

TREGENZA TIMES

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NEWS

LAUNCH OF RUGBY 2003

John O'Neill, Managing Director/CEO of ARU, launched Rugby 2003 on 21 February. To follow are some (edited) highlights of his speech.

Rugby 2003 will be a celebration, the biggest and greatest year in Australia's rugby history. Australian Rugby is setting off on a journey this year that will change the game forever in this country. The sporting landscape will change. Right here and now, the ARU has five clear objectives in this defining year for our game: win Rugby World Cup 2003, host the "Best Ever" tournament, optimise the legacies for Rugby in Australia and globally after RWC 2003, maintain and enhance the "Underlying business" and continue momentum on our major strategic priorities e.g. a 4th Super 12 team.

Which brings us to the year ahead. What a repertoire! 69 games of Vodafone Super 12, three inbound Tests against England, Ireland and Wales, the Tri Nations Series – all part of the Bundaberg Rum Rugby Series, and then the jewel in the crown, the fifth Rugby World Cup – 48 games of Test match Rugby here in Australia.

If Rugby has a "good news" story to tell, the first chapter is Super 12. Season ticket sales have tripled for the Waratahs and doubled for the Reds. Rugby Tests now attract more television viewers in Melbourne than they do in Brisbane.

Australians have bought close to a million tickets to the Rugby World Cup, which is still eight months away. We are confident that more than two million people will pass through the turnstiles compared with the 600,000 who attended in 1987. The worldwide TV audience will have grown from a humble 300 million to a projected 4 billion across the tournament. More than 200 countries are taking the telecasts. 20 teams, 48 games, ten cities, 55,000 visitors, maybe more, a world-wide TV audience of 4 billion across the Tournament, an economic impact of one billion dollars – these are just figures to us today. In eight months time we will all be living the reality of those figures. Our cities will be coming alive with festive events, live sites, concerts and other special events – a whole raft of things that will add to the celebration. We are exploring every possible angle to deliver the party of a lifetime.

That's the year ahead for us. As I said, it is a defining year for Australian Rugby.



If you want to be a part of the club's on-line Super 12s competition, log onto www.footytips.com.au and sign up. Once you're signed up, join the "Old Collegians RUFC" Super 12s competition (the password is "Tregenza"). You'll be credited with all the away games for the weeks before you joined, which at the moment will put you at about half way up the table. There's no fee for joining and best tipper wins a slab. **The current leader is Candice Daniel, followed closely by James Bradley.**

WORLD CUP REPECHAGE

On Saturday 15 March, Tonga trounced South Korea by 75-0 in the first of two répechage matches to determine which of the two will play at the Rugby World Cup later this year. The next game is on 22 March, but given the result of this first game, Tonga seems a safe bet. On the same day, Spain beat Tunisia 33-16 and are thus a step closer to qualifying. The final scores were particularly surprising, given that Tunisia were ahead 13-3 at half-time. It was only in the last 13 minutes that Spain drew ahead. Spain now goes on to meet the USA in two games in April to decide which of the two will play in the World Cup.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, 14 March	TRY RUGBY
Friday, 21 March	TRY RUGBY
Friday, 28 March	TRY RUGBY
Friday, 4 April	TRY RUGBY
Saturday, 5 April	Brighton at Brighton

Saturday, 12 April	Onka's at Tregenza
Saturday, 12 April	"Get Stoned" – 60s Night
Saturday, 5 April	Port Adelaide at Port Adelaide
Saturday, 3 May	Southern Suburbs at Tregenza
Saturday, 3 May	Pool Competition



JUNIORS

TRY RUGBY

Try Rugby, the ARU initiative to encourage the development of juniors' rugby, continues to be held on a weekly basis at Tregenza. It continues on Friday evenings for until **Friday 4th April, 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm**. Each night, the Club opens the bar and runs the canteen and a sausage sizzle. Numbers have been limited, but are promising.

2003 TEAMS

The good news is that we have sufficient numbers of players to field teams for the Under 8s, Under 10s, Under 14s, and Under 16s. We could do with more U12s. See if you can't scrape up a couple of likely looking youngsters in that age range. Alas, the bad news is that we have only one lonely Under 18.

