

## Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



30th July 2014



*"Our Rugby - Just brilliant"*



**Tui Cup Winner**  
**Eketahuna**

**Hodder Steffert Cup**  
**Plate Winner**  
**Martinborough**



**Burger King**  
**Senior Reserve**  
**Ryan Cup Winner**  
**Martinborough**

**President Cup –**  
**Plate Finals Winner**  
**Tuhirangi**  
***Congratulations to all involved.***



### 2014 Stats

#### Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 139  
Nick Olson (East Coast) 133  
Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 114  
Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 111

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

Sam Monaghan (Eketahuna) 14  
Malatai Malatai (Marist) 13  
Paul Tiko (Eketahuna) 9  
Nick Olson (East Coast) 10

#### Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 32  
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 27  
Nick Olson (East Coast) 22

#### Tui Cup Most Penalties

Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 22  
Andrew Fell (Gladstone) 19  
Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 15  
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 15

#### Ultimate Club Points Machine

(Senior & Reserves combined)  
Pioneer 779  
Eketahuna 703  
Martinborough 697

#### Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Eketahuna 66  
Greytown 61  
Pioneer 51



### Eketahuna v Gladstone Final

A blistering second-half performance saw Eketahuna romp to a comprehensive 33-16 win over Gladstone in the grand final of the Wairarapa-Bush Rugby Union's Tui Cup premier division competition at Memorial Park, Masterton, on Saturday.

Down 16-3 at halftime and being outplayed by a fired-up Gladstone side enjoying a healthy advantage not only on the scoreboard but in territory and possession as well, Eketahuna's chances of finishing their 125th anniversary on a high note looked slim at best.

But the halftime message of coaches Wayne Roache and Kelsey Beales to "work harder and get excited" obviously worked as they were a completely different team in the second spell, running in five tries and 30 unanswered points in as perfect a 40 minutes of rugby you would ever expect at club level.

This remarkable transformation started up front. Whereas they had clearly played second fiddle to the Gladstone pack throughout most of the first half, especially in the tighter exchanges, the Eketahuna pack lifted the ante several notches, not only squaring the ledger in the possession stakes but gaining enough ascendancy in that area to allow a couple of sharp-thinking inside backs in Jordan Bennett-Davis at halfback and Sam Monaghan at first-five to take control of the tactical battle too.

Nathan Ebbett (2), Paul Tikomainavalu (2) and Sam Monaghan were the try scorers for Eketahuna and Tom Meuli added one conversion and two penalties. Tim Griffith scored the sole Gladstone try and Andrew Fell landed three penalties and a conversions.



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

A big thanks to all the volunteers on the weekend, they are some of our unsung heroes on the weekend and I know a few of them enjoyed the day immensely.

Our main man Colin Hutchby who sets up and runs the number 2 and 3 fields on finals day said "this was the best behaved crowd ever he has had to deal with - well done our supporters and teams"

If you ever wanted to see a picture of nerves on finals day – Abbo the Eketahuna Manager was beside himself when he heard the bus was running late from Eketahuna and he was already at the ground. All things that end well and I am sure he was not unhappy about the bus taking its time home.

Extra-time – hand on heart the Marty move to win their senior plate final was a cracker – 18 games in the practise and it came off like a treat – the move was an old Zinzan Brooke No 8 trick and apparently it was nicknamed "money ball" by the team.

What a real pleasure to see the Senior Reserve game of an exceptionally high standard – there is something about a Martinborough and Pioneer game and that final was great value to watch.

Finally always hard to pick but the word on the street was the crowd was close to 3,000.

