

TREGENZA TIMES

Old Collegians Rugby Football Club Inc.



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SOCIAL DIARY

RUGBY GAMES ON THE BIG SCREEN AT THE CLUB

14 April Waratahs v Queensland Reds
21 April Waratahs v Highlanders
28 April Brumbies v Crusaders

FIRST HOME GAME - 14 APRIL

Join us after the game for presentations, BBQ, the Super 14 game on the big screen, drink specials and live music



To all prospective 3rd and 4th grade players

Training on Thursday 29th March will be a Team Planning and Discussion Night. No training - that's right, no fitness on the night!! Instead, be at the Club for a 7.00 pm start for a discussion and planning forum and enjoy the free BBQ provided (maybe even a happy hour for the beers!!). Barry Hickman and Steve Stanway, the coaches of the Third and Fourth grades will be discussing the season ahead. If you haven't already met them, the BBQ and drinks would be a good time to do so and have an input into how your rugby season is shaped and scheduled.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT and vital for success throughout the season, both on and off the field.

RSVP to Denzil on 0412 972 406



NEWS FROM SA RUGBY UNION

In mid-2005 the SA Rugby board agreed to undertake a review of its Governance structure and systems. Whilst the review in itself is good governance practice, it was brought about following a number of key events influencing the manner in which rugby is operated in South Australia including the appointment of a chief executive officer and the sport's national governing body, the ARU, also undertaking a similar process. At SARU's recent AGM, the members of SARU (namely the clubs) accepted the recommendations for constitution change, including that the board structure be changed to comprise six Directors nominated by the members and up to three Board-appointed Directors. Before, there were nine Directors all of which were elected by the members. This change paves the way for selected qualified people from the corporate sector to join the Board to complement (not duplicate) the skills currently held by the Board.

At the recent AGM of SA Rugby Union the members voted to award Life Membership to five candidates who have made outstanding contributions to SA Rugby over many years. Old Collegians extends its warmest congratulations to these gentlemen.

Barry Hickman

1960 – 1994 Played over 400 games for Elizabeth RUFC
1964 – 2000 Member Elizabeth RUFC 7's Tournament Committee
1970 – 1985 SAJRU Council Delegate for Elizabeth RUFC
1976 – 1996 SARU Council Delegate for Elizabeth RUFC (20 years)
1981 – 1983 Member SAJRU Management Committee
1981 – 1994 Tournament Director Elizabeth 7's
1981 – 1986 Member SAJRU Sponsorship/Marketing Committee
1983 – 1985 Member SAJRU Development Committee
Junior State Coach, Presidents XV, U/12's and U/14's.
1984 – 1985 Member SARU Development Sub-committee
1985 - 1987 Member SAJRU Management Committee
1994 – 1998 Member of SARU Board of Management
1994 – 1999 Member SARU Marketing and Sponsorship Committee
1996 – 1997 Member SARU Judiciary Committee
1996 and 1999 Member SARU Steering Committee Adelaide 7's
1998 – 1999 Delegate to SA Major Events (7's Rugby Committee)
1998 – 1999 Tournament Director, Adelaide Provincial 7's
2002 – 2004 SAJRU Council Delegate for Elizabeth RUFC
President Elizabeth RUFC for 6 yrs, Treasurer and Secretary for 2 yrs
Coach Elizabeth West and Vale Pr Schools and Elizabeth Boys High
Coach U/10,U/12,U/14,U/16 and U/18 Elizabeth, & 5 years in seniors
Coach of Old Collegians RUFC Division 3 team in 2007
Member of Old Collegians RUFC Selection Committee 2007

Kevin Phelps

1977 – 1980 President of Waratahs Junior Club
1978 - Organiser of Under-18 tour to the United Kingdom
1978 – 1987 Member of SARU Board of Management
1979 – 1980 Vice-President SAJRU
Manager of SARU U/21 Team for a number of years in the 1980's
1981 – 1987 President SAJRU
1981 – 1987 SAJRU Delegate to the AJRU
1985 - U/18 State Team Manager
1988 – 1993 Chairman of SARU Board of Management
1988 – 1993 SARU delegate to ARU
1988 – 1993 Chair of SARU C'ee for incoming international tours
ARU Liaison Officer for England and Fijian tour of Australia
Member of Waratahs Board of Management for 5 years
President of Burnside RUFC for 1 year