SCRUMBAG

The club's social scene looks like being a great one under the control of our new Social Director, Emma Curran. The next few weeks will see a pool competition (two tables, prizes etc – see social page for details) and also a "Get Stoned" night as a promotion of the Crocs' new sponsor, Stones (alcoholic) Ginger Beer. If you remember last year's similar Bundy promotion, you clearly weren't there. We assume "Get Stoned" will finish in much the same fashion.

The Club's Oztag teams faired less well than usual in 2003, and failed to take away any trophies. The lads from Port Adelaide won the trophy for the open division – we'll just have to avenge ourselves in the *real* game.

The Frocs sported new T-shirts at the Elizabeth Sevens, designed by Stew Douglas and Kim Evans. After being distributed amongst the girls, the leftovers were snaffled by a couple of supporters and also by the Mayor of Playford Council – Marilyn Baker. She's promised to wear it to a Council meeting.

The Mighty Dawson dropped in to see us in February, to sink a few pints and wave to his fans. Barrie played for the club in the 70's. (His visit was heralded many queries of "Who's Dawson?" How soon we are forgotten. The lesson, apparently, is never to leave the club in case your glories lapse into obscurity. Instead, hang about and talk yourself up constantly). It would appear that maturity has leant Dawson the reliability and gravitas that were denied him in his headstrong youth. Unlike previous promised visits, he actually showed up this time.



Needless to say, when our old friends return to say hello, other long missed souls creep out of the woodwork. Chris Dodson, who also played in the 70s, and was one of our 1979 first grade grand finalists, was seen around and about the bar when Dawson returned. A reliable source tells us that in his heyday Chris was like dermatitis "all over everything and bloody annoying when he got there".

Every year, the women's competition sees various teams combine to ensure sufficient numbers. In 2000, we saw the merger of Onkaparinga and Woodville, known affectionately as Wonkaville. In 2002, it was the girls from the Port and Burnside – AKA Pornside. This year, the competition welcomes the new partnership of Woodville and Port Adelaide. Port Woodville? Wood Adelaide? Or simply Wortville? It remains to be seen ...

The first and second grade draw is available, and appears elsewhere in this *Tregenza Times*. However, the third, fourth and women's draws are not yet available. When asked when they might be forthcoming, the Powers That Be merely laughed. We assume that means not any time soon.

Our own Jesse James and Barry Nichols have been nominated to take their place on the rugby judiciary. We assume that the wealth of wisdom that spurts forth from them at the sideline and the bar will translate nicely to the bench ...

SARU is moving premises. No longer will they be found in the cupboard under the stairs at Bailey – they are now resident at 125 Carrington Street in the city.

SARU ran a Level 1 Coaching Course on 9 March 2003, which was attended by five Collegians and about 25 people from other clubs. All praise to Dean Bradley, James Bradley, Tiana Hume, Kim Evans and the new guy called Michael (we don't know his last name. Just shout out "Michael" and if a really big guy turns to look at you, that's him).

Collegians' gained another dubious distinction recently by having two separate evictions from the casino on the same evening. Andy Dalton was spotted by the bouncers finding considerable difficulty getting the coins into a pokie machine and was then thrown out on the strength of his jeans. Elsewhere in the building Chezza & Boof were thrown out for, well, being Chezza & Boof I suppose.

The club's website (www.oldcollegiansrugby.org.au) proudly notched up it's 10,000th hit this month. We will, at some stage, have a quiet drink to celebrate its success. Don't forget to check it regularly for draws, results, history, *Tregenza Times*, gossip, etc. Congratulations to Paul Horne for his development and ongoing maintenance of the website.

The rancour we felt at missing on RWC pool tickets has in many cases been forgotten now that the ballot for the premium tickets has been drawn. The club is awash with tickets to the opening ceremony, quarters, semis and final. One notable even has A category tickets to all of the above!

If you have RWC tickets you do not want or can not use, you are encouraged to contact the club (start with Ted - 0409 474 868) because someone will want them. Likewise, if you want tickets and have none – make yourself known!

In an unfortunate recent event, a young man was found on Tregenza Oval after having taken a drug overdose. He had been unconscious for some time and his heart stopped for a while. More distressing is the fact that this young man lay potentially dying on our oval while the first, second, third grades and women's team trained around him on a Thursday night. It seems the common feeling at the time was that he was sleeping off a bit of a bender and should be left alone. Fortunately, Kate Denley, Mike Lowe and others looked after him until the ambulance arrived. The ambo's were able to revive him, and it is hoped that he will be all right.