### Our Rugby – Just Brilliant



Makoura 1 XV vs. Wanganui High 2 XV  
Trust House Memorial Park  
12.30 pm



### Auction Packages up for bids at the Wairarapa Bush Awards Evening

**Platinum tickets** for 2 to All Black vs. South Africa Match  
Hosted at NZRU Headquarters for drinks and dinner and a Pre-Match tour of ground, All Black changing rooms and Sky broadcasting area  
Estimated value \$500 (tickets alone worth \$250)

**The Luxury Getaway** - A luxury break for 2 in Wellington including 2 nights in a Premier Studio at the waterfront Museum Hotel [www.museumhotel.co.nz](http://www.museumhotel.co.nz). Either night you can dine for 2 at Logan Brown [www.loganbrown.co.nz](http://www.loganbrown.co.nz) – Wellington's only 2 Cuisine Hat restaurant. You both will enjoy a glass of Louis Roederer Champagne with owner, Steve Logan at the bar for a chat about food, wine, and rugby, then relax at the best table in the house for delicious three course dinner comprising of premium NZ produce, and later meet the chef and have a kitchen tour. (Beverages not included, not available Saturday)

**Girls Night Away** - A 2 hour personal styling and makeup session for 2 with Wellington's leading certified Image Consultant - Samantha Hannah [www.samie.co](http://www.samie.co), including a nights' accommodation for 2 at the stylish Ohotel on Oriental Parade in Wellington.

**The Long Lunch at the stunning Wharekauhau Country Lodge** - [www.wharekauhau.co.nz](http://www.wharekauhau.co.nz) Enjoy a true destination dining day out. Settle in for a Long three-course lunch for 2, with a number of menu options for each course. Attentive service, fine wines, and exceptional food and after lunch stroll the expansive gardens, or relax by an open fire. (Available Monday – Saturday, Beverages not included)

**The Two Legends** - A bottle of 12 year old Bowmore Islay Single Malt Scottish Whiskey, signed by Sir Brian Lochore. The first legend is Bowmore, the first recorded distillery on Islay and one of the oldest in the whole of Scotland. A fine drop with the unique feature of been signed by a local legend.

**Lunch with All Black** and Hurricane Victor Vito at the Greenman in Wellington.



Last year following finals day I wrote: "Well folks, that's another club season wrapped up and what an exceptional finals day it was. Rugby is such a dynamic game it deserves to be played in front of a large and parochial crowd and that is what we saw at each match on Saturday at Memorial Park.

So our Union and their volunteers should be slapped soundly on the back for making the whole day such a success. "

And this year all I can say is "Ditto to that."

Such a great format encourages the players to excel and we saw that in bucket loads. The Grand Final was a far better match than last year. Both teams had opportunities to dominate and took those chances. And on a back field we saw extra time being played between East Coast and Martinborough.

But, funnily enough, my highlight of the day was not a dashing winger's try, nor a last gasp conversion; it was the sight of two Senior Third sides coming together following their match and celebrating the end of their season with an emotive haka. A signal to their team mates, their clubs and supporters and to the crowd that they had achieved well, played with distinction and enjoyed the camaraderie that rugby brings to their lives. Surely that haka epitomised why we play this game; for it is just a game and from games we gain enjoyment of life. Brilliant Pioneer. Magnificent Martinborough.

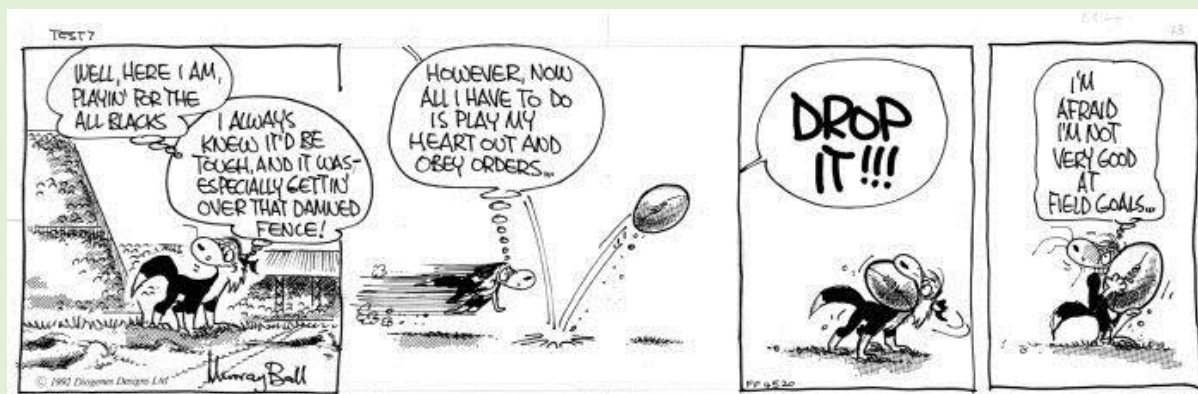
So now to the Heartland Championship. Four Home games are scheduled and with the potential for Semi Finals and Finals if we are well placed on the table, we could see six great games here between the 23rd of August and the 25<sup>TH</sup> of October.