Neil Whittaker

SARU Inc. 1997 – 2000 Board Member
SARU Inc. 1997 – 2000 Honorary Treasurer
SARU Inc Member, Judiciary (1996 – 1997)
SARU Inc. 1997 – 2000 Chair, Finance Committee
SARU Inc. 1997 – 2000 Member, Human Resource Committee
SARU Ltd 2000 – 2007 Board Director
SARU Ltd 2000 – 2007 Company Secretary
SARU Ltd Member, Competition Rules Committee (2000 – 2004)
SARU Ltd Member, Governance Committee (2006 – 2007)
SARU Ltd Member, Judiciary Appeal Tribunal (2005 – 2007)
SAJRU Inc 1995 – 2007 Board Member
SAJRU Inc 1995 – 2007 Honorary Treasurer
Manager Under 16s 1997 – 2001 (Division 2 Champions 1997)
SAJRU State Team Co-ordinator 2002, 2004
Manager SASRU Schools Team 2004
Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for contribution to Rugby Union
H J Rogers Memorial Shield for outstanding administrative services in
1998 and 2006
SAJRU Life Member
SAJRU Presidents Trophy 1999

John Fidock

1981 – 1991 Member of SARU Senior State Team
Represented SARU in three senior Southern States Carnivals
1985 Selected in Combined Southern States Team
1983 and 1987 Don Smith Medal (Best and Fairest)
Represented SARU in the following international matches:- Australian
Barbarians, Nippon Steel, Argentina, USA, Italy, Japan, Canada
(twice) and Zimbabwe
1965 Dover Gardens Primary School
1971 and 1972 SA Primary Schools Team
1973 and 1974 Glenelg RUFC Under 14's
1975 and 1976 SAJRU U/16 team
1977 SA Schools Team
1978 Toured England and Scotland with SAJRU U/18 team
1978 ARFSU Second XV, U/19 Team
1979, 1980 and 1981 SARU U/21 Team
1980 ARU U/21 Development Squad, (AIS, Canberra)
1979, 1980 and 1981 Member of SARU U/21 Southern States Carnival
winning team
Played 430 games to date for Brighton RUFC
Played in ten First Division Premier Teams, 1979-1983, 1984-1986,
1989, 1992 and 1993
Never been sent off or appeared before the Judiciary Committee
Coached Brighton Secondary School 1st XV for 3 years
Coached SAJRU U/12 team tour to Melbourne
Coached Brighton RUFC U/12 team for two years
Assistant Coach, Brighton U/16 team

Gary Pope

As a referee:

1980	Commenced refereeing in Darwin NT
1982	Travelled monthly from Mildura to Adel to referee
1983 -1989	Travelled monthly from Pt Augusta to Adel to referee
1988	U16 Australian Championship Referee
1988	English Schoolboys Tour to Australia Referee
1990, 2006	Division 4 Grand Final Referee
1990	U21 Australian Championship Referee
1990 -1996	Exchange referees to Victoria, Canberra & NSW
1991, 92, 95	Division 1 Grand Final Referee
1992	N.Z All Blacks Tour to Australia Touch Judge
1993, 94	Division 2 Grand Final Referee
1993	South Africa Tour to Australia Touch Judge
1994	American Eagles Tour to Australia Touch Judge
1996 -2001	Division 1 Grand Final Reserve Referee & Touch Judge
1998	Adelaide International Provincial 7's Referee
2001	U16 Grand Final Referee
2002, 03	Division 2 Grand Final Touch Judge
2004	Appointments Board Referees Association
2005	Division 3 Grand Final Referee

As a coach:

1999	Coach Old Collegians U16 Premiers
2000 - 2005	Coach Prince Alfred College 1 st XV

As a player:

1960 -1963	Brighton Primary School
1963 -1970	Glenelg and Brighton Rugby Club U/12,U/14,U/16,U/18.
1966	Captain SA Rugby U/16 Championships
1967	Southern States Tour to New Zealand
1970 -1972	National Service Army Rugby
1972 -1979	Brighton Rugby Club Divisions 2, 3 and 4



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You have to be there to experience the atmosphere of Rugby Sevens in Adelaide. The party and festivities will be something that you do not want to miss. As you can see from the images below, anything goes! The best way to enjoy this carnival is to become a part of it!



