

## Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014



*"Our Rugby -Just brilliant"*



**Tui Cup Finals**  
(Broadcasted live on  
Radio Sport 91.9 FM)  
Eketahuna vs. Gladstone

**Hodder Steffert Cup Plate Finals**  
Martinborough vs. East Coast



**Burger King**  
**Senior Reserve Finals**  
**Ryan Cup**  
Martinborough vs. Pioneer

**President Cup – Plate Finals**  
Tuhirangi vs. Gladstone

**Referee Appointments will be**  
**advised in another email**

**Wairarapa Bush Club Awards**  
**Guest Speaker:**

We have confirmed Chris Boyd  
(2015 Hurricanes Head Coach) to be  
our Guest speaker.

Book your table now, give Deb at ring  
at the office 06 378 8369.  
Limited Tables don't miss out.



### 2014 Stats

#### Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Nick Olson (East Coast) 133  
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 131  
Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 114  
Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 109

#### Tui Cup Most Tries (More than 5)

Sam Monaghan (Eketahuna) 13  
Malatai Malatai (Marist) 13  
Nick Olson (East Coast) 10  
Sean Robinson (Pioneer) 9  
Paul Tiko (Eketahuna) 9

#### Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 32  
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 26  
Nick Olson (East Coast) 22

#### Tui Cup Most Penalties

Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 22  
Andrew Fell (Gladstone) 16  
Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 15

#### Ultimate Club Points Machine

(Senior & Reserves combined)  
Pioneer 760  
Martinborough 670  
Eketahuna 653

#### Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 61  
Eketahuna 61  
Pioneer 51



**Tuhirangi vs Carterton**  
*"Our Rugby -Just brilliant"*



### Wairarapa College vs. Rongotai

Wairarapa College and Rongotai have  
resurrected their annual traditional sports  
exchange after 20 years.

The school has produced All Blacks Ofisa Tonu'u,  
Ma'a Nonu, Julian Savea and his brother  
Ardie. After checking back through the records it  
was found that Rongotai were the last holders of  
the 'Half Century Cup', last played for in 1994.

The traditional has also found a new permanent  
home at the Featherston rugby club.

Rongotai were big and abrasive group with a  
stack of talented players who really tested the  
college teams defensive structure. Wairarapa  
played a more clinical game, doing the little  
things more accurate, allowing them to win 14-5  
in the testing weather conditions.

Wairarapa College will now move their focus  
towards their knock out Co-Ed cup game against  
Feilding High School on the 30<sup>th</sup> July at Wairarapa  
College at 2:30pm.



### Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

There is only one thing better than semi-finals - Finals footy.

Well done to all the teams who have made the finals and well done Trust House for sponsoring the buses for the grand finals.

Great to see you Sam Tufuga make the Hurricanes U18 Squad, have we a rising star we can call on.

DBC just wants to thank everyone involved in club rugby this year – there will be plenty of celebrations and DBC will be in the thick of it.

### Question of week

The unofficial crowd figure for the Hurricanes vs. Blues game in February 2014 was 6,000 and a couple of dogs.

What was Auckland's average game attendance at Eden Park last year?



### 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.



**WSML College Game of the Week**  
Wairarapa College vs. Hutt Valley HS  
Isburg Cup  
1.00 pm @ Wai Col

### 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"

Tui Cup	Wins	Draws	Losses	Bonus	Points
Eketahuna	13	1	1	7	61
Greytown	10	0	5	11	51
Gladstone	8	0	6	6	43
Pioneer	7	1	6	7	35
<b>Hodder Steffert</b>					
Martinborough	7	0	8	5	33
East Coast	7	0	8	4	32
Marist	3	0	12	7	19
Carterton	3	0	12	5	17

Team Top 5	Wins	Draw	Losses	Bonus	Points
Martinborough	10	0	3	8	49
Greytown	9	0	4	4	40
Pioneer	9	0	4	6	39
Eketahuna	8	0	4	5	38
Marist	5	0	7	7	27
<b>Bottom 4</b>					
Tuhirangi	9	0	5	8	45
Gladstone	5	0	8	2	22
East Coast	4	0	9	6	22
Carterton	2	0	14	1	5



### STATS

Who is reading us Facebook?

With just 20 days gone in July, Wairarapa Bush Facebook have been read in the following locations:

New Zealand 5042 (Wellington 629, Palmerston North 439, Auckland 324 and Christchurch 215)

Australia 929 and the UK 202

But look at this, 33 people from Canada and 12 from Lebanon are tuning in regularly not to mention readers from Chile, France, Argentina, Russia, Portugal, Spain and another 20 countries (even Sri Lanka - that will be Footy).

But let's look at the age group

18-24 year olds 32%

25-34 year olds 30%

35-44 year olds 16%

But wait there is more, 40% are women. Fantastic

Add on our 12,000 webpage views there is some 20,000 views each months – Well done Wairarapa and the world.

**Our Rugby – JUST BRILLIANT**



Well, 17 weeks after we watched the first round of Club Rugby, this weekend we watch the Finals. For most players on Saturday, these games will represent the pinnacle of their playing days. They will always look back and remember their triumph or their heartache that this weekend's games will bring. But whatever the outcome, they, and their clubs, should be enormously proud of their achievements.

We will see old champions showing why we admire their play and we will see emerging talent challenge for higher honours. Because, in finals rugby, "where the rewards for merit are greatest, there are found the best."

And that quote brings me to focus on another meritorious achievement. For several seasons now, Chris Jefferies, who will referee this Saturday's final, has been our Number One Referee. It is unfortunate that Chris isn't ten years younger, because if he was we would be seeing him on the national stage controlling provincial rugby. But that hasn't inhibited Chris from striving for excellence.

This weekend Chris reaches an incredible milestone. Saturday's Final will see him control his 100th Senior First match. I've been around in rugby circles for several decades and can identify less than a dozen referees who have achieved this feat in their local associations and even fewer who have reached that goal as their Association's top referee.

Many of you will know that Chris has been an outstanding cricketer for this province. And now in another sports arena he reaches a milestone that others can only dream about. So indeed it really is "where the rewards for merit are greatest, there are found the best."

All Wairarapa Referees will be very proud to watch him on Saturday. I hope all of you will be equally proud.

The Whistle Blower.

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### Other Games & Referees Appointments

This will be advised in another email later in the week.



# Wairarapa Bush Club Awards Dinner

9<sup>th</sup> August 2014

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW



A Celebration of Our Club Rugby - Our Rugby, Just Brilliant!

## WAIRARAPA BUSH CLUB **AWARDS DINNER** 2014

**Saturday 9th August**  
Copthorne Hotel and  
Resort Solway Park

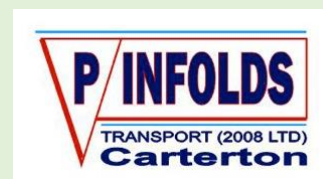
**Guest Speaker Chris Boyd**  
(2015 Hurricanes Coach)

Drinks from 6.00pm | Seated by 6.30pm

Tickets: \$50 each or Table of 10: \$500  
Contact [debby@waibush.co.nz](mailto:debby@waibush.co.nz) or  
call 06 378 8369 – [www.waibush.co.nz](http://www.waibush.co.nz)



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Answer: Average crowd 4,800 (source NZ Herald)