

## Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



### **Trust House grants \$500,000.00 towards Trust House Memorial Park re-development**

It is with great pleasure to announce that Trust House have confirmed a grant of \$500,000.00 towards the re-development of Memorial Park which includes the installation of lights, re-designed surface and building upgrades.

The final project is still to be confirmed as there is on-going presentations with the Masterton District Council and the Lottery Commission.

***Craig Cooper, Chairman of the Trust House Foundation on announcing the grant, "Trust House Foundation has approved a grant of \$500,000 for the upgrade of Trust House Memorial Park. This is the largest single grant that we have awarded for many years and highlights our commitment with the planned upgrades. Tony and the team have done a magnificent job in putting together this proposal and Trust House are excited to be in partnership with a local association which has extensive long term plans for the betterment of our sporting community".***

Paora Ammunson, Chairman of the Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union on thanking the support of Trust House Foundation announced,

"The project has been worked on since May 2013 and the support provided by Trust House means the long overdue developments will see Trust House Memorial Park become a truly great destination place for our community of sports."

"The lights in particular will give the community an opportunity to host rugby, football, other sports, community activities and major events during the week and work around the family environment".

"The Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union has been at the forefront and this is a "significant project" with countless hours of research, work and commitment by many people involved lead by Tony Hargood, Bob Francis, WBRU, the Council of Clubs and the sporting community as a whole. "

There is still achievable fundraising targets to be met but early indications will see the first part of project commencing in October 2014 with a completion dates around March/April 2015.

More details will be announced at the end of June 2014.

Paora Ammunson

Chairman

Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union

***Next week watch for the WBS junior rugby update and how clubs can start opening their WBS bank accounts. Look for a host of weekly activities we will be running in-conjunction with WBS***

**Trust House Wairarapa Bush vs. Horowhenua Kapiti**  
**WON 55-14**



Two newcomers stole the limelight when Trust House Wairarapa-Bush thrashed Horowhenua-Kapiti 55-14 in a representative rugby match at Featherston on Saturday. Eketahuna first-five Sam Monaghan and Pioneer flanker Rima Marutai were the star acts as the home side ran in nine tries in a display which, even allowing for the frailness of the opposition's defensive structure, augurs well for their chances in the 2014 Heartland Championship.

Monaghan, the former Canterbury rep, gave a compelling performance in the No10 jersey during a first half which ended with Wairarapa-Bush leading by a whopping 36-0. Not only did he do all the basic things like passing, kicking and option taking well, he also displayed the eye for a gap and rapid acceleration that left would-be tacklers grasping at thin air. His own personal try count in that period of play was three and Monaghan didn't take long to add a fourth in the second spell when he was given the chance to showcase his talents at fullback.

His attacking opportunities at that position were limited but there was a lot to admire about his hefty punting and astute positional play.

Marutai did what every class open side flanker does. He was quick to the breakdown, a strong, purposeful runner in broken play, a constant harasser of the opposition's inside backs and an aggressive defender in close quarter situations. He also showed another string to his bow, making at least four or five clean lineout takes when used as an option in that department in the second half.

Monaghan and Marutai were, however, by no means the only new faces to shine.

Midfielder Robbie Anderson was impressively direct in his attacking play and equally assertive on the tackle, locks Kieran O'Brien and Gareth van Dalen applied themselves diligently in the tighter exchanges and hooker Adam Johnson made every post a winner when he joined the action in the second half.

It was pleasing too to see prop Kurt Simmonds return to the representative fray after missing all of last season through injury. Not only did he show his usual strength in the scrums and mauls he also pulled off some crushing tackles through the course of the game. Blindside flanker Johnnie McFadzean was typically industrious while seasoned campaigners, halfback Zeb Aporo, and wing Paul Tikomainavalu, also caught the eye. Aporo provided a smooth and snappy service to his outsides and Tikomainavalu was all power and pace whenever he had the chance to stretch his legs.

Monaghan (4), Tikomainavala (2), O'Brien, Aporo and Michael Te Whare were the try scorers for Wairarapa-Bush and conversions were landed by Anderson (2), Nick Olson (2) and Tipene Haira.

Gary Caffell- [WAIRARAPA TIMES-AGE](#)



**"Our Rugby -  
Just brilliant"**



#### **Tui Club Rugby this Week:**

**Carterton vs. Greytown**

**(Paul Thompson)**

**East Coast vs. Pioneer**

**(Alistair Payne)**

**Eketahuna vs. Martinborough**

**(Chris Jefferies)**

**Gladstone vs. Marist**

**(Shay O'Gorman)**



#### **Burger King Senior Reserve Competition)**

**Carterton vs. Greytown**

**(Ed Wallace)**

**Gladstone vs. Eketahuna**

**(Goff Moorcook)**

**Marist vs. Pioneer**

**(Gary Hall)**

**Martinborough vs. Tuhirangi**

**(Mike Wakefield)**

**East Coast BYE**

#### **Burger King Player of the Week**

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

Dead Ball Charlie had a break due to no games.

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

**Carterton vs. Greytown**

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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 still retain as no play last week, this week Pioneer is visiting Whareama to challenge for the Nunn Shield.



Trinity Buchanan and daughter Leila Ward, who has been playing rugby for about four years

### **Eketahuna Rugby Club 125 Jubilee Celebrations**

Eketahuna Rugby Club marked 125 years of rugby with jubilee celebrations over Queen's Birthday weekend.

Almost 300 people took part, young and old, as spectators and players, at the games and jubilee dinner.

Ex All Black captain Ruben Thorne, Rugby Sevens legend, Eric Rush and The Mad Butcher, Sir Peter Leitch were special guests and spoke at the dinner held at the Eketahuna Community Centre on Saturday night.