COSTUME COMPETITION

We are running a competition for Best Dressed at the Adelaide 7s, so start planning your costume now! There are two Categories: Best Team Supporter and Best Random Costume. There will be 2 prizes in each category, an OC supporter's jersey/fleece for the judges' favourite and an OC drinks card for the Crowd Favourite (as judged by on-line voting). Entry to this competition is FREE. **Dress up and send us a photo of you taken at the 7s!**

SENIOR DRAW 2007

Date	Venue	Premier XV 15:20	Reserve XV 14:00	3rd XV 12:40	4th XV 11:20	Women's XV 11.30	Juniors (TBC)
14 April	<i>Tregenza Waite</i>	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga	Onkaparinga	Elizabeth		N/A
						Burnside	
21 April	<i>Bailey</i>	Southern Suburbs	Southern Suburbs	Bye		Southern Suburbs (12.40)	N/A
	<i>Brighton</i>				Brighton		
28 April	<i>Tregenza Port Adelaide</i>	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton		N/A
						Port Adelaide (14:00)	
5 May	<i>Gleneagles</i>	Adelaide Black Falcons v Queensland Country Heelers (14:30)					
SUNDAY 6 May	<i>Gleneagles</i>	Woodville		Woodville (14.00)		Bye	<i>Vikings</i>
	<i>Lyndoch</i>		Barossa Rams		Barossa Rams		
12 May	<i>Tregenza</i>	Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide			Port Adelaide (12:40)	
	<i>Dry Creek Womma</i>			North Torrens			
					Elizabeth (11:30)		<i>Elizabeth</i>
19 May	<i>Brighton</i>				Brighton (12:40)		
	<i>Parkinson</i>	Burnside	Burnside	Burnside (No 2)		Burnside (No 2 11:30)	<i>Burnside</i>
26 May	<i>Gleneagles</i>	Old Collegians 1st XV v University (12.30) Adelaide Black Falcons v Darwin Mosquitoes (14:30)					
SUNDAY 27 May	<i>Tregenza</i>		Elizabeth (15:20)	North Torrens (14:00)	Elizabeth (12:40)	Southern Suburbs (TBC)	<i>Elizabeth</i>
2 June	<i>Gleneagles</i>	Veterans' Game (12:30) Adelaide Black Falcons v Melbourne Axemen (14:30)					
SUNDAY 3 June	<i>Wilfred Taylor Reserve</i>	Onkaparinga	Bye	THE DRAW FOR OTHER GRADES IS YET TO BE COMPLETED FOR BEYOND 27 MAY 2007			

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE JUNIOR DRAW IS ONLY AN INDICATIVE DRAFT



FUNDRAISER – BUY A TILE!

We need to raise funds to pay for the new showers. For \$20 you can have your name written on a tile in the new bathroom and secure your place on Collegians' walls. (For \$50 we'll even let you choose the position of the tile.)

ELIZABETH SEVENS – 31st MARCH

We have entered a men's team and a women's team. Come out and support the teams!

CLUB CRECHE

Michaela Osborne is proving baby sitting services at the clubrooms on a Thursday night to parents who struggle to balance their training commitments as well as the kids. The club will also provide a discounted subs rate to assist with these costs. However, we are just trialling it at the moment and if it is not used we'll have to discontinue it, so make use of it if you want to see it stay. Ask us if you are interested and would like more information.

2007 SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Subs for 2007 have not been increased from last year! All subs attract a discount (the discounted figure is in brackets) plus free T-shirt if paid in full before **Thursday 3rd May, 2007**.

- \$255 – full playing member (\$230)
- \$205 – concession playing member (\$180)
- \$110 – voting member (\$100)
- \$70 – social member (\$60)

FREE KEG AND \$50 RAFFLE EVERY THURSDAY!

All members paid in full before 3rd May 2007 get to share a free keg at a party at the club in May and also go into a weekly raffle for a \$50 voucher to be used at the club. The winner must be present at the draw in the clubrooms after training on every Thursday from 3rd May onwards.

OLD COLLEGIANS MERCHANDISE

- Supporter's Jersey (pictured right) \$50 (by order only)
- Adult Fleece \$48 (by order only)
- Junior Fleece \$38 (by order only)
- Sports Bag \$15
- Fleecy Beanie \$15
- Stubby Holder \$5

Speak to Sue Thewlis or Curtis the Barman or email Kim on kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au

Thanks to Ticka Sports (our new friend Seru) and EmbroidMe (our old friend Cameron McDonald) for their competitive quotes on Old Collegians merchandising in 2007.



DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

CHAMPS SPORT STORE – 10% DISCOUNT

Champs Sport Store in Burnside Village always offer all club members a **10% discount** on all stock!

PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Physio Direct offers special rates to
ALL Old Collegians club-members

Particularly attractive rates for 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and
Women's Grade players.

Call 8373 1324 to arrange an appointment.



Athlete's Foot in Burnside offers all club members a **10% discount on all stock**. The store is owned and run by Gary Pope who is one of SARU's referees and a long time supporter of Old Colls. He can give you good advice about the right rugby boot for you.

Please note that the **Canterbury shop in the Myer Centre** no longer offers Old Collegians a discount – we suggest you go to Champs in Burnside Village, who do stock Canterbury gear and offer us a 10% discount.



Old Collegians is proud to announce that **POWER LOAN** is our newest sponsor. Power Loan is an international finance company that has been in operation for over 7 years. The Head Office is located in Adelaide, with numerous branches and offices operating across Australia & New Zealand.

Old Collegian's Juan Aguiar is a Service Manager with Power Loan and would be very happy to help anyone connected with Old Collegians achieve their financial goals and objectives. Contact him by email at juan@powerloan.com.au or 0439 865 153. Power Loan is confident that it has a better option than your current arrangements and the club receives **sponsorship funds** from everyone connected with Old Collegians who signs up with Power Loan.

There is access to a large range of Power Loan products, including for:

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SENIOR SELECTION POLICY

First and Second Grade

To be eligible for selection for First or Second grade players are required to attend two (2) training sessions per week.

Third, Fourth and Women's Grade

Players are encouraged to train twice per week to improve their fitness and their chances for promotion, but to be eligible for selection players are required to attend at least one (1) training session per week, preferably the Thursday night.

Training Sessions

There are two (2) main training sessions per week, currently Tuesday and Thursday nights. Occasionally, particularly leading up to the finals, extra training sessions may be scheduled at the discretion of the coaches. Prior notice will be given to the players if extra sessions are planned.

Training Attendance Record

The Selection Committee will keep a record of all training attendances. If a player cannot attend training the player is required to call/SMS **Denzil** on **0412 972406** and provide a reason for non-attendance i.e. injury, illness or work commitments etc. Apologies via team mates will not be accepted. The Training Attendance Record is an important part of the selection process with priority given to players that train over those who don't. There will be a chart in the change rooms that will show every players training attendance throughout the season, this will be updated after each training session.

Injured Players

Players injured during games or training will only be eligible for selection once they have been cleared to play by our medical team and passed fit by the coaches. Injured players are expected to attend the club to receive treatment. Players who miss more than two (2) consecutive games will be selected in a lower grade than what they were playing in prior to injury. **NB** This will be subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee taking into account the individuals prior form, current fitness and team balance issues.

State Representatives

Players who have been absent due to State Team commitments will be eligible for automatic selection wherever the Selection Committee deem fit.

Suspended Players

Players found guilty of an offence by the SARU Judiciary will not necessarily follow the above process once their suspension has been served. The Selection Committee can impose its own further penalties depending on the seriousness of the original offence.

Danny McCartan

Director of Rugby – O.C.R.U.F.C. - 2007

BARTERCARD CUP

Coach: Rob Sadler

Managers: Hamish Cranna and Harry Clark



In our three games of the pre-season Bartercard Cup, Old Collegians was defeated by Burnside (17 to nil, an improvement on last year) and then defeated Uni 5 – 0 (Uni beat us in the same game last year, so this was also an improvement) and then drew to Woodville in the Plate Final 5 – 5 but lost in a penalty shoot out. At least one punter took violent exception to the very concept of a penalty shoot out. He called the entire process the Whatever Cup. It would be fair to say the Old Collegians views the Bartercard Cup

as simply a good opportunity to trial new players and run old players in new positions, and without minding very much what the score-board says. There were some strong performances. We were very interested to have a look at Brad McDonald and Henry Nutt in action. They both played Under 18s last year and performed very well in their senior debut. We were also impressed by newcomers such as Seru, Paul Reynolds and Matt.

JUNIOR RUGBY

We held the SAPSASA Walla Rugby Sevens at Tregenza on 23rd March and welcomed 300+ little ruggers to our field where they enjoyed a day of Sevens Rugby. Our thanks to all the OC volunteers: Simon Macklin, Stewart Frew, Jack Champion, Henry Nutt, Tom Nutt, Jason Leonardis, Will Sadler Sue Thewlis, Jo Macklin, Anne Bradley, Bob Stafford-Lee and Neil Bradley (and our apologies to anyone we've missed!).