Go the Bush.

The Whistle Blower.

## Congratulations

To Matt O'Connor (former East Coast and Wairarapa Bush Heartland player) for being selected into the Wellington Lions extended training squad. Well done.







## Wairarapa Bush Colts Competition

This is a new competition being run with all U21's Players eligible to play.

From this competition a Wairarapa Bush U19 Representative team will be selected to play in the central Heartland Provinces Selectors from NZRU will follow this competition and make selections for players to attend the NZRU U19 Tournament in Taupo in September.

Please contact Stacey Grant (RDO) on 027 391 6311 or [rdo@waibush.co.nz](mailto:rdo@waibush.co.nz) for further details.

### Round One

Saturday 9th August 2014

North vs. South No1 12.30pm (Curtain Raiser to Wairarapa Bush Heartland)

City vs. Central No2 12.30pm  
Trust House Memorial Park

### Round Two

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014

South vs. Central  
Gladstone Rugby club  
&

North vs. City  
Bush Sports  
Pahiatua

### Round Three

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014

City vs. South 1pm  
Central vs North 2.30pm  
Carterton Rugby Club

### Finals Day

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014  
Trust House Memorial Park

### Coaches and Management

#### North

Cheyenne Thompson & Paddy Buckley, Mike Burmeister.

#### City

Brent Gare, Mike Harmon, Josh Gubb, Duane Poulsen

#### Central

Joe Harwood, Jono Hurley, Hayden Mead, Jake Ross.

#### Southern

Sid Tatana, Tavita Isaac



## Wairarapa Bush Heartland Training Squad Named

1<sup>st</sup> Preseason game this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

vs. Manawatu Development.