Many congratulations to Andy Dalton and his lovely new wife Jo, who were married on 15th March 2003. Jo was apparently gorgeous, and Andy scrubbed up OK too. A few old faces from the 1998 premiership team (of which Dalton was captain) turned up for the show, notably including Craig McCabe and Dan Pryor. Congratulations and best wishes to both Andy and Jo.

We note in passing that *Tregenza Times* sent an intrepid photographer to capture the wedding, but he bollocksed it up, didn't he? We hope a later edition of *Tregenza Times* will be able to show you some happy snaps from the cameras of people who unlike *our* photographer could, if pressed, find their arse with both hands.

A document of some weight has come to our hands. It is dated 24 July 1998, and purports to be the first draft of an apology to the Burnside Rugby Club. The author, Mr Harry Clark, had the honour of coaching the third grade at that time. He had recently had been forced to forfeit against Burnside at Burnside. Unfortunately, this happened at the eleventh hour, much to Harry's own discomfort and the anger of the Burnside coach and players. Flu had laid our Thirds low, and many players failed to advise that they would not be turning up. Harry bore the brunt of Burnside abuse, and it must be admitted that he did not do so graciously. The letter of apology admits that under the significant provocation he faced, "I told the Burnside captain and players that I was forfeiting at such a late stage because I (fornicatingly) hated Burnside." Some time later, upon being asked by the then Prez Cranna to apologise, Harry penned his little missive. It runs to several pages and several hundred words, *most* of which are appropriately contrite. It must be admitted that Mr Clark also advised, by post script, "We will still be beating the daylights out of you in all grades on 25 July 1998," Despite requests from Harry's adoring public, *Tregenza Times* declines to print the "apology" in its entirety. We note only that our copy is only a draft. Mr Clark tore the original to shreds in the face of the Burnside coach when, for some inexplicable reason, he failed to accept Mr Clark's apology with good grace.

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RUGBY SEASON 2003

ELIZABETH SEVENS

We came we saw and we were conquered! Ray Butler, our sevens coach, was heard to mutter in an inspirational way "Damn ... that was good". On the positive side the guys went through to the Plate competition and the girls got to their final. It did give us an opportunity to look at some of our new players and players coming back after several years away.

The men's team, made up mainly of front rowers and outside backs, showed some turns of speed that clearly indicated summer has not all been downhill. Our Foreign Legion of Kiwi, Pom, French and Argentinean members contributed well as did our long lost friends MacDougal and Wells. Unfortunately not all could stay the whole day and left a hole for the business end of the day.

Early season games have a tendency to bring with them the likelihood of injuries. The Injury God arrived, looked round and asked "Where's Stew? Never mind we can do our bit with this lot." He did. A few hammy's tweaked, a few sore muscles and at least one hard bang in the head. Mike and Kate, as reliable as ever, had a full day's work. Ben Hamer was heard to say "I thought that was why you played rugby". That boy has a mind of his own.

The Frocs turned up with 16 girls, which was a phenomenal turnout for a team that normally only scrapes together eight or nine for a game of sevens. Unfortunately, they were only allowed to name a squad of 12, so four of the veterans chose to sit out the day and give the new blood a chance to stretch their legs. The gals won the first game against Port Adelaide convincingly, but unfortunately faired less well against the more disciplined Southern Suburbs girls who consistently broke tackles and forced them to commit too many to the ruck. The final results notwithstanding, there were very good performances by many girls. In particular, the "new girls" Sally (ex of Burnside), Alicia and Tara have now all played their first game for the Frocs. Kudos to Kate Reynolds, who was declared 'best on ground' for the Frocs.





The season is onto us again and pre-season training has started. We currently have an attendance of about 1.5 teams of males and about 1.5 teams of females. If we are going to succeed in entering four men's teams and one women's team this year, we will need more men. [Ed: Here, here]. So ring your mates and get them out.

- Trial game against Woodville at Woodville on 22 March. Mixed team with rotations.
- Team squads to be picked following trial and will be notified Tuesday 25th.
- First round on 5th April at Brighton.
- No play over Easter

For the trial we would like all players to play who wish to be considered for 1st and 2nd grades. If you can't make it please let Neil Bradley, Bob Stafford-Lee or Ted Apted know.

