
News

Touch Rugby Carnival - Pacific Islands Tsunami Disaster Fundraiser

Expressions of interest are being sought from clubs who would like to enter teams into the Port Adelaide Touch Carnival, which will be used to raise money for the Pacific Islands Tsunami disaster. The SA Rugby community has many Pacific Islanders within its ranks and this a good chance to show support for this worthy cause.

The competition is planned to take place on the 7th November 2009, with approximately 20 teams of 10 players in each. Touch SA has already pledged some support for this event. More details in the form of a flyer will be posted here shortly.

This will be a fun day for all the family. There will be a Hangi at the completion of play, with a BBQ and spit going throughout the day and entertainment for the children.

For more information, please contact Justin Olliffe, Port Adelaide RUFC at justin.olliffe@2007WVPG.com

Leo Williams

One of the leading figures behind Rugby's move into the professional era as the then Chairman of the Australian Rugby Union, and later the Chairman of Rugby World Cup, Leo Williams AO, has passed away in Brisbane at the age of 68.

A former QRU President and ARU Chairman, Leo Williams AO went on to become Chairman of Rugby World Cup Ltd from 1995 to 2000.

A former Queensland Reds player (1962-1965) and team manager (1971-1972), Mr Williams followed in the footsteps of the late Joe French as President of the Queensland Rugby Union from 1988 to 1995, one of the Union's most successful periods.

He was elected to the ARU Board in 1993 as Deputy Chairman, and went on to become Chairman from 1994 to 1995.

He also held administrative and coaching positions at the University Club in Queensland, and is well known for his close affinity and rapport with the players and

officials he worked with at the national, state and club level of the game.

Mr Williams was made an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in the 1999 Australia Day Honours for his service to Rugby Union, the law and the community.

In July 2007 Mr Williams received the Joe French Award for outstanding service to the Australian Rugby Union.

John O'Neill, CEO and Managing Director of the ARU, who worked closely with Mr Williams during his time as ARU Chairman said: "Leo contributed a great amount to our game at both national and international level."

"He will always be remembered as being in the Chair at the Australian Rugby Union at the time of the historic creation of SANZAR, and with Louis Luyt (South Africa) and Richie Guy (New Zealand) was one of the three signatories to the broadcasting contract with News Limited, which heralded the move of Rugby into the professional era."

"He then went on and chaired Rugby World Cup 1999 to its success in Wales, and further helped to establish the event as one of the five major sporting events on the global sporting calendar."

"As well as that, through his work both with the Wallabies and Queensland Reds, he played a key role in the development of many players who enjoyed prominent Test careers."

"He was a passionate and dedicated servant of the game. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Nancye and his family."

Funeral arrangements have yet to be announced.

For more information on Leo Williams and his relationship with South Australian Rugby Union, please refer to this article under Latest News on the SA Rugby website: www.sarugby.com.au

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. Please follow the link on the homepage: www.sarugby.com.au

Coaching, Officiating & Development

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) & Liquor Licensing Laws (LLL)

The next round of Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) & Liquor Licensing Laws (LLL) training courses will be held in November/December 2009. Registrations are essential. For the list of course dates and venues and how to register, please go to the following link: <http://www.goodsports.com.au/sa/pages/rsa-courses.html>

Level 2 Coaching Course

Register for the Level 2 Coaching Course taking place at SA Rugby from 6 – 8 November 2009. Guest presenters that are assisting with the course will be Matt Tink (Western Force Scrum Coach) and Josh Philpot (Victorian Rugby Coach Education Manager). Cost TBA.

To register, please contact Carl Jones on carl.jones@sarugby.com.au or (08) 7224 8158.

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

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

SA Rugby Annual Reports

We have recently gained back copies of the SA Rugby Annual Reports from 1949. However we have some years missing and we would like to borrow them to make a copy of them.

If anyone has copies of the following years' Annual Reports and would be willing to lend them to SARU, please contact Cathy in the office on 7224 8150.

1950
1957
1961
1962
1967
1968

All reports will be returned within a couple of weeks and in good condition.

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.

Onkaparinga RUFC Positions Vacant

The Onkaparinga Rugby Club is now seeking applications to fill the positions of Rugby Operations Manager (one 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:

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Onkaparinga RUFC
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Email: onkas@adam.com.au

Or phone Mike Gun 0433 272 012.

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

To enable pre-season training, the Onkaparinga Rugby Club has brought forward the closing date for applications for:

Premier Division Coach

The ideal applicant would want to commit to coaching for 2-3 years.

Applications close 31st October 2009.

For more information, please visit the Club Noticeboard on the SA Rugby website (under Club Information > Club Noticeboard).

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

SA Rugby Office

War Memorial Drive

Cost TBA

Register by calling Carl Jones on (08) 7224 8158 or email carl.jones@sarugby.com.au

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