

Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



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Park gets funding for sports hub

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Big project: Byron Karaitiana in action with Richard Puddy backing up

Amateur sport in Wairarapa will soon take on a professional look with a multi-million-dollar redevelopment of Memorial Park in Masterton.

The home of Wairarapa-Bush rugby for several decades, Memorial Park will also be accommodating football with the likelihood of other codes joining in the future.

Helping bring the two major winter codes into the 21st century is the expected green light to a \$2 million-plus redevelopment of Memorial Park which includes the laying of an artificial turf, installation of floodlights and surrounding work.

Lotteries New Zealand last week confirmed a \$750,000 grant for the project. Trust House has already committed \$500,000 and with money already locked in from other sponsors all that remains is a financial commitment from the Masterton District Council (MDC).

Wairarapa-Bush Rugby Union (WBRU) made an application to MDC for \$750,000 for the project through the annual plan submission process earlier this year.

MDC is expected to make a decision on their contribution at the policy and finance committee meeting next week.

Wairarapa-Bush chairman Paora Ammunson says that when complete Memorial Park will be an iconic sports facility in Wairarapa accessible to a far greater section of the community than at present.

Shared sports hubs are not new in metropolitan New Zealand but in the provinces the Memorial Park development will be a first. Heartland Wairarapa chairman Bob Francis says it is particularly significant, given that two competing codes - football and rugby - are coming together with a shared vision.

Francis says football has been investigating options for a purpose-built facility for several years but each time "they kept coming back to Memorial Park".

"The facility will be vital for football. We have a situation now where Wairarapa United no longer has a home venue and is having to play their home games in Upper Hutt," Francis says.

Wairarapa-Bush ceo Tony Hargood says rugby has been actively gaining support from the local sporting community for the project and took the first steps in December last year to host a ground-sharing arrangement with Heartland Wairarapa (football) who were participating in the NZ under-20 competition. At the same time MDC was setting up a feasibility study on the delivery of sport within Wairarapa. It is expected the findings of that study will influence councillors' decisions at next week's meeting.

Hargood says that among the many benefits of the project is the dramatic increase in the use of Memorial Park. Present use of the facility is 5 per cent, which is projected to increase to 30 to 40 per cent once the turf and lights are installed. Combined, rugby and football have more than 4000 players.

From rugby's perspective, Hargood says there will be a big focus on college and junior rugby. "Over time you can expect to see an improvement in skill level as well as kids get to train in better facilities," Hargood says.

And the turf is cheaper to maintain than the existing grass field, he says. Confirmation of the Lotteries grant and the pending green light for the project continues an extraordinary turn-around for WBRU. Burdened with debt, WBRU was bailed out by NZRU two years ago and has since been paying them back.

Earlier this year WBRU recorded a surplus of \$29,000, it's first for several years, in stark contrast to the \$65,000 deficit for the previous period. Now to be on the eve of a major redevelopment is a terrific success story.



"Our Rugby -Just brilliant"



Tui Club Rugby this Week:

Eketahuna vs. Marist

(Paul Thompson)

Pioneer vs. Greytown

(Scott Andrew)

Carterton vs. East Coast

(Chris Jefferies)

Gladstone vs. Martinborough

(Andrew Stringer)



**Burger King Senior Reserve
Competition Top 5**

Eketahuna vs. Martinborough

(Graeme Reisima)

Pioneer vs. Greytown

(Dean Goodin)

Pioneer BYE

**Burger King Senior Reserve
Competition Bottom 5**

Carterton vs. East Coast

(Goff Moorcock)

Gladstone vs. Tuhirangi

(Vaea Peterson)

Burger King Player of the Week

**Wins \$50 Burger King Bucks
Voucher:**

**This week's Burger King Player of
the Burger Bucks Game is:**

Pioneer vs. Greytown



2014 Stats

Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 104

Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 103

Nick Olson (East Coast) 97

Tui Cup Most Tries (More than 5)

Malatai Malatai (Marist) 12

Sam Monaghan (Eketahuna) 10

Sean Robinson (Pioneer) 9

Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 30

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 20

Pua Tafa (Marist) 18

Tui Cup Most Penalties

Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 20

Andrew Fell (Gladstone) 15

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 13

Ultimate Club Points Machine

(Senior & Reserves combined)

Pioneer 682

Martinborough 602

Eketahuna 580

Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 57

Eketahuna 51

Pioneer 46

2013 Nunn Shield

Martinborough retain the Nunn Shield yet again for this week after winning 30-8 over Carterton

This week Marty boys will take on Gladstone out at Gladly.



