



# Running with the Pride...& Ryhs!!!

Former Rabbitoh Rhys Wesser and several Northern Pride players visited the Yarrabah Juniors for a school holiday workshop earlier this year. Players and coaches alike said there was plenty of talent in Yarrabah! Full story inside...



# A word from the President...

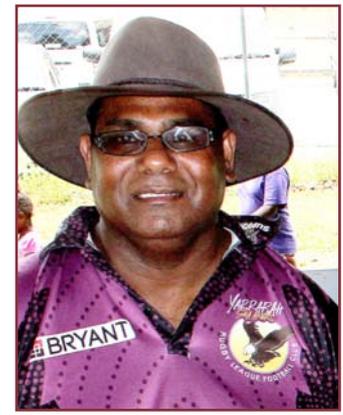
Welcome to the 2015 Cairns and District Junior Rugby League competition.

Whilst the regular season commenced early April with trials matches played between different clubs, our season started on the 3rd May 2015 at Innisfail.

We have formed nine teams to engage kids and their families over the weekends from now until September. Last year we had a season of enormous challenges for our committee, some of whom were new and some old to the junior rugby league arena.

Whilst we have all previously served on community-based

boards and organisations, embarking on junior league development was new to most of us. We knew that the community wanted to keep its association with the sports and we tried our best in our endeavors to help the kids continue their happy journey in the greatest game of all. Whilst I have enjoyed the game from a player, spectator and official capacity, I have also tried to maintain the integrity of encouraging gamesmanship over winning.



We know through our involvement that sports should be used as vehicle to promote reconciliation, healthy and active lifestyle, and perhaps most importantly, fun and enjoyment. This year will continue to challenge us and I am confident we will have a good season.

Our 2015 committee is made up of a number of old and new faces. I am pleased to be part of a team that firstly established the club during our association in the Innisfail competition. We welcome back again, Gillian and Sam Bann (Snr), Sam Bann (Jnr) Fiona and Edward Prior, Thelma Yeatman, and Lucrecia Willett. These people possess a wealth of knowledge around the club and the operations of a football club.

We are also fortunate to welcome Shanara, Dale and Brian to our committee. I am sure they will enjoy the season and their contributions throughout the year will mean a lot to the development of our Yarrabah kids.

*Ross Andrews*  
President



## PLEASE REMEMBER

- They are just kids
- This is a game
- We are all volunteers
- Referees are human
- This is not the NRL

# Plenty of talent on show for team visit



Pics courtesy Christine Howes

Yarrie Juniors enjoyed a training clinic attended by several members of the Northern Pride as well as former Rabbitoh Rhys Wesser over the Easter school holiday break.

NRL Game Development Officer for Cairns Alby Anderson said it was a great day. "Always great coming down and watching the kids play here," he said.

Northern Pride player Semi Tadulala said it was a good opportunity to go over some basic skills with the kids.

"They're enjoying themselves," he said.

"It's good to come here and promote the game, it just shows we're trying to grow the game of rugby league into our communities and it's important we do this kind of thing."

Mr Wesser agreed these days were very important.

"Being in Yarrabah today is about engaging our Indigenous communities as a place for them to aspire to achieve their dreams and their aspirations, and just to develop good relationships with the Rabbitohs and with different communities all around Queensland and New South Wales," he said.

"It's really, really important to get out to these communities and see where they're at and help develop relationships and help push them into who they want to become down the track.

"There is plenty of talent here."



# U6s All about Fun and Enjoyment...

Coaching Staff of the Under 6's have done well since coming into the competition just recently.

Some are quite new; whilst some have played last year.

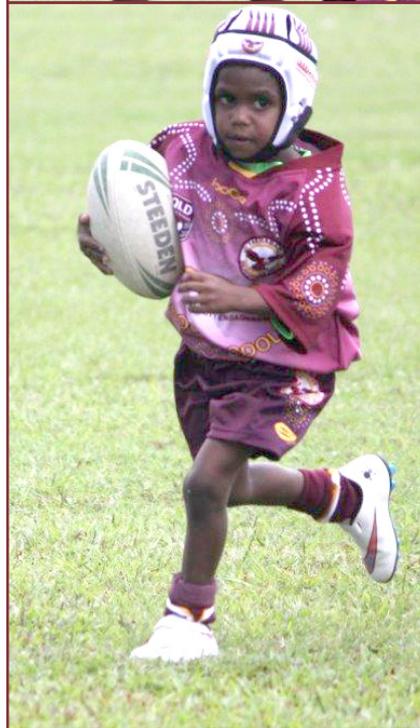
To us and to them, winning is not considered a serious factor. It is about engaging kids to be happy and playing footy that really counts.