FINLAYSONS

Our thanks to new sponsor, the law firm Finlaysons. Finlaysons include a number of proud parents of Young Collegians (notably fathers Michael Barrett and Fraser Bell) and they have generously offered to sponsor our under 16s team as well as buying a whole lot of new balls for our Under 8s. Who said lawyers were all bad?

WEEKLY AWARDS

Thanks to the generosity of the following sponsors, we are awarding these weekly prizes in 2007.

The President's Award

The President's Awards are vouchers from **Athlete's Foot in Burnside**; they are awarded every week to:

- the most valuable player from the four senior men's teams as judged by the President (\$25)
- the most valuable player from the women's team as judged by the President (\$20)
- the most valuable player from the junior teams as judged by the Junior Rugby Director (\$15)

The College Cup

The College Cup is awarded at every home game to the best player from all grades, as judged by the Selectors. It is a \$25 voucher from **Champs Sports Store in Burnside Village**. It also includes the right to drink from the pewter College Cup for the night. The first drink is on the club; after that the winner's team-mates are expected to keep it full!



The Physio Direct Under 8's Encouragement Award

Thanks to our good friends at Physio Direct, a pair of club socks is presented to the Under 8 player of the week, as selected by their coach, the indomitable Trish Abbot.

SCRUM BAG



The Pre-Season Pub Crawl returned on 24 March with a vengeance. Our particular thanks to the Feathers, the Kensi and the Ballroom for having us. We also dropped by the Robin Hood and the Colonist. At least I'm told we did. It's all a bit of a blur. We had something like 80 people bouncing around and, if the bruises are anything to go by, we had some serious fun. There were some special moments. **Czeglik** dancing on tables is always a sight to see. At least a couple of our ladies' team got a second look at the contents of their stomachs. Someone stole the official Pub Crawl Parrott, we suspect the girls

from Southern Suburbs. They and a few other people who also wish they were Collegians joined us for the fun. **Andy Farquharson** may or may not have set the world record on the beer bong (we can't be sure, the timer broke. We should have made him do it again). **Brad McDonald**, a recently graduate from our Under 18s, also established himself as pretty handy with a beer bong. Brad made his rugby debut with the seniors during the Bartercard Cup and impressed coaches and selectors. It's great to see he'll be an asset both on *and* off the pitch. People mostly kept their clothes on, which is a first and in most cases a relief. Fortunately, we seemed to escape without significant injury, with the notable exception of one bloke who was dared by an anonymous Welsh agitator to walk and pee at the same time. Advice for the future: zippers can hurt and Welshmen can't be trusted.



Our congratulations and love go to **Jim Denley** and his wife **Kylie** on the birth of their son (a grandson to **John and Kate Denley**). **Jackson James Denley** has arrived and we hope to see a lot of him as the years go by. He was born on Saturday 24th March weighing in at 7lb 15oz. We have a few photos of the young man and his adoring family, but our favourite is this one. It arrived in our inbox under the name "Jackson Bigfoot". My what big feet he has! And you know what they say about a boy with big feet... he needs big shoes.

The turnout of people on the first Thursday of training for 2007, both of players and non-players, brings a promising start to the year. A lot of new and old faces turned out. Good to see, amongst (a talented cast of) others, **Stewart Douglas**, **Mad Dog**, **Jesse**, **Rebecca D-L**, **Mick Finn** (looking fit & healthy), **Paul Horne** (who had recently returned from the UK but has since fled the jurisdiction again and is living and working in Melbourne) & **Paul Francis** along with the usual crowd, a growing tribe of Collegians' kids, a mob of ex-Juniors now back to play Seniors and **Denzil & Barry Hickman** bonding together while immolating the meat on the barbecue. We had a similarly strong start for the juniors. We have already had well over 100 kids at training and recently a pleasant evening was spent by many of the parents, enjoying wine and nibbles and a chat about the direction and focus of junior rugby at OC in 2007.

Otherwise, the year has typically started with a series of hurdles. Some twat broke into the bar. The air-conditioning broke down. The cricket pitch is like concrete. The glass washer is broken (small bits of plastic are apparently very expensive). To top it off, the bar refrigeration died. What fresh hell is this? Our enormous thanks to our sponsors at the Feathers (**Tony Mathews** in particular) and **Coopers** who are helping us through the process of repairs/replacement and are being very generous with their time and resources, all to make sure we have cold beer. Gods among men.