Greytown vs. Eketahuna U 11

Played in Greytown

May 17th 2014



The WBS Junior rugby accounts.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Each club should have their WBS forms and can be collected from their JAB delegate. Let's get rolling into WBS and open up your accounts.

This is an amazing sponsorship by WBS and more activities are planned.

Listen to WBS rugby report on More FM with Brent Gare every Friday morning and the WBS junior rugby report in Wairarapa News each Wednesday.

Deadline: 31st July 2014 – Don't miss out

New Letter Box

Don't forget to use our new letter box on inside the fence for all your team cards etc. This keeps the paper work nice and dry.

Club Rugby Results on Saturdays on Facebook and Web page

Please note these are only **preliminary** scores and are subject to confirmation on Monday when the team cards are received and then entered accordingly.

Wairarapa Bush Club Awards Night

Book in Saturday 9th August 2014

Solway Park 6 pm Start. Tickets now \$50

Buffet Meal, Guest Speaker and Auction

Stay the night with rooms for two \$138 including a buffet breakfast. More details soon.



Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

7 all in the mud – took me back to 1970's when DBC heard that is was a slugfest is the mud between Eketahuna and Pioneer.

Tuhirangi comes strong in the last four games amassing over 200 points for and almost none against

Hands up to Carterton and Martinborough whose late run over the last four weeks gave everyone a hurry up. Our Rugby Just Brilliant

The WBRU Colts competition is about to start and watch for full details next week – the four teams are North Wairarapa, Central, City and South Wairarapa. Is this start our own State of Origin series.

A big thanks to Tranzit and Wairarapa Scrap Metal for supporting this initiative.

Question of week

In 1988 Wairarapa Bush entered into the National Sevens competition. How did they go?

Old Timers/Past Players Dates

Eketahuna 12th July



No games for the next two weeks due to School Holidays

Club Rugby Draws & results

Look for this logo on our webpage under "Draws/Results" to get all Full Club rugby draws and results.

"OUR RUGBY JUST BRILLIANT"

Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Bonus	Points
Eketahuna	11	1	1	6	52
Greytown	9	0	4	10	46
Pioneer	7	1	4	7	35
Gladstone	6	0	6	6	35
Martinborough	6	0	7	5	29
East Coast	5	0	8	3	23
Marist	3	0	10	7	19
Carterton	3	0	9	4	16

Team Top 5	Wins	Draw	Losses	Bonus	Points
Martinborough	9	0	2	7	44
Pioneer	8	0	3	4	37
Greytown	8	0	3	3	35
Eketahuna	7	0	3	5	33
Marist	5	0	7	7	27
Bottom 4					
Tuhirangi	7	0	5	8	36
East Coast	4	0	8	6	22
Gladstone	13	0	4	2	18
Carterton	0	0	13	0	0

Note: As a result of voluntary disclosure by Carterton Rugby Club Executive Committee to the WBRU Judicial Committee, Carterton Senior Reserves Team have had all their competition points removed. 5 points and a 28-0 has been awarded to each losing team who played Carterton.

JAB

JAB rugby will commence again 26th July 2014

CLUB FINALS DAY

Club finals day is 26th July 2014, book this date in to join us at Trust House Memorial Park.

Game kick off from 12.30 pm with the Tui Cup at 3.00 pm.

A full draw will be advised in the newsletter prior to the Finals day.