Our kids are wonderful athletes and we must encourage them to have fun and go out and enjoy themselves.

It brings a lot of laughter and satisfaction when we see our grandchildren having the time of their life on the footy field.

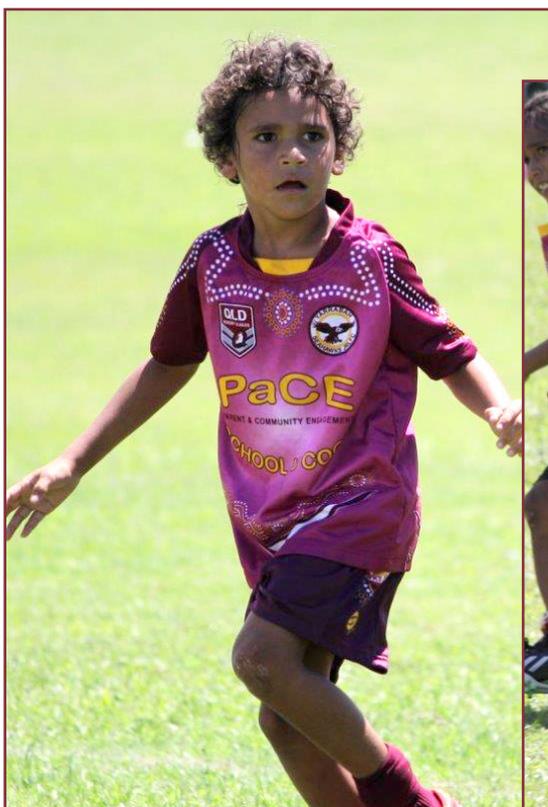
We would like to thank the club officials in allowing the Under 6's the opportunity to play, which is highly satisfying to be involved at the grassroots level to help build up the club for future years.

Seahawks will continue to thrive if we can get behind our junior base.



## U7s building blocks...

Under 7's continue to excel with our coaching staff. We are very proud of the little boys and girls that play with great energy and enthusiasm. Well done to all that get up early, attend training and show willingness to enjoy the game of rugby league. I think we have a few stars in the making with the U7's!



# U8s too slick while U9s improve all the time...

The success of our Under 8s and 9s excels with our coaching staff.

The U8s group has been playing for the past three years as a team and it shows.

We are very proud of our little boys and the efforts that they put in every week.

As parents, we can see that these kids really enjoy playing rugby league and it is our responsibility to encourage them to be happy whilst playing sports. As a parent, I can't express the gratitude in being involved in the sporting growth of these kids and the club itself.

I would like to say that all the boys and girls are playing well and visiting opposition teams have told me personally, that we have some good little players. Special mention must go to all including Bobby Stafford, Keenan Andrews, John Richards, Caesar Yeatman, Vincent Schrieber and Fiona Cedric.

All kids in the team play well every week and I must also commend them on their efforts at training. Good luck every week and all the best for 2015.



MEANWHILE following on from last year, the Under 9s continue improving their game with some good touches by the team.

We know that Yarrabah kids are renowned for their skills and natural talent and we are pleased to be associated with a bunch of kids that are committed on improving their game.

There is still more to do in terms of development and growth, however the basic skills around footy is hand-eye co-ordination, passing game and kicking.

At training, we are still working on our tackling technique as shoulder barging and jersey slinging have been eliminated from the game.

The only way to improve our game is through training and listening to our coaching staff.



## U10s Awesome Effort...

There is a lot of energy in this bunch of kids as their enthusiasm is infectious amongst fellow team mates, with Rhykeem Schrieber, Truce Cedric and Assiah Bligh leading the way.

