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THE RED WORD

DRUMMOYNE
 District Rugby Football Club

**Presidents****Message**

Welcome to Season 2008.

For those of you new to Drummoyne Rugby, welcome! You come to the club as we begin our 135th season of rugby. For those of you who returning for another season, it's good to have you back.

"DirtyRed Rugby" is still about the game for the games' sake. We play competitive winning rugby and want you to enjoy yourselves on and off the field.

Pre-season preparation has been as good if not better than ever and the trials have given some optimism about the season ahead. However it's your individual and team commitment that will deliver over the next 20 weeks or so. Let's commit to be competitive, to put in the hard yards when its called for and have nothing less than a Grand Final win and the Club Championship as our shared objectives across all grades. Let's face it, winning on the field makes it a lot easier to be winners off the field!

Have a great season.

Colin

Social Events**2008 Social Committee**

Benn Sykes – 0401 151 028
 Tristan Pidd – 0303 080 558
 Nathan Landrey – 0412 702 090

Every Thursday Night

As some of you may be aware and others should be, after every training session on Thursday night we all head over to Drummoyne Sports Club "Sporto's" and have some good cheap food and some even cheaper beers (or waters!). Let's see as many people from as many grades down at the club after training and get to know your fellowRed's a little better.

Every Saturday Afternoon

After every home game we have an "after-match function with speeches". As a general rule head straight to "Sporto's" after 1st grade to enjoy a beverage while rewarding the best players for the day, from here we head to our major sponsor "PJ Gallagher's" were we dance the night away, once again guys it cheap food, cheap drinks! JUST GET DOWN THERE!

NEXT EVENT

Sponsors Night / Official "T-Rex Going Away Party"

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Saturday 5th April 6:30pm

Two things to celebrate this weekend guys!!! P J Gallagher's (don't pretend like you don't know where it is!) is one of our major sponsors this year and its time to reward them and ourselves after Round One. After a strong pre-season let's get in, drink up and give something back to a great supporter of the club!!! The second and just as important reason to attend is the farewell to one of Drummoyne's best and fairest, Mr Damien "T-Rex" Macaulay!!

Coming Up....

3-May - Ladies Day - PJ Gallagher's

17-May Poker Night - Sports Club

28-Jun - Veterans Day - Sports / PJs

5-Jul - Trivia - PJ Gallagher's

2-Aug - Bledisloe Cup - PJ Gallagher's

23-Aug - Red Ball - City Venue - TBA

27-Sep - Presentation Day - Sports Club

Mid Oct - Byron Bay 7s - Byron Bay

6-Dec - Xmas Party - PJ Gallagher's

General

Can anyone who currently holds a RSA certificate contact Colin Fleming (President) or one of the committee members.

We are still looking for Managers so if you are interested please see Fred Andrews at training next week

Player Fees:

Player fees are due and can be paid any training night or on game day, these fees are only about half the actual player cost with the club picking up the remainder.

It's important that you pay so please make yourself know to either Gavin Hassett or Scott Carrodus over the next week, player kit will not be given out without a minimum of \$50 towards your fees

Player Kit - 2 X WHITE SHORTS, SOCKS, PLAYERS POLO, INSURANCE, MEMBERSHIP and BADGE

COLTS – \$110

SENIORS - \$220

Merc handise On Line:

Drummoyne Rugby can now offer all our players and friends the opportunity to support the club by purchasing Drummoyne Rugby labeled products. This can be done by visiting our web site drummoynerugby.com.au and clicking on the "Shop" tab.

Coaches Cnr

A message from 1st grade coach Nathan Wicks

Playing for Drummoyne has always been an honour and I am proud to be a DirtyRed!

There has always been something very special about this place and its history that just made you want to

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be a special part of it.

I first was introduced to the club in 1988 by some schoolmates at Drummoyne Boys High who were playing in the Junior Under 15 team at the time. They convinced me to come along and be apart of their team and 20 years on I find myself still very much here and writing to you all as the Clubs 1st Grade Coach.

I was very fortunate to play in that crack Junior Rugby team that won 4 competitions in a row including a Metropolitan Championship which saw us as the only club team who defeated all representative teams before them.

Many of us would go onto to reach further heights at school and senior level and due to our success there were times when we were invited to the old Drummoyne Rugby Club on Victoria Rd to be introduced to and acknowledged by the Committee and all the Senior Grade players.

