

## News

### **2009 International Rugby Sevens Adelaide**

The Official International Rugby Sevens Adelaide Business Lunch was an outstanding success, hosting 715 people at the Adelaide Convention Centre last Friday.

A total of 28, 186 spectators attended the International Rugby Sevens at Adelaide Oval over the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Australia put in a great performance, reaching the Plate Final against England but losing 24 – 19 in overtime.

Souths Africa are now the reigning champions two years in a row, after their win against Kenya, 26 – 7, in the Cup Final.

Congratulations to Burnside for their triumph over Woodville in the tug-of-war. Well done to Elizabeth for their win in the props race. Congratulations also go to Southern Suburbs for their win in the all ages relay.

A big congratulation goes to six of our local players – Nathan Satala of Brighton RUFC, Mika Taufaa of Burnside RUFC, Mika Leawere and Tom Ramanumanu of Southern Suburbs, Matt Connor of Woodville and Tevita Raikiwasa of Port Adelaide. Satala was selected as a reserve for Cup winners South Africa. Taufaa played on field for England. Leawere represented Cook Islands and scored a superb try. Ramanumanu was selected as a reserve for Argentina. Connor was selected as a reserve for Portugal and Raikiwasa was selected for Argentina. This was a tremendous opportunity for SA's top-level players to gain first-hand international experience.

SA Rugby would like to thank clubs for their participation and efforts. A special thankyou goes to all staff and volunteers for putting in their time and effort over the three days to make this year's Rugby Sevens Adelaide a success.

### **Loss of Shawn Mackay**

Brumbies Super 14 rugby player, Shawn Mackay passed away in Durban hospital on Monday. Mackay was in hospital, critically ill with multiple injuries since the early hours of March 29 when he was hit by an armed response car in a Durban street. After undergoing surgery, Mackay contracted an infection in his bloodstream, leading to a cardiac arrest from which he did not recover.

Mackay had coached the Women's Sevens side until he received a deserved contract with the Brumbies this season. His work set the platform for the Australian side to claim the women's Sevens World Cup in Dubai last month. This time last year, Mackay captained Australia at the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide.

SA Rugby is saddened by this tragic loss to rugby. Our thoughts are with Shawn's family, friends and team mates at this most difficult time.

### **Life Membership of the South Australian Rugby Union Ltd**

The Life Members Nominating Committee comprises all current Life members and two Board Directors.

The Committee is currently convened and chaired by Glen Millar.

In contrast to the Hall of Fame there is no formal calling process or annual quota but there are tighter selection criteria in that it is SARU life membership and the service involved has to be to the SARU rather than rugby in SA in a more general sense.

Nominations normally arise by action of a particular club or individual who believe that a person has provided the length and type of service appropriate to the award; the committee is then convened (generally two or three months before AGM) and a decision is taken as to whether any recommendation will be put to the AGM. There is no requirement for the Board to endorse. AGM then votes on the recommendation and any successful recipients are presented at Don Smith.

A letter with support documentation attached on why the nominating person believes the nominee qualifies is all that is required, simply supply the name and the reasons why the individual is being nominated and provide the support documentation.

For details of qualifications refer to the Board of the SARU qualifications for Life Membership of the Union document found on the website Bulletin:  
[www.sarugby.com.au/news\\_bulletin.html](http://www.sarugby.com.au/news_bulletin.html)

## SAPSASA

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### **SAPSASA Walla Rugby Sevens Metropolitan Championships**

The winner of the Boys Championships was St. Peters, Woodlands, who defeated Hallett Cove East, 2-1.

The winner of the Girls Championships was Burnside, who defeated Willunga 2, 1-0.

Photos will be on the SA Rugby website within the next few weeks.

### **Coaching Education**

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Date/Time	Course	Venue/Time
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Foundation Course	Adelaide Oval, time 9am – 4pm

### **Notices**

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#### **Junior Ten-A-Side**

The closing date for the junior ten-a-side Tournament taking place at Burnside on 26<sup>th</sup> April is COB Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. The draw and timings will be promulgated once all entries have been received. Refer to online Bulletin: [http://www.sarugby.com.au/news\\_bulletin.html](http://www.sarugby.com.au/news_bulletin.html) for the team entry form.

#### **ORS 2009 Club Development Conference**

Sunday 24 May 2009

8:45am to 3:30pm

AAMI Stadium Convention Centre

Turner Drive, West Lakes SA

The 2009 Club Development Conference is an education, training and networking opportunity aimed specifically at sport and recreation club level volunteer administrators. Designed as a streamlined interactive forum, your club's know-how will be expanded through informative case studies, hands-on workshops and great information from program and service deliveries in this industry.

If your club is a member of the Club Development Network, you will have already received an offer for two FREE places! If you are not a member of the Club Development Network, you can register online. Refer to online Bulletin:

[http://www.sarugby.com.au/news\\_bulletin.html](http://www.sarugby.com.au/news_bulletin.html) for more information on registration. Please contact SA Rugby if you would like to attend.

#### **Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training and Liquor Licensing Laws (LLL) training for sporting club bar servers and volunteers.**

GOOD SPORTS offers these courses at a substantially discounted price.

The Liquor Licensing Laws (LLL) training provides:

- information and understanding of the main elements of SA Liquor Licensing Laws,
- what the role and legal obligations of a licensee and their approved responsible person are; and
- clearly defines the role of the Office of the Liquor & Gambling Commissioner.

The Course topics include:

- The Liquor Licensing Act
- Categories of Licenses
- Notices, Fees, Minors, Entertainment, Noise
- Breaches of obligations

Please 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 these courses.

#### **Sportsmed SA Workshop Program 2009**

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

SMA-SA fully endorses this program and recommends that it would be suitable for coaches, officials, players and teachers. 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.

#### **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 2009 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**

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

Vodafone Adelaide Black Falcons Trial Match

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

Junior 10's Tournament

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