
News

Rugby Member Satisfaction Survey

The Australian Rugby Union has launched an Online Consumer Satisfaction Survey for existing club rugby players and an Online Retention Survey to players who did not return to play club rugby in 2009.

The online consumer satisfaction survey will:

- measure players' level of satisfaction with their club experience (including competition format, playing, coaching and development and rugby club)
- identify drivers of any dissatisfaction players had with their experience, and
- determine if the levels of satisfaction vary between geographic areas or between the new vs. returning club rugby players.

The online retention survey will identify drivers of any dissatisfaction players had with their last season of club rugby.

These surveys will be emailed to rugby players across Australia. SA Rugby encouraged all players who receive it to support Rugby in Australia and complete the survey so that we can provide a better playing experience for rugby players across South Australia in the future.

The results of these surveys are expected to be available in late October.

SA Rugby Pre-Grand Final Lunch

The 2009 Bartercard Grand Final Lunch was held at The Highway on Friday 18 September. The 190 people who attended the lunch had the pleasure of listening to Wallabies Captain Stirling Mortlock. There were also interviews with the Premier Grade Grand Finalist Coaches and Captains from Brighton and Burnside.

Thankyou to all who attended on the day and donated items for the auction or purchased auction items and contributed to the Stirling Mortlock signed ball table raffle.

Brice Grand Finals

The 2009 Brice Grand Finals were contested once again at Bailey Reserve in front of a crowd of 3,500 in outstanding conditions for Rugby.

Unbeaten minor premiers of the Coopers Premiership Season, Brighton RUFC, took on the continually improving Burnside RUFC after Burnside easily accounted for Port Adelaide 72-12 in the Preliminary Final the previous week.

Brighton took control of the Brice Grand Final early and managed to score six tries to two to take out the Premiership with a 44-12 win and give coach Barry Cooper his 14th Premier Grade Premiership.

Best on Ground was awarded to Brighton Captain Gareth Brown.

Try Scorers

Brighton: N. Satala 2, L. Brown 1, J. Satala 1, M. Lydan 1, W. Londema 1

J. Brown 4 conversions and 2 penalties

Burnside: G. Ramazan 1, L. Cunnington 1
M. Taufao 1 conversion

DVD's available for all Grand Final matches

All grand finals matches were recorded by Peter Wilkin. Peter has DVD's available for purchase for \$25 each. Please contact him on 0448 804 771 or peter.wilkin@bordnet.com.au if you wish to purchase a DVD.

Photos available from Grand Finals and Don Smith Medal Presentation Night

Photos from the Junior Grand Finals, the Senior and Women's Grand Finals, and the Don Smith Medal Presentation Night can be purchased from the SA Rugby office. Disks are \$20 each (for either Junior Grand Finals, Senior/Women's Grand Finals or Don Smith Night) or \$10 per grade/division.

Ex-Port Adelaide Player wins Calgary Rugby Union award

The annual Calgary Rugby Union Award night was held at the C.R.U on Wednesday Night. The award of the night went to Tim Mattin of the Saracens rugby club winning the C.R.U / M.V.P for 2009 and also taking out the best forward for 2009, this caps a great season for Tim.

Tim arrived to play for the Calgary Saracens from Port Adelaide RUFC. Tim's great form also saw him gain selection for the Province (The Calgary Mavericks) as the starting number 8, where he received great praises from head coach Andy Pocock, whom said that Tim's work rate around the oval was second to none. The Mavericks went ahead and also won the Cup with a very impressive 9 wins and 1 defeat.

U14, U16 and U20's State Representative Trips

The U16 state team will be heading to Sydney from 4-9 October 2009. The U14 and U20 Junior Falcons state teams will be travelling to the Gold Coast this weekend from 25-28 September 2009. SA Rugby would like to wish these teams the best of luck in all of their matches.

State Representative Reports

A number of reports from State Representative Teams will be available over the next couple of months on the SA Rugby website under Latest News.

Coaching, Officiating & Development

Level 2 Coaching Course

Expressions of interest are being sought for the Level 2 Coaching Course taking place at SA Rugby 6 – 8 November 2009. Guest presenters will be assisting with the course, Matt Tink (Western Force scrum coach) and Josh Philpot (Vic Rugby Coach education manager).

Please contact Carl Jones 72248158 should you require any further information.

