matt Bell	Corne' Arnold
U/7	James Punshon	Nate Sos	Chris Menz

Training Times and Days

JUNIOR TRAINING:

Formal training for U7's – U18's starts Monday 9th March (*Training will commence even though it is a Public Holiday*).

U7's – U8's train *Wednesday* evenings from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

U10's train *Wednesday* evenings from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

U12's – U18's train *Monday* and *Wednesday* evenings from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

SENIOR TRAINING:

All senior teams train on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

Pre season training commenced on 29th January and attendances have been down from last year with many players either training very occasionally or not at all.

With the BarterCard pre season competition starting on Saturday March 14th we will need to see many more players out to training if we are to start our 2015 campaign off on the right foot.

Remember the coaching staff is committing their time so we need to commit to them.

Please contact Danny McCartan (Rugby Director) on 0412 849004 if you cannot make training or need to discuss work or study commitments.

A reminder that ***all*** players ***must*** be registered before they can be considered eligible for team selection in all ages and teams. Please contact Simone if you have any questions: seniorregistrar@oldcolls.org.au

Important Dates to Remember

- 1st March U18's Boys and Girls National 7's competition
- 6th – 8th March National 7's Competitions
- 7th March Junior Gold Cup U15's and U17's vs Southern Inland (Armidale, NSW)
- 8th March Junior Gold Cup U15's and U17's vs Sydney South Harbour (Sydney, NSW)
- 9th March Junior Training starts for U12's – U18's on Monday and Wednesdays
- 10th March Junior Gold Cup U15's and U17's vs ACT (Canberra, ACT)
- 11th March Junior Training starts for U7's and U10's on Wednesdays
- 14th March BarterCard Cup
- 15th March Junior Gold Cup U15's and U17's vs Hunter
- 21st March BarterCard Cup
- 28th March BarterCard Cup
- 3rd – 6th April Easter
- All other dates and games are to be confirmed.

FORWARD PLANNING:

- First week of Finals (Seniors): Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August
- Preliminary Final: Saturday 5th September
- Grand Final: Saturday 12th September

Please remember to check the draw as changes may occur.

**THURSDAY NIGHT MEALS ARE
BACK
\$12.00
AVAILABLE AFTER TRAINING**



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