

## News

### SA Rugby and the Motor Accident Commission promote road safety at the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide

SA Rugby has teamed up with the Motor Accident Commission to promote two important road safety messages at the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide and South Australian community rugby events. The International Rugby Sevens, held at Adelaide Oval 3-5 April, is now established as one of South Australia's premier international events attracting over 32,000 spectators in 2008, including three thousand visitors from interstate and overseas. The road safety campaign will focus on pedestrian safety and drink driving.

In the last five years, about one in every nine road fatalities are pedestrians in South Australia. In addition to fatalities there are on average 120 pedestrians seriously injured and 389 who receive minor injuries each year. Drink driving is a major cause of crashes resulting in injury and death on South Australian roads. Research shows that from 2002 to 2006 there were almost 700 drivers and motorcycle riders killed or seriously injured who were above the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit.

These two campaigns will be delivered via television commercials, signage, posters, branded plastic cups and public announcements at the International Rugby Sevens as well as posters throughout SA Rugby Clubs and local hotels. SA Rugby CEO, Lachlan Clark said "The South Australian rugby community, like a lot of communities in the State, has been affected by the tragedy of accidents on our roads. We are therefore very proud to be able to partner with the Motor Accident Commission on this important initiative."

### Club Precinct Activities

The ARU and SA Rugby have been working together to establish opportunities at the Rugby Sevens to increase the profile of club rugby in SA. This includes Saturday 4 April being named 'Club Day'. Each club has been sent an information and nomination pack. Activities that each club have the opportunity to be involved with include:

#### **Tuesday 31 March**

- Junior Club Training Visit

#### **Wednesday 1 April**

- SAPSASA Metropolitan finals at Adelaide Oval
- Club Coaches training with Australian Sevens Coach at Adelaide Oval

#### **Friday 3 April**

- Junior Rugby Walla Exhibition matches curtain raiser on Adelaide Oval

#### **Saturday 4 April**

- Club Day
- Flag Bearer's for the Parade of Nations
- Club Expo Tent
- Relay through the ages
- Tug of War

#### **Sunday 5 April**

- Prop Race
- Junior Wallaby

**REMINDER: All Nominations need to be in to the SA Rugby Office by COB this Friday.**

For more information please contact your club president or [melanie.summers@sarugby.com.au](mailto:melanie.summers@sarugby.com.au)

### ARU National Alcohol Code of Conduct Released

The Federal Government has recently announced the National Alcohol Code of Conduct for sports designed to assist in the combat of issues in relation to binge drinking within the wider community. The National Alcohol Code of Conduct forms part of the Australian Government's National Binge Drinking Strategy – Club Champions Program.

The Code outlines responsibilities for both organisations and individuals and the government expects those covered by the Code should consume alcohol in a safe and responsible manner and promote responsible drinking.

The Code also establishes a set of principles for the responsible service and consumption of alcohol, including the promotion of sensible drinking to the broader community by national sporting organisations and sports people.

The Australian Rugby Union is one of 6 sports to have signed up for the Code, including:

- rugby union (represented by the Australian Rugby Union)
- rugby league (represented by the National Rugby League and the Australian Rugby League)
- Australian rules football (represented by Australian Football League)
- netball (represented by Netball Australia)
- football (represented by the Football Federation Australia)
- cricket (represented by Cricket Australia).

The Code can be found at the link below – please take the time to note its contents. Please ensure this Code is circulated and promoted to your affiliates and clubs.

[www.rugby.com.au/community\\_rugby/administering\\_rugby/national\\_alcohol\\_code\\_of\\_conduct,128390.html](http://www.rugby.com.au/community_rugby/administering_rugby/national_alcohol_code_of_conduct,128390.html)

## **2009 International Rugby Sevens Adelaide** **Come and see Australia take on old foes, England!**

What better way to end the working week....watching international rugby under lights at the Adelaide Oval with an Australia v England finale? This is exactly what's waiting for you at the Rugby Sevens on Friday, April 3.

Round up your mates and dig out your green and gold for what is shaping up to be a cracker-jack Friday night of rugby in Adelaide. Don't forget that tickets are limited this year due to the Adelaide Oval redevelopment, so don't risk missing out and pre-purchase your tickets now!

The 2009 International Rugby Sevens Adelaide runs over three days from April 3 to 5 and ticket prices start from just \$17!

For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.adelaidesevens.com.au](http://www.adelaidesevens.com.au)

Tickets available through Ticketek [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) or phone 132 849.