Competition Management System Training

The following clubs:

- **Burnside**
- **Elizabeth**
- **Old Collegians**
- **Port Adelaide**

are yet to arrange to undertake the Competition Management System training session. Please remember that it is a requirement of the 2009 season that at least one member of each club undertakes this 30 minute session. Please contact Caitlin at SA Rugby on (08) 7224 8150 to organise a training session.

Office for Recreation and Sport Upcoming Training Opportunities

Information on upcoming training courses including:

- Advanced Taping Course
- Senior First Aid Course
- Essentials for Coaching Children
- Sports Nutrition
- Introduction to Medicine Ball Training
- Coaching

Visit the ORS website at www.recsport.sa.gov.au and click on the 'Training and Development' tab, then 'Coaches' for the full list of training sessions and opportunities.

Office for Recreation and Sport 2009/2010 Grants Available

Active Club Program

Open: 22 August 2009
Closes: 6 October 2009

Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program

Open: 29 August 2009
Closes: 12 October 2009

Statewide Enhancement Program

Open: 31 October 2009
Closes: 14 December 2009

Inclusive Recreation Inclusive Sport

Open: 16 January 2010
Closes: 1 March 2010

Move it! Making Communities Active

Open: 29 May 2010
Closes: 12 July 2010

For more information, visit the ORS website at www.recsport.sa.gov.au and click on the 'Grants and Scholarships' tab.

General Notices

Onkaparinga RUFC Positions Vacant

The Onkaparinga rugby club is now seeking applications to fill the positions of rugby operations manager (1 position) and coach, manager or trainer for premier, reserve, third, fourth and women's divisions for season 2010. The club is also looking for a kitchen manager for 2010.

Applications close November 30th 2009.

Enquiries to:

The Secretary
Onkaparinga RUFC
PO Box 115

Morphett Vale SA 5162

Email: onkas@adam.com.au

Or phone Mike Gun 0433 272012.

Website <http://onkas.rugbynet.com.au>

For more information, visit the Club Noticeboard on the SA Rugby website, www.sarugby.com.au

SA Rugby Hall of Fame

The SA Rugby Hall of Fame nominations for 2009 have closed and the inductees were awarded at the Don Smith Medal Presentation Night on 9 September. The 2009 SA Rugby Hall of Fame Inductees are Clem Richards of West Torrens RUFC and Les Mattin of Port Adelaide RUFC. For more information about the SA Rugby Hall of Fame visit the SA Rugby website: http://www.sarugby.com.au/hall_of_fame.html.

Hall of Fame nomination forms for 2010 can be found on the above webpage. Please include as much detailed

information as possible in the nominations. Nominations will close on a date T.B.C. in July 2010. The date will be publicised on the SARU website and bulletin and a memo sent to all clubs a few months prior to the closing date.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

When: Friday 13th November 2009

Time: 6.45am for 7:00am start till 8:45am

Where: Sfera's on the Park Modbury

Details: come and hear guest speaker **Nick Farr-Jones AM**, a natural leader on and off the field. You will be entertained by singers from Torrens Valley Christian School. Support the Rainbowland Playtime Charity.

Menu: Freshly brewed coffee and range of aromatic teas. Selection of fresh juices and mineral water. Basket of pastries. Deluxe cooked breakfast including scrambled eggs, bacon, herbed roma tomato, gourmet sausage and sautéed mushrooms with a potato rosti. Basket of assorted toasts with preserves.

To book tickets or a table, please contact Peter Lee on 8336 7890 / 0431 316 334 or kalee@senet.com.au

2010 Croatian World Games – Australian Qualifying Tournaments Adelaide

The Croatian World Games Australia Qualifying Tournament for the men's Rugby 7's will be held at Brighton RUFC on 31 October – 1 November 2009.

There will be many qualifying tournaments held throughout September, October and November for a range of different sports.

For more information about the Croatian World Games Qualifying Tournaments in Australia visit the Croatian World Games Team Australia Facebook site, phone **Branimir 0401 158 609** or **Lili 0417 844 538** or visit www.croatiasa.com or www.zadar2010.com

KooGa – Official kit provider to SARU

Please note that KooGa remains the official stock merchandiser for SA Rugby in 2009 and gear is available through SA Rugby or KooGa at www.wrskooga.com

Contact the South Australian KooGa Sales Representative, Richard Wasley, on 0410 434 224.

KooGa are also suppliers of **Silver Fern training equipment** www.silverfernaust.com.au

Dates for the Diary

Level 2 Coaching Course

6-8 November 2009

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Register by calling Carl Jones on (08) 7224 8158

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