

Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



*"Our Rugby -
Just brilliant"*



NO CLUB RUGBY THIS WEEKEND
Come to Featherston Instead



**Burger King Senior Reserve
Competition)**

Burger King Player of the Week
Wins \$50 Burger King Bucks
Voucher:
Ken Aburn

**This week's Burger King Player of
the Burger Bucks will take a break.**

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2014 Stats

Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 84
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 76
Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 61

Tui Cup Most Tries (More than 5)

Sam Monaghan (Eketahuna) 8
Sean Robinson (Pioneer) 8
Tavita Issac (Greytown) 7
Paul Tiko (Eketahuna) 6
Malatai Malatai (Marist) 6

Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 23
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 16
Pua Tafa (Marist) 15

Tui Cup Most Penalties

Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 13
Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 11
Byron Karaitiana (East Coast) 11

Ultimate Club Points Machine (Senior & Reserves combined)

Pioneer 519
Greytown 402
Eketahuna 397

Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 45
Eketahuna 37
Pioneer 35

2013 Nunn Shield

East Coast won the Nunn Shield off
Martinborough this week in stormy
Conditions 17-13



Why NOT Come watch
Trust House Wairarapa Bush
Vs. Horowhenua at Featherston
Rugby Grounds on Saturday



The Wairarapa Bush Ball & Awards Night

A Celebration of Our Club Rugby
Our Game. Just Brilliant!

Saturday 9 August, 2014

Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park
Drinks from 6pm. Seated by 7pm

A WBRU fundraiser for the new Trust House
Memorial Park Lights
Featuring the Wairarapa Bush Union Awards
Six money-can't-buy auction items

Ticket includes:

Special guest and MC
Entertainment by The Sam Mitchell Band
Six free drinks and two-course meal

\$95 per ticket. Tables of 10 available to clubs.

Why not get your table sponsored? And we'll give
your sponsor a big plug on the night and in all our
promotional material leading up to the event.



Eketahuna's 125 Year Celebrations

This weekend the Eketahuna Rugby Football Club celebrates 125 years of rugby in the Community. The Club was founded in 1889, and has had various names: Kia Ora, Southern United, Old Boys and back to Eketahuna in 1940. Bush Rugby Union was formed in 1890 and Eketahuna played in that Union until 1897 when along with 3 other clubs formed and played in the Makakahi Sub-Union. 1910-the newspaper report of the 1st game reads- 'When the time came for commencing the game a cyclonic gale accompanied by incessant rain was blowing and it was not fit to put in an appearance on the ground. The game finally went ahead at 4pm" Shades of last Saturday!! 1929-"fundraising by way of a carnival enabled the club members to drain,plough,disc,level and grass the Alfredton Road Domain" Imagine it then, before draining and LEVELLING! Teams fielded at various stages were 4th grade, juniors and senior, and latterly this has been Under 19,colts,women,and 2 senior teams as well as up to 6 J.A.B. teams.

Since the end of WW2, numerous players have kept the Eketahuna flying at representative level-Barrie Anderson(current patron),Denis Olivant, Frank and Jack Sigvertsen, Morrie Hurley, Graeme Gyde, to name some, and more recently Mike Cornford, Tony Foreman, Graeme(Bunter)Anderson, Tony McKenna, Motu Tua, Graeme Richardson, Gary Rolston to the most recent Johan van Vliet. Others turned their talent to coaching and/or administration-Cecil Parsons, Morrie Hurley , Angus Drysdale, John Willis, Bryan Edmonds, Rob Wylie, Davey Shannon, Sandy Anderson, Ross Rowden, John Gavin and June Edmonds. Characters make a team and a club-don't expect names here though, I'm sure you can think of them. Things are not always traditional at Eke-the 75th Jubilee was held 5 years late (who cares?) but at least the Centennial and 125th are on time! Saturday 31st sees the Women play OBU from Wellington at 12.45pm, colts play Linton from Manawatu at 1pm and the premiers play Massey Rams at 2.15pm.

The Community Centre doors open at 6pm for the Jubilee Dinner with guest Reuben Thorne (Ex Eketahuna JAB) being questioned by Eric Rush before an auction of Eketahuna retro playing jerseys.

Sunday is celebrated with the 3 JAB playing Bush Sports at 11.30am with 2 teams of ex Eke players selected and managed by John Gavin and Mike Davis to square off at 12.30pm. During the morning, photos of each era will be taken. The hangi will be lifted at about 4pm so a full weekend is planned. Be there to enjoy the atmosphere and comradelier of rugby.



Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

Trust House Wairarapa Bush takes on Horowhenua Kapiti for the PGG Wrightson cup – looking forward to seeing a whole lot of new debutants. Wish I was 20 again.

Great work by the South Wairarapa District Council getting behind the game Featherston – and the weather forecast looks great.

Dead Ball Charlie will heading north sometime over the weekend for Eketahuna 125 – I was hoping that a letter was in the mail saying I have been selected for the “golden oldies” game. Looks like orange boy again.

Question of week

In 2008 the All Blacks played Munster. Who was the captain? Big chocolate fish if you get this one.