There will be changes to the competition this year. The 1st and 2nd Grades will each have eight teams, each with promotion relegation. To be in 1st Grade you will no longer need a team in 2nd Grade. For home games this will cause no problems, but for away games 1st and 2nd could be playing at different grounds. That together with a new rule covering substituted players, may mean only limited backing up can be allowed without jeopardising a player's status for the finals

The form of competition is not totally finalised, but appears to be three complete rounds of 21 games and no byes. There will be no mid season cup during the Australian Rugby Shield. Minor round games will continue which may make final places a bit of a lottery. Finals will be made up of top four teams in each grade and played over three weeks. The Grand Finals will be in late September.

The 3rd and 4th Grade competitions are still being developed, but it is likely that the 3rd s will play at the same ground with the 1st s. We have entered both 3rd and 4th Grades and look forward to strong success after last year's efforts. Numbers of teams in each competition is still being sorted out. The women's competition is also still being sorted out, but we know it will begin in the first week of May, with four teams and (hopefully) 15 a side.

If you want to play this year come along to practice and let us know. Make sure you bring a friend, male or female - we are broad-minded and don't mind.



DRAW

Round	Date	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
1	5 April	Brighton	Brighton
2	12 April	<i>Onkaparinga</i>	<i>Onkaparinga</i>
3	26 April	Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide
4	3 May	<i>Southern Suburbs</i>	<i>Southern Suburbs</i>
5	10 May	Woodville	North Torrens
6	17 May	Elizabeth	Adelaide University
7	24 May	<i>Burnside</i>	<i>Burnside</i>
8	31 May	<i>Brighton</i>	<i>Brighton</i>
9	7 June	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga
10	14 June	<i>Port Adelaide</i>	<i>Port Adelaide</i>
11	21 June	Southern Suburbs	Southern Suburbs
12	28 June	<i>Woodville</i>	<i>North Torrens</i>
13	5 July	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Adelaide University</i>
14	12 July	Burnside	Burnside
15	19 July	Brighton	Brighton
16	26 July	<i>Onkaparinga</i>	<i>Onkaparinga</i>
17	2 August	Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide
18	9 August	<i>Southern Suburbs</i>	<i>Southern Suburbs</i>
19	16 August	Woodville	North Torrens
20	23 August	Elizabeth	Adelaide University
21	30 August	<i>Burnside</i>	<i>Burnside</i>

PRELIMINARY DRAW ONLY - *italics* are home games

Draws not available for 3rd /4th grade or women

A quote about pre-season training:

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all." – *Sam Ewig*



If you have anything you'd like to contribute to Tregenza Times, drop a note in the suggestions box at the club, email your friendly editor (Kim Evans) at kevans@normans.com.au or just front up to her at the bar.

CLUB NOTES

PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR 2003 SEASON

Although Canterbury will be a sponsor for rugby gear, the Union will still be selling Gilbert balls and Gilbert protective gear. There have been no changes to the rules & regulations, and no further comments on headgear colours. All protective gear must have an IRB approved tag.



*We have some new bar prices:
Schooners \$2.70, Pints \$3.60, Stubbies/Cans \$3.80.
These prices are still between 20c to 45c cheaper
than local pubs*

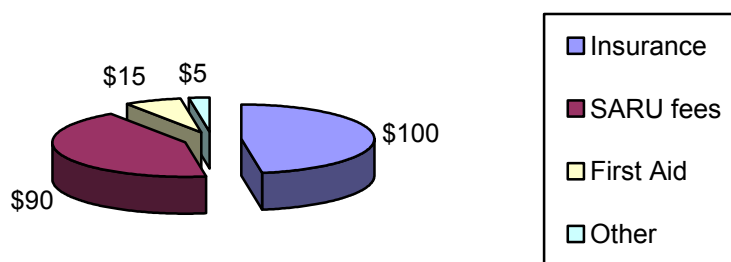
SUBS FOR 2003

Player \$210 Concession/Student player \$150
Voting member \$90 Assoc member \$50

\$20 BAR VOUCHER

*TO ALL PLAYERS (INCLUDING CONCESSIONS) WHO HAVE FULLY PAID
THEIR FEES BY THE END OF APRIL*

WHAT DOES THE CLUB DO WITH MY SUBS?



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POOL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 3 MAY 2003

(after the Souths home game, from 7pm)

***Find a partner and register your
doubles team***

***\$10 entry fee per team
Prizes for the winners***



GET STONED WITH THE CROCS

12 April 2003

(after the home game against Onkaparinga)

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