It was during these times that I first started to realise just how special a place like Drummoyne Rugby Club was.

When you use to walk into the old licensed Club you would find yourself surrounded by and engulfed in its History.

There were photos on every wall showcasing Premiership teams and photos of the history of Drummoyne Oval, overlooking the Huge Bar were Glass Cabinets filled with Jerseys of players from Drummoyne who had representative city, state, rival Countries and the highest honour, the Wallabies.

Then there was what I believe to be the most special of them all, the Honour board which hung ever so proudly above the doorway. The Honour board was a special list of players who were either Australian Representatives and/or those players who had played 100 first Grade or 200 Grade games for the Drummoyne Rugby Club.

This club embraced their history and their players.

The Honour board was the last thing you saw as your left the Club on each occasion and on our way out it would be a constant reminder for us all of our clubs success and those of the players who contributed largely to that. From a personal pint of view the more I visited our club the more I wanted my name up there.

As I got older and become entrenched in the Senior Rugby side of the Club the licensed club felt like a second home and it really become such a sacred place for all our past and present players. Every player felt so very proud of our History and it drove us all to be more successful so we could continue the legacy of those before us.

As we begin our 135th year of Rugby, In some ways I feel a sense of sadness that many of you never had the opportunity to visit and be part of the licensed Rugby Club facility and in a way I do feel my role as being the 1st Grade Coach brings the responsibility of reminding current and future players of our rich history so you to can embrace and feel proud to call yourself a DirtyRed.

In saying that some things stay the same and that is the passion we all have for our club and the opportunity for us all to continue to contribute to it.

It is important to acknowledge that the current generation of players have created their own legacy on and off the field which has really added to our rich history, this is why I believe our club is in safe hands should we continue to motivate ourselves and maintain our focus.

History will show that when it comes to winning premierships this current generation of 1st Grade players are closing in on becoming the most successful in our Clubs 135 years.

However we need to maintain this and expand their success across the entire club where you can then all leave your mark.

As a former player we are so extremely proud of what you have achieved, yet we know with the talent we have we can continue to add more premierships.

The question left to be asked is do you want to raise the bar further and entrench your names in our clubs

History forever?

As part of the Coaching staff many hours have been put in by us all leading up to and including this pre-season. We wanted to create an environment for all our players to ensure they enjoyed their Rugby and were successful.

We believe we have created that environment with structured training plans and sessions and an open and honest line of communication between players, committee and coaches.

The talent we have on board is very promising and provided we all are prepared to make the commitment to training and to each other on and off the field we believe this could be our most successful year ever.

In signing off, I will wish you all the very best for the coming season and I hope like me you feel it is an honour to represent the Drummoyne Rugby Club. In season 2008 you will represent all the past, present and future players of our club and each time you run onto the field we will all be there with you.

Below is our Club's and respective team goals for 2008, which all the club coaches will be focused on ensuring you as our players meet and exceed.

Clubs Major Goal : Win Club Championship

Team Goals to achieve above:

Every Team to Make Semi-Finals.(Will require minimum 12 wins).

Stretch Goal is to win 14 to 15 games and finish Top 2.

Strive for Bonus Points in each game.

Training Tuesday & Thursday and Standing by for the grade higher each Saturday are a must!

Added Incentives for teams:

1st Grade: 3-PEAT - Aim for 3 Kentwell Cups in a row (Only achieved once before by Colleagues in Mid 60's), No 1st Grade team has won 3 in a row in Drummoyne's 135 year History.

2nd Grade: Has been won 10 times, the last in 2004 when we also last won the Club Championships.

3rd Grade: Only ever been won twice by a Drummoyne team in 135 years.

4th Grade: Only ever been won 5 times by a Drummoyne team in 135 years, the last 11 years ago.

5th Grade: No 5th Grade in our clubs history has ever won a Grand Final.

1st Grade Colts: No 1st Grade Colts team in our clubs history has ever won a Grand Final.

I am please to advise the Clubs Honour board will shortly be moved out of its coffin and placed on a Wall in the main room of Grandstand at Drummoyne Oval.

This will give you all the chance to see the same names I saw and hopefully your name will be up their one day.

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Proud to be A DirtyRed!

Sponsor of the Week

Ray Hill is our current 1st grade and shorts sponsor, below are details on his businesses so if you are looking for a nice relaxing weekend away, require building or recruitment services Ray is your man.

Ray will also be at the game against Campbelltown this Saturday so please make your self know to him.

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