JAB

Cancellations

It was agreed at the JAB meeting on Monday that a decision to cancel JAB rugby be done by 7 am Saturday morning.

The delegates appointed to carry out this role are.

Brent McGlashan Masterton Red Star

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Mark Shepherd Greytown

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Wairarapa Scrap Metal

College Grade Game of the Week



Thursday 29th May (Today)
4 pm
Rathkeale vs. Makoura
Junior Grade

Club Rugby Draws & results

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

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Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Bonus	Points
Greytown	7	0	1	7	35
Eketahuna	7	0	1	5	33
Pioneer	6	0	2	6	30
East Coast	4	0	4	2	18
Gladstone	3	0	5	5	17
Marist	2	0	6	5	13
Martinborough	2	0	6	4	12
Carterton	1	0	7	1	5

Team	Wins	Draw	Losses	Bonus	Points
Pioneer	7	0	0	5	34
Martinborough	5	0	2	4	25
Marist	4	0	3	6	22
Greytown	5	0	2	2	22
Eketahuna	4	0	3	3	19
East Coast	3	0	5	5	17
Tuhirangi	3	0	4	4	16
Gladstone	1	0	5	0	4
Carterton	0	0	6	0	0

Old Timers/Past Players Dates

Greytown 14th June

Marist 14th June

East Coast 21st June

Gladstone 28th June

Toyota Grass-Roots Rugby

Pioneer Old Timers Day vs. Gladstone was filmed on the weekend and will feature at this week at the following times, tune in!

SKY

Sky Sport 1, Thursdays

7:30pm-8:30pm

The Rugby Channel, Thursdays

8:30-9:30pm

PRIME TELEVISION

Sundays

12:30-1:30pm

Dave Lintott Photography

East Coast vs. Martinborough received a surprised visit by Dave at Whareama on Saturday, check his link to see some true grassroots rugby shots.

http://davelintott.photoshelter.com/gallery/140524-Wairarapa-Bush-Club-Rugby-East-Coast-v-Martinborough/G0000Zd7fP_MbL4I



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date	Details
Queen's Birthday Weekend	31 st May	Heartland vs. Horo Kapiti Featherston
		Eketahuna 125 year Celebrations Details to follow
WBRU Annual Awards Dinner		
Heartland Season Kicks Off	23 rd August	Vs. King Country Taupo



The Whistle Blower

It's not often you get playing conditions as bad as they were at Carterton last week when the home side took on Eketahuna. The wind was gale force. The rain wickedly slashing into the eyes of players and officials. The ball slippery beyond belief. The saving grace was that the temperature stayed at an acceptable level.

But through it all, the Carterton 'old timers' saw their team put on one hell of a display against an Eketahuna team which could have expected to win easily in more benign conditions. And that's the thing isn't it; the weather is the great leveller and teams must adapt immediately or suffer the consequences.

And the same applies to the referee. The Standard Procedure Manual for referees goes out the window in those conditions. The only thing a referee has in their mind is "did the actions of the player have a material impact on possession of the ball." Every tackle saw players off their feet, falling over the players on the deck and sliding into opponents waiting to join the fray. Imagine if the ref had blown up every lineout for the ball not being thrown in straight. And if he gives leeway at lineout, he should also give leeway at scrum and tackle. That's what being fair and consistent looks like on these shocking days.

And I watched Scott Andrew closely. He adjusted to the conditions just like the players. He did so well that I bet no one noticed. That's the way of the ref. You know the ref has done a good job when no one can remember who controlled the game.

I was watching and I liked the adaptations I saw from all 47 players and officials. Well done

The Whistle Blower.

Other Games This Week

PREMIERS:

Eketahuna	v	Massey Rams	Eketahuna 1	2.30pm Andrew Stringer
				ARs: Shaun Lynes & Pat Baucke

WOMENS PREMIER (MRFU):

Eketahuna	v	OBU	Eketahuna 1	12.45pm	Dean Goodin
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COLTS (MRFU):

Eketahuna	v	Linton Army	Eketahuna 2	2.00pm Shaun Lynes (FNC)
				AR: Pat Baucke & C Henricksen

SECONDARY SCHOOLS (WBRFU):

THURSDAY 29TH GAME: JUNIOR GRADE

Rathkeale	v	Makoura	Rathkeale College 3	4.00pm Rebecca Mahoney
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SATURDAY 31ST GAMES: JUNIOR GRADE

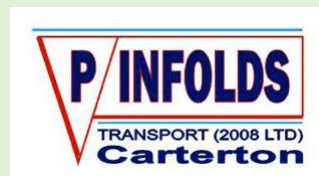
Chanel	v	Wairarapa Gold	Memorial Park 1	10.00am	Baden Whale
Kuranui	v	Wairarapa Blue	Kuranui College 1	10.00am	Bruce Tomlin

SUNDAY 1ST June 2014

Eketahuna Jubilee XV	v	Invitation XV	Eketahuna 1	12.30pm	Dean Goodin
				ARs: Shaun Lynes & Pat Baucke	

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Answer: Piri Weepu