2.30 pm

Trust House Memorial Park

### Forwards:

Finbarr Kerr-Newell – OBU Wellington

Kurt Simmonds - Greytown

Ollie Terblance - Carterton

Jacko Hull - Carterton

Richard Puddy - Gladstone

Eugene Gerrard - Carterton

Adam Johnson - Martinborough

Andrew McLean - Gladstone

James Wall – HOBM Wellington

Sam Marshall-Wilson – Eketahuna

Joe Beech – OBU Wellington

Thomas Fleming – Carterton

Andrew McWhirter – Carterton

Johnie McFadzean – Carterton

Rima Marurai – Pioneer

### Backs

Zeb Aporo – East Coast

Inia Kaitia – Gladstone

Joe Sio – Greytown

Sam Monaghan – Eketahuna

Ben Aoina – Upper Hutt

Byron Karaitiana – East Coast

Tapaga Isaac – Greytown

Michael Te Whare – Marist

Teihana Brown – Greytown

Robbie Anderson – Eketahuna

Paula Tikomainavalu – Eketahuna

Nathan Hunt – Martinborough

Cameron Hayton – Gladstone

Nick Olson – East Coast

Coach - Mark Rutene

Assist. Coach - Paddy Gough

Manager - Gavin Hodder

Trainer - Stacey Grant

Physio - Louise O'Reilly

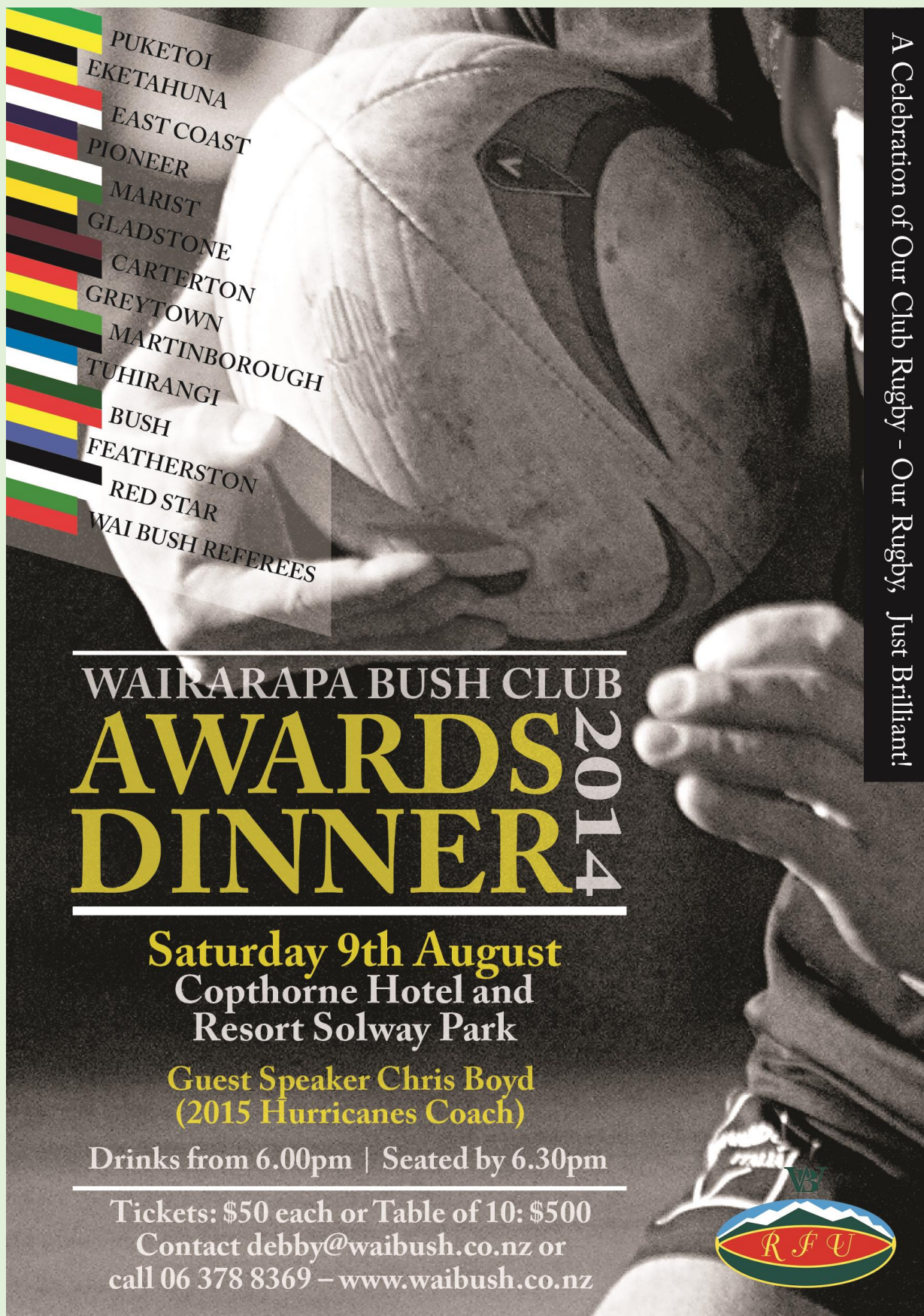
Video Analyst - Josh Syme

This game will be broadcasted on Radio Eketahuna  
2ZE 106.5FM.

# 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!

PUKETOI  
EKETAHUNA  
EAST COAST  
PIONEER  
MARIST  
GLADSTONE  
CARTERTON  
GREYTOWN  
MARTINBOROUGH  
TUHIRANGI  
BUSH  
FEATHERSTON  
RED STAR  
WAI BUSH REFEREES

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WAIRARAPA BUSH CLUB  
**AWARDS DINNER** 2014

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

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

Drinks from 6.00pm | Seated by 6.30pm

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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)

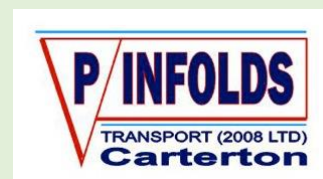


TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST

Finalist will be named later this week via another email



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