The new rule of ‘first receiver’ and ‘dummy half’ has come into play this year, so the urgency to position ourselves and plan our attack brings a positive feeling amongst the boys during game days.

Whilst we need to work on our tackling technique and communication, the team is starting to embrace the new rules and is determine to have a positive season this year.



## U11s Well Done...

Our under 11's continue to enjoy their footy and places much emphasis on participation and building comradery amongst each other. Although, we are very much early into our season, these bunch of kids really do appreciate the love of our game.

There is much satisfaction and enjoyment on the faces of these kids whether we are winning or losing.

The hunger to play footy is a reason why Jilara Oval exists.





## U12s Flying High...

Well done to the Under 12' boys who came up for a win last week. The boys showed true determination, raw talent and good skills. With proper guidance and mentoring over the next few years, this team will achieve a lot as they build combinations and game plan that will leave opposition teams scratching their heads. We know that development programs and pathways will create better footballers amongst this team. The club is confident that all of our teams are special and we need to create opportunities that will enhance their abilities as not only footballers but kids in general.

## U13s Great Result...

We were very happy to record our first game of the season with a win and the boys were overjoyed in showing true grit against an Ivanhoes side that played extremely well. Whilst, we lack size across the park, we showed enough courage to come away with the win. Special mention to all the players for getting in and having a go. We are looking forward in having a successful season if we can be committed to training and show up at games. Many of the boys normally back up from the Under 12's which is good for the team.



## U16s Aiming High...

Our finest youngsters and the Seahawks of the future, our U16s are always the teams to watch as their game, fitness and skill levels come of age. Their first game at Jones Park was not a good experience as their opponents proved to be the better team on the night. Cairns Brothers showed why they will be a force to be reckoned with in this year's competition, but we showed glimpses of our talent and skills.

Whilst many teams are much bigger than us, where we lack size, the question on our courage should never be underestimated.

To all the boys that showed up to training and match nights, the club looks forward to a successful season.



# Training matters!!!

Boys and Girls, are reminded the coaching staff and the committee would like to encourage you to attend all training sessions that are held by the club.

Remember, our coaching staff are all volunteers and they are giving up their times to help develop your game as a player and also with your growth in rugby league in general. We know at times that there are a few factors to consider such as the weather playing a part in not getting to Jilara Oval. Also if you are sick then Parents should let the Coaching staff know so that they are aware of your reasons for being absent . The club will provide transport for those kids in the outlying suburbs such as Mourigan, Djenjhi, Oombounghi, Bucky and Back Beach.





# Support Staff still needed — if you have free time come help

A friendly reminder to all parents and families, the Club is in need of support staff and volunteers for the teams.

If you are not sure of what to choose, please see any of the Officials at either one of the Senior and Junior Clubs.

For those who are interested in becoming Certified Coaches, enquiries can be made around local and regional coaching clinics that are held in the near future.

Once we have the numbers, we can then access these courses throughout our district. Many courses are offered on-line. The club will do it's best to ensure we build our capacity to ensure our continued participation in the competition for the years to come.

If you don't want to do a course, just being at the game is as good.

Not only will the kids see your support, but there are other jobs that do not require qualifications such as supporting the coaches, refilling water bottles, kiosk and entry to the grounds etc. Last week it was good to see our families and members of our senior clubs supporting the local boys—a particular mention goes to ex-footballers, dads, and grandfathers who ran the water. To the other parents who also turned up, a big thank you from your boys and the other kids who were competing on the weekend. Let's try and get more to the game next week!!!



## Our Team, Our Club, Our Community

Look at any club and you will see one key theme — it is no good without support. If we are going to be a real show in the league this year, we need your full support. If you are not sure what to do, consider the following:

1. Make sure your child makes it to training.
2. Show them support and encourage them to do their best.
3. Attend games with your child, so they can see your support.
4. Offer help or volunteer in any of the positions in the club.
5. Ask questions.
6. Remember this is a game—so we need to encourage fun.

Any help you can provide will be most appreciated.



# Training Days

**Every Mon & Wed**

**from 3.30pm - 6pm**

**All Teams, from Under 6's to U16's**

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