"Our Rugby -Just brilliant"



This weekend is the last round of Senior Rugby before our Semi Finals and Finals weekends. So how have the teams fared?

In the early weeks, at the top of the table, Pioneer set the pace with their scintillating running rugby and aggressive loose forwards. But they seem to have had the confidence knocked out of them when they lost at home to Eketahuna back in May. That match certainly gave Eketahuna the boost it needed to get in a championship winning mode. And early on Greytown strutted their stuff with an imperious majesty which usually foretells a fall from grace. And what a fall it was. With 3 losses in their last 5 matches, I am left wondering whether they've lost their mojo. Can they regain their Championship winning ways?

And meantime the always fit Gladstone continue to deliver strong performances and remain in contention. But alas, East Coast seem to have been the unintended loser from the mid season 'Judicial' win by Gladstone over Pioneer by finishing one win out of the top four.

And at the bottom end of the table it has been a far cry from last year when big losses were the norm. This year both Marist and Carterton have put three good wins under their belt and Martinborough have at last started to show some of the form we expected from them right throughout the season

So, all in all, the Semi Finals and Finals weekends will provide some excellent opportunities for teams to end their seasons on a high. I am predicting some very close matches and perhaps some upsets. And maybe, just maybe, extra time will play its hand in the semi finals. Closely contested rugby is great for our local competition.

I hope you get out and watch. I will be

The Whistle Blower.

Other Games This Week

COLTS - MRFU:

Eketahuna	v	Massey Ag	Eketahuna 2	2.30 pm	Rebecca Mahoney
					ARs: Pat Baucke & Carey Henricksen

Radio Eketahuna 106.5 FM

Sincere apologies for no commentary last Saturday, a power out at the transmitter site knocked out the streaming on the internet.

This week Sean McBride will bring live commentary from Gladstone vs. Martinborough. Tune into your car radio or live stream from our webpage. Best if running through google chrome.

Featherston Rugby Club Jubilee

This is to be held this weekend, with Friday 11th July for a Mix and Mingle in the clubrooms from 6pm.

Saturday 12th July 2014 is a Dinner and Dance in the Anzac Hall from 7pm

Sunday 13th July 2014 is a BBQ Brunch from 10 am the Club rooms.

Contact Toots on 06 308 6155 for any further information and bookings

Concussion and Injury management policy (Injury management www.rugbysmart.co.nz)

The NZRU and Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union have very clear guidelines on the management of concussions and injuries which all coaches, managers, administrators and players must adhere too and are non-negotiable.

For further information please refer to www.rugbysmart.co.nz Injury Management or contact Stacey Grant by email on rdo@waibush.co.nz

The NZRU guidelines for the management and return of play after concussion are as follows.

NZ RUGBY CONCUSSION POLICY

AGE GROUP	MINIMUM REST PERIOD POST CONCUSSION	Graduated Return To Play	MINIMUM TIME OUT
U6's – U19's*	14 days	8 days	23 days (3 weekends missed)
ADULT	14 days	6 days	21 days (2 weekends missed)

*Under age (Under 6's – Under 19's) players playing adult rugby must follow age group guidelines

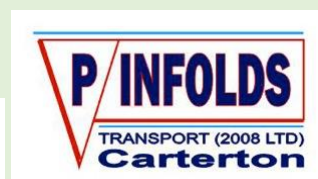
Players may not return to play until:

1. All their symptoms have subsided
2. They have followed the Graduated return to play protocol
3. They have been medically cleared to return

Return To Play Guidelines

Level	Activity Undertaken	Time Post Concussion Guidelines (approximate)
1	No activity, complete rest. Once symptom free and cognitive recovery is demonstrated, proceed to level 2	2 – 3 days
2	Light aerobic exercise such as walking or stationary cycling.	4 – 10 days
3	Sport-specific training (e.g. running activity, ball-handling activity).	11 – 15 days
4	Non-contact training activities.	16 – 20 days
5	Full-contact training after medical clearance.	21 days
6	Game play.	21 + days

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Answer:
Winners of the Bowl