About 290 people attended, said club president Dennis Dougherty, who said it was great to celebrate the 125-year milestone.

"To still be fielding four teams is pretty special these days."

The club held a series of games for the jubilee.

On Saturday, Eketahuna colts and women's teams played and plenty of people turned out to cheer on kids at the JAB matches on Sunday morning.

Thorne, who is from Eketahuna, played on home soil again in the Golden Oldies match on Sunday afternoon.

Sandra Harriman, who had been watching her nephew play for the under-11s Eketahuna team against Pahiatua, said Thorne probably wouldn't remember her but she used to babysit him when he was about 5 and she was 16.

She said Eketahuna had "good grass-roots rugby" and she had enjoyed the celebration dinner and guest speakers at the event.

Vomie Springford – Wairarapa Times Age





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

Wow what a two week break, Trust House Wairarapa Bush show their form down at Featherston, Eketahuna celebrates 125 years, Trust House announce a \$500k grant to upgrade Memorial Park and 3 rugby teams make the WTA Sports Awards finals.

Big thanks has to go the Featherston Rugby club for hosting a great event and to Greytown and Marist U13's, Kuranui and Wai College and the Featherston U6's and U8's for their pre-match games. Approximately 1,000 people attended the day – good on you South Wairarapa and the District Council.

DBC has been told there was over 20,000 page views the WBRU website, newsletter and facebook in May. How good is that?

Watch for the big splash next week for the WBS junior rugby update.

### Question of week

We head to 2005 – What Masterton born rugby player represented the NZ Maori's at the Churchill Cup in Scotland



**Game of the Week**  
Makoura 1XV vs. Wanganui HS 1XV  
Makoura College  
12.30 pm

### 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
Greytown	7	0	1	7	35
Eketahuna	7	0	1	5	33
Pioneer	5	0	3	6	24
Gladstone	3	0	4	4	21
East Coast	8	4	4	2	18
Marist	2	0	6	5	13
Martinborough	2	0	6	4	12
Carterton	1	0	7	1	5

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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 14<sup>th</sup> June

Marist 14<sup>th</sup> June

East Coast 21<sup>st</sup> June

Gladstone 28<sup>th</sup> June

Eketahuna 12<sup>th</sup> July

### Radio Eketahuna 106.5 FM

Will broadcast live from Gladstone vs. Marist with Colin Hutchby as the commentator. Tune into your car radio or live stream from our webpage. Best if running through google chrome.

### 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  
**Mark Shepherd** Greytown

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## The Whistle Blower

Opportunities.” The word saturates the conversations about rugby. “You guys took your opportunities and we didn’t!” is an oft repeated refrain in club rooms across the nation. “It was an opportunist’s try” Is a euphemism for a “Lucky break.”

No doubt there will be a few lads who ‘took their opportunities’ to impress last weekend in Featherston and just as many injured players worried about the opportunities they lost by being on the sideline.

Everyone knows opportunities are there for the taking and never more so than in a dynamic sport like rugby union. And we have been on the rough end of a few ‘opportunist’ teams in the past, especially in World Cup Semi Finals. So it is timely to remind ourselves before this weekend’s test-match that the All Blacks are up against a team of fully professional Rugby players hardened by the rigours of English and European Rugby competitions and just baying for the opportunity to ‘stick it up’ the New Zealand Rugby public and their apathy brought about because of the absence of a few ‘Number One’ players.

In whatever sport you play, it’s your apathy that makes your opponents extremely dangerous. All they need is a couple of opportunities and the game can swing their way.

For those of you not old enough to remember 1986, let me acquaint you with a test match played on the 28th June that year at Christchurch. On that day a New Zealand test side, with all but 2 of the team playing their first test, put a very experienced French team to the sword – 18-9 - in a game that should remind us all that experience counts for nothing when opponents take the opportunities offered to them.

Watch out on Saturday Night. I will be.

The Whistle Blower.

## Other Games This Week

### COLTS (MRFU):

Bush Sports	v	Massey Ag	Pahiatua 1	1.00pm Bernie Wills
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### SECONDARY SCHOOLS (WTGN):

Wairarapa 1XV	v	Tawa 1XV	Wairarapa College 1	1.00pm Andrew Stringer
				ARs: Baden Whale & Bruce Tomlin

Kuranui1XV	v	Scots 2XV	Kuranui College 1	1.00pm Scott Andrew
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### SECONDARY SCHOOLS (MRFU):

Makoura 1XV	v	Wanganui HS 1XV	Makoura College 1	12.30pm	Shaun Lynes (FNC)
				ARs: Kelly Lochhead & Ryan Hardman	

Rathkeale 2XV	v	Wairarapa 2XV	Rathkeale College 2	11.00am	Vaea Peterson
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Wairarapa U15	v	Manukura U15	Wairarapa College 2	9.50am	Ed Wallace
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Rathkeale U15	v	Wanganui HS U15	Rathkeale College 3	9.50 am	Pat Baucke
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### SECONDARY SCHOOLS (WBRFU):

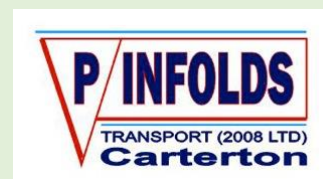
#### JUNIOR GRADE:

Wairarapa Blue	v	Chanel	Wairarapa College 3	10.00am	Bruce Tomlin
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Wairarapa Gold	v	Makoura	Wairarapa College 4	10.00am	Rebecca Mahoney
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Kuranui	v	Rathkeale	Kuranui College 1	10.00am	Ryan Hardman
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Answer: Shannon Paku