Our annual Chinese New Year Party was quieter than usual, in that we decided against fireworks, preferring to spend the money on new jerseys. I'm sure the players won't mind. However, we still had club rooms full of people enjoying the food, the lion dance and a band called "Who's your Daddy". The band was great and there's every chance you'll see them back at some stage this year. 2007 is the year of the Pig. It bodes well for our forwards. In honour of the Year of the Pigs, we've replaced the pads on the scrum machine - get to it, piggies!

Jeremy Thewlis is in Colorado USA spending his time skiing ... and also working at the snowier-ends of the ski-lifts. And some may call it work. He is planning, broadly, to get to England to catch up on the rellos and hopefully be in Paris for the RWC. Jeremy's mother - **Sue Thewlis**, our devoted and awe-inspiring Secretary (amongst other roles she plays) - knows little of the details of what Jeremy's been getting up to, but we understand for any details contact Jeremy's sister. **Gary Pope's son** is also in Colorado and playing for one of the rugby clubs up there.

Russell Schmaal played for Collegians in 1975, or thereabouts, as half-back and is currently recuperating from a triple bypass. All the best there Russell getting back onto your feet again.

Iain Everiss left us at the end of last year, but he's keeping in touch. He reports as follows:

"Thought I'd eventually say hi and let you know we did make it up here in one piece. For those interested we had overnight stays at Hay (yes we made Hay while the sun shone ... ok ... it's lame and over used but I like it), Gilgandra, Narrabri & Kingaroy. There is a LOT of Australia. Anyways, how's it all looking for 2007? Fit and raring to go I trust? I see from the website that Ian's back to sort yous fellas out and you've even got a coach (hope he's better than last year's version ...). Wandered along to training here last week. Consisted of half-an-hour of touch on the beach, a break for a beer and then another half-hour of touch. Shall we say they're relaxed. One of the lads from here at work (who's been here since October – ex-Wollongong) made it to Tuesday told me that was a full on fitness session – but we were back to touch on Thursday. Good luck for 2007 and (a rather redundant piece of advice) have fun!"

Having recovered from last year's shoulder surgery, the **Reverend Simon Bailey** has announced he is returning to the pitch and the Game They Play in Heaven. We're very glad to have him. It never hurts to have God on your side. Simon and his family are also taking their vow of Australian citizenship soon too. As a proud new Australian, Simon tells us he is expecting a call from the Wallaby selectors any day now.

Call for SA Rugby Legends!

In what promises to be one of rugby's biggest years in South Australia SARU is making a call for **past senior state representative players**. If you are interested in getting involved in SA Rugby's 75th Anniversary year celebrations please contact Julie Millar on 8232 7101 or email julie.millar@sarugby.com.au. **There will hopefully be a veteran's game as a curtain raiser to a Falcons game on 2 June – let's see some Old Old Collegians take part in it!**

Leigh Marsland has been absent from training lately but with good reason. Some madman attacked him with a baseball bat and Leigh has had staples in his head for a few weeks. You can drink a man's beer, you can perv on his wife, but never never touch another man's ute. After this start to the year, rugby will be a gentle way to relax.

Our congratulations go to **Matt Hodgson** who is a copper and competed in the recent Police and Fire Games. Not only did he compete, he won the Gold Medal for squash! Matt's son Joseph will be playing in the Under 10s this year.

We saw a few other Collegians competing in the Police and Fire Games, mainly in the rugby sevens. Our spies in the crowd saw **Rick Grimes**, **Paul Simpson-Smith** and **Gavin Rowe** take the pitch. We also saw our old friend **Andy Dalton** down from the NT (and playing for NSW Fire).

The renovations are complete! Our kitchen, showers and tiling are now officially installed, grouted, sealed and finished. Huge thank-yous go to **Mark Pickard** and his team from Direct Interiors for all their help, hard work and generosity.

Old Collegians Footy Tipping

Top Ten (After Round 8)

1	Neil Bradley	33
2	Andre Brummer	32
3	Jason Leonardis	31
4	Roy Crawford	31
5	Belinda Wade	31
6	Anne Bradley	30
7	Taffy's Dad	30
8	Ben Suttell	29
9	Joel Fudali	29
10	Matt Fuss	29

Experts' tipping stats & photos taken from
www.rugbyheaven.com.au

Old Collegians RFC v The Experts

			
Phil Wilkins 34/52	Peter FitzSimons 26/52	Greg Growden 32/52	Simon Poidevin 32/52
			
Belinda Wade 31/52	Richard Czeglík 23/52	Zoe Woodstock 26/52	Ben Suttell 29/52

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