### **Dates and Times:**

Friday 3 April: 5.30pm – 8.30pm. Gates open 4:45pm

Saturday 4 April: 12:15pm – 6:30pm (approx). Gates open 11:30am

Sunday 5 April: 10:30am – 7:00pm (approx). Gates open 10:00am

### **2009 iRB Sevens Adelaide Ticket Prices:**

TICKET TYPE	FRI Only	SAT	SUN	2-DAY Pass
<b>RESERVED</b>				
Adult	\$27	\$46	\$52	\$87
Concession**	\$22	\$27	\$34	\$49
Family***	\$54	\$92	\$104	\$174
<b>GENERAL ADMISSION</b>				
Adult	\$17	\$27	\$34	\$55
Concession**	\$12	\$17	\$19	\$30
Family***	\$34	\$54	\$68	\$110

### **International Rugby Sevens Adelaide BUSINESS LUNCH**

With only two weeks to go, don't miss out on your opportunity to hear Qantas Wallabies Coach Robbie Deans speak at the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide Business Lunch on Friday 3 April. With over 500 people already attending, it will be a fantastic day. Each ticket to the Business Lunch also includes a ticket to the Rugby Sevens on Friday night, so you will be enjoying an action packed night of Rugby as well.

So purchase your tickets today and get behind this great event which supports Variety, the children's charity and SA Rugby junior development!

Date: Friday 3 April 2009

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

Key Note Speaker: Robbie Deans, National Coach, Qantas Wallabies

Three course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks

Dress: Business

Tickets: Table of 10 \$1,350 plus GST

Individual tickets \$145 plus GST

(Ticket price includes one General Admission ticket to the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide at Adelaide Oval on Friday 3 April 2009).

To purchase tickets or for more information please contact Melanie Summers at SA Rugby on 08 8232 7101 or email [mel.summers@sarugby.com.au](mailto:mel.summers@sarugby.com.au)

To download a Ticket Order form refer to the bulletin on the SA Rugby website: [www.sarugby.com.au](http://www.sarugby.com.au)

### **BOOK NOW – SELLING FAST!**

### **2009 Bartercard Cup**

We encourage everyone to come along to the Bartercard Cup Final this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Brighton RUFC, Brighton Oval. Match times are as follows:

#### **Plate Final**

**Elizabeth vs Woodville, 7:00pm**

#### **Cup Final**

**Brighton vs Burnside, 8:10pm**

The complete Bartercard Cups Draw and Results can be found on the link on the SA Rugby homepage:

[www.sarugby.com.au](http://www.sarugby.com.au)

## **SAPSASA**

### **SAPSASA District Walla Tournament**

Dates for the SAPSASA District Walla Tournament are on the sarugby web site [www.sarugby.com.au](http://www.sarugby.com.au) under 2009 Season, Key Dates.

### **SAPSASA Walla Rugby Sevens Tournaments**

District	Date	Venue
Southern Heights	Tuesday March 24	Adelaide University RUFC
Adelaide South East	Thursday March 26	Old Collegians RUFC
METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wednesday April 1	Adelaide Oval

## Coaching Education

### Final Smart Rugby Course 25<sup>th</sup> March

Anyone that is not yet accredited in Smart Rugby for this year and is wishing to attend a Smart Rugby course this year, please be advised that the FINAL course for 2009 will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, at Old Collegians RUFC, 6:30pm.

Date/Time	Course	Venue/Time
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Smart Rugby Course	Old Collegians, time 6:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Foundation Course	Adelaide Oval, time TBA

## Notices

### Junior Team Entries

SA Rugby is now calling for calling for junior team entries, excluding under 18's, to be confirmed by COB Monday 16th March 2009.

### Junior Ten-A-Side

At the JYRC Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February it was decided that the junior pre-season competition would take the form of a ten-a-side tournament. The event is planned to include U12 – U16's and take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Burnside RUFC.

More details regarding team entries and timings will be distributed in a Memo to club secretaries.

### Sportsmed SA Workshop Program 2009

Are you looking for courses to update your skills in 2009?

Refer to the Bulletin on the SA Rugby website: [http://www.sarugby.com.au/news\\_bulletin.html](http://www.sarugby.com.au/news_bulletin.html) for information on the Sportsmed SA Workshop Program 2009. SMA-SA fully endorses this program and recommends that it would be suitable for coaches, officials, players and teachers.

### Member Protection Policy

Please make sure your members are aware of the Member Protection Policy, found on the Australian Rugby Union website - [www.rugby.com.au/member\\_protection\\_policy.78348.html](http://www.rugby.com.au/member_protection_policy.78348.html)

Please be advised that Memo 35/08 referring to Police Checks and Code of Conduct Sign Off has been distributed to all clubs.

### KooGa – Official kit provider to SARU

Please note that KooGa remains the official stock merchandiser for SA Rugby in 2008 and gear is available through SA Rugby or KooGa at [www.wrskooga.com](http://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](http://www.silverfernaust.com.au)

## Dates for the Diary

### 20<sup>th</sup> March

Bartercard Cup Final, Brighton Oval

### 28<sup>th</sup> March

Elizabeth 7's Tournament

### 3 April

2009 Official International Rugby Sevens Adelaide Business Lunch

### 3 - 5 April

2009 International Rugby Sevens Adelaide

### 25<sup>th</sup> April

Vodafone Adelaide Black Falcons Trial Match

### 26<sup>th</sup> April

Junior 10's